



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The autumn term is now in full swing! It was absolutely wonderful to be a part of appointing our new Head Boy and Girl last week - together with the Year 5 School Councillors, who ran the interview process. We had a number of excellent applicants and the panel found the decision especially difficult, but after 2 hours they eventually decided that our new Head Boy is Elijah Van De Worp and our new Head Girl is Skylar Sutherland (pictured right). They will be introducing themselves in the next newsletter - so watch this space!



Recently, I have been working with the Teachers on reviewing our school Behaviour Policy. Specifically, we have developed one over-arching rule which seeks to encompass all our behaviour expectations of the children at Shottermill Juniors. Here is our new school rule below:

"At Shottermill Juniors, we will be kind, respectful, safe and hardworking."

In addition, we have been working on developing a greater level of consistency in how we are managing pupil behaviour, so that as children move between classes and different teachers, there are clear expectations for everyone to follow. Most importantly, we are promoting a culture of working in partnership with parents, especially where behaviour concerns may arise. We understand that children may struggle with aspects of their learning, their friendships or difficulties outside of school. By having an open dialogue between home and school, we feel we can best support children and help them to be successful. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to get to know your child well.

PARENT GOVERNOR OPPORTUNITY

At the end of the summer term, we said goodbye to our long-standing Chair of Governors, Beth Niven, who served as a Parent Governor. We would like to thank Beth for dedicating her time to the school for a number of years, showing exceptional commitment to the children, staff and wider school community during this time as a volunteer.

This now means we have a vacancy for a new Parent Governor to join our Board of Governors and therefore we are reaching out to the parent body to see if there is anyone who would be interested in filling this important role. Being a Governor at the school is a hugely rewarding and varied role, with the main aim of improving outcomes for all children at our wonderful school. Please contact the School Office if you are interested in the role and we will provide you with a little more information on the time commitment and areas of responsibility.

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PARENTS CONSULTATION

Booking is now open for the Parents Consultation afternoon on Wednesday 14th November, from 1.30pm-8pm. Slots with your child's teacher should be booked via School Cloud (link below). The appointments are face to face and last ten minutes.

<https://shottermill.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



PTFA NEWS

The PTFA Disco - Thank you to everyone who has bought a PTFA Disco ticket for their child, there's still time if you'd like to buy one! Tickets cost £3.50 in Scopay, and the disco will be held 6pm - 7.30pm on Thursday 8th October in the school hall. Snacks and drinks will be on sale, and a menu and prices will be shared the week of the disco.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning - Thank you to everyone who came to the Macmillan Coffee Morning organised by the PTFA yesterday, and a huge thank you to everyone who baked and donated cakes! You all helped raise £265 for the charity, so thank you for all your support. And well done to the new Year 6 House Captains and Head Boy and Head Girl, as they did a fantastic job helping serve the cakes and drinks.

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BREAKFAST CLUB

At Shottermill Juniors we run a wonderful Breakfast Club in our school hall from 7.45am each day. It is run by members of our own staff, who are familiar with the children and we provide a healthy breakfast and the children engage in fun activities before being sent round to their class at 8.35am. If you would like to book your child onto Breakfast Club please do so via Scopay.



YOUR CHILD IN YEAR 6?

If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for a secondary school place. Closing for this application is on **Friday 31st October 2026**. Please visit [Secondary applications - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://surreycc.gov.uk) for more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools. If you pay your Council Tax outside Surrey, please contact your Local Authority directly for details about the application process. If you require any help, please contact the School Office who will be happy to assist.

FLU VACCINATIONS

The Child and Family Health Surrey Immunisation Team is visiting your school on **Wednesday 18th November** to deliver Influenza (flu) vaccinations via nasal spray to all children in Years 3-6. Please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on Friday 13th November by visiting:

www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk and entering your school's unique code **SR124979**. If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine, then please fill in the 'No' box.

KOOSA HOLIDAY CAMP

KOOSA Kids are excited to announce their Autumn/Winter 26-27 Holiday Club dates and themes at Shottermill Junior School. [Bookings are open.](#)

Their fun-packed activity programme is designed for children aged 4-13, featuring a mix of active games, art and crafts, go-karts, science, sports and challenges that bring our exciting themes to life.

Dracula Spectacula is the theme for October Half Term 26th-30th October, Merry and Magical for Christmas holidays 21st-23rd December and Blast Off Into Space for February Half Term 15th-19th February. Prices start from just £31.50 per child (Standard day 10am to 4pm; extended days available 8.15am-6pm) with a 8% discount on a full week booking) and a third sibling goes FREE! Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information or call Koosa's friendly customer service team on 01276 21884.

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KEY DATES FOR 2025-2026

	September
Tuesday 29 th September	Individual school photographs
	October
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 3 Haslemere Museum trip
Thursday 8 th October	School Disco: 6pm-7.30pm
Tuesday 13 th October	Year 5 Pumpkin Day
Wednesday 14 th October	Parent Consultation appointments: from 1.30pm
Thursday 15 th October	Harvest Festival: 1.40pm arrival
Friday 16 th October	PTFA Treat Sale 4W: 3.10pm
Monday 19 th October – Friday 30 th October	HALF-TERM (note this is a two-week half-term)
	November
Tuesday 10 th November	Year 4 Workshop: 9.15am
Friday 13 th November	PTFA Treat Sale 5C: 3.10pm
Monday 16 th November	Year 4 Stone Age day
Tuesday 17 th November	Year 5 Parent Assembly: 2.30pm
Wednesday 18 th November	Optional flu vaccinations
Wednesday 18 th November	Year 6 to attend HHH Concert at St Christopher's Church
Wednesday 25 th November	Year 3 Workshop: 2pm
Monday 30 th November	Year 4 DT Day
	December
Friday 4 th December	PTFA Treat Sale 3N: 3.10pm
Monday 7 th December	Year 5 Workshop: 2pm
Thursday 10 th December	Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert: 9.30am start
Thursday 10 th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert: 1.45pm start
Wednesday 16 th December	PTFA Christmas Jumper day, Christmas Lunch and Pantomime
Friday 18 th December	PTFA Santa Dash
Friday 18 th December	End of Term: 1.30pm finish

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Penalty Notices - Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your child out of school without authority, you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable is £80.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £160.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive four penalty notices. Please note if you have received a penalty notice fine since 19th August 2024 the second penalty notice will be a flat fee of £160.00 – there is no reduction in fee regardless of how quickly payment is received. If you incur two penalty notices within three years you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Our full Attendance Policy is available to view on our website.

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