

Shottermill Infant School Newsletter



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Forthcoming Events

January 2018

- 26th Y2 trip to Wisley
- 27th RSPB Bird watch weekend
- 31st Dragonflies to TESCO

February

- 2nd Shottermill Juniors INSET day no KOOSA
- 6th Y2 to visit St Christopher's Church
- 9th Break up for half term
- 19th Back to school
- 22nd Parents Evening
- 27th Parents Evening

March

- 7th Sponsored Bounce
- 16th Y1 Cricket taster sessions
- 19th Class photos
- 29th break up at 1.15 for Easter holiday

April

- 16th Back to school

May

- 7th May Bank Holiday school closed
- 25th INSET Day school closed for training
- 28th Week of half term holiday

June

- 4th back to school
- 9th Summer Fair 12-2
- 26th KS1 Confederation Sports St Marys School- more info nearer the time

Dear All,

This week in our assemblies we have been talking about promises thinking about if you commit to a promise you really have to try to stick to it. Alongside this we have talked about when it is good to promise and when it is not safe or right to promise.

YR have been learning about space and astronauts this week. They have been designing their own planets and making wax resist rocket pictures. Y1 are really enjoying their Dinosaur topic, they have been researching facts for their own information booklets and making fossils out of clay.

Year 2 are busy working on rainforest paintings. They have looked at the work of the artist Rousseau as a starting point for the project. They have also been learning about the four types of sentences and associated punctuation

- Questions
- Commands
- Statements
- Exclamations

Foxes had their visit to Tesco's earlier this week, here is a short report from Lara and Matilda.

"We learnt where the price is on food, the weight and where it is from. We learnt how cold it is in the freezer and if we touch anything we will stick to it and it might really hurt!", "It felt so cold we know how penguins feel because when we came out the freezer we were shivering".

In next weeks newsletter we should have a report from Y2's trip to Wisley.

In Gardening Club the children have been tasting Chard and Brussels Sprouts so you may want to try these vegetable at home?

Thank you from Nyabondo School

Parents of children in Y1 & Y2 may remember that the Confederation of Haslemere Schools joined together to raise funds to support improvement at the Nyabondo School in Kenya. The school has a long standing friendship with Beacon Hill Primary and staff have been there to visit. We received a lovely thank you and some photos of the Cows that we helped to buy and the new cow shed they have built. The cows enable the younger pupils at the school to have a daily drink of milk.



Join The Team

Sadly for us, Mr Williams will be leaving at the end of the Spring Term which means we have a vacancy for a Caretaker. The job has been advertised in the Haslemere Herald, The Messenger and on our school website. If you (or someone you know) is interested and would like more details, please ask at the office or e-mail admin@shottermill-infant.surrey.sch.uk. Deadline for applications is Monday 5th February.

Parent Puzzle

We are very lucky to have the parent puzzle coming back to Shottermill Infants, if you have not been able to go along to this before I can high recommend it. As parents you are not given a handbook or training in parenting and this course can help you with lots of practical ideas to help you with your children. The course is open to parents across the Confederation Schools and can give you ideas with Infant, Junior and teenage children. The team running the course are very friendly and welcoming. If you're a bit shy then why not come along with a friend? The course runs on Wednesday mornings 9.30-11.30 for 4 weeks 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March. To book your place contact the Tennyson's Children's Centre 01428644485 or via www.teenysonschilrenscentre.co.uk. There is a charge of £20 which includes the course materials and refreshments however, if this is a barrier to you please speak to the Children's Centre Team.

Bike and Scooter Pods

Please can you help us to remind the children that the bike and scooters pods are not climbing equipment. It would be a real shame if they were broken.

Haslemere Hares

Your child should have brought home a design sheet this week, where they can run wild with their imagination to come up with a creative design for a Haslemere Hare. Haslemere Hares 2018, is the successor to last year's Haslemere Hogs community project. If your child would like to create a design please use the template and send it back into school by the 1st February. You also may want to find out what is the difference between a hare and a rabbit? Adults please help your child to come up with a name for the Hare. Last year there were some amazing puns. I have been racking my brains for some here are my first thoughts – hare today gone tomorrow, bad hare day, Harey Potter (oh no not that again!).

RSPB bird watch is this weekend

IMPORTANT – Please help us

One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment for cancer, this puts the pupil at increased risk if exposed to Measles, Chicken Pox and Shingles. The best way to protect a pupil from Measles is for all pupils to be immunised against Measles. Please discuss this with your GP if your child has not been vaccinated. If you suspect your child has any of these illnesses please let the school know immediately. If anyone in your household has Shingles please also let us know. Your child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and well-being of our pupil with cancer may be at serious risk. We depend on the co-operation of all parents and know we can rely on your help as you have done before.

Spare Underwear

Our supplies of spare underwear especially girls are a bit depleted. If your child is sent home in spares please can you wash them and send them back . We would also welcome the donation of any spares you have.

First Thing in the Mornings

If you have a message that needs to go to the class teacher in the morning please either send in a note with your child or pop to the office and they can pass it on. The teachers are very busy first thing in the morning with the children helping them with their morning work so speaking to them first thing can be quite disruptive. The best time to catch the teachers for a quick word is at the end of the school day once the children have been dismissed.

Dodgeball Club & Y2 Clubs

Each year we offer the pupils in Y2 the chance to take part in a variety of different activities. To enable us to do this **we will not be offering the SCL Dodgeball Club in the second half of the term. The Dodgeball Club will recommence after Easter.** This year we are hoping to give Y2 the chance to try out two clubs - in the past we have offered Ukulele, Indoor Climbing, IT/Film making, Cookery, Science , Yoga, games and art. Mrs Collins, Mrs Salter and Mrs Klein will be organising the clubs in the next couple of weeks. The children indicate their choices in class and all adults need to do is let us know if your child **is unable** to attend the Wednesday Y2 clubs after half term for 6 weeks.

These clubs are free and the whole staff team kindly run them voluntarily.

Online Safety Webinar

Wednesday 31 January 2018 | 7 - 8 p.m. Join this free webinar to hear more about the role we all play in keeping children safe online. In particular:

- strategies for keeping children safe online
- danger signs and how to spot them
- what to do when things don't feel right

This session is specifically designed for parents, teachers, school staff, local authority staff and others who look after, and are responsible for, children in the south east of England. This webinar will be presented by Hilary Macdonald, Senior Her Majesty's Inspector, Daniel Lambert, Her Majesty's Inspector, and Lorin LeFave, founder of the Breck Foundation, whose son, Breck, was groomed and murdered in 2014. Find out more and register free at: bit.ly/OnlineSafetyWebinar

Surrey County Council Staff Walking Challenge

We have sent off the Shottermill Stompers total steps for the first week and they have a total of 330376. The team have to make **1,800,000 steps** over the six-week period. Well done to Mrs Naylor who is the star walker this week with an amazing total of 89375 steps.

KOOSA

Shottermill Junior School have an INSET day on Friday 2nd February therefore there will be no KOOSA after school care.

Contact details

If you have moved, changed your phone number or email address please let us know.

Surrey Commercial Services

Surrey Commercial Services who provide school lunches to many schools, are now recruiting for local schools such as St Bartholomew's, Shottermill Juniors and the mobile team. Positions are term time only Monday to Friday. Contact them on 07773 535506 or find them at www.surreycc.gov.uk

Community Events

Quiz Night in Support of the Phyllis Tuckwell Charity

The Mill Tavern are holding a charity quiz night every Sunday from 6pm. Teams are up to six adults and the tickets are £2 per person. To book your table ring 01428 643183

Haslemere Fringe/Lion Fest - July 6th-8th

Early Bird discount tickets are available for this very popular local event on Lion Green, book your tickets now from the Haslemere Hall 01428 642161 www.haslemerehall.co.uk. There are 30+ live bands, family friendly stage arena, stand-up comedy, craft and music workshops, kids zone, arts and crafts, stall, food and bar.

The fringe is a not-for-profit charity event, run by and supported entirely by a wonderful team of volunteer's from the local community. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or sponsoring the event visit www.lionfest.co.uk

Finally, if you have any queries or concerns about any aspect of school life, please come and see us. All the staff are working very hard to provide the very best learning environment for your children. You are very important partners in the education process and we welcome your support and involvement in our school.

**Jilly Storey
Headteacher**

Please think of us when you do your online shopping.....

If you are shopping on-line please do so via this link, as it generates money for the Friends of Shottermill Infant School.

Lots of major high street and on-line retailers take part including;

Amazon, Marks & Spencer's, Argos, Tesco Direct, Debenhams, Boots and many more.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shottermillinfantschoolshottermill

Thank you.

Your shopping has raised £1,205.75 to date!!

