

Forthcoming Events

December

- 10th Spanish Club to sing a festive song to parents at the end of the day by the main entrance
- 11th last SCL Dance Club of term
- 13th last SCL Football Club
- 14th YR Christmas Concert 2pm
- 17th Y2 play 9.30am / Y1 play 2pm
- 17th last Spanish Club of term
- 18th Y1 play 9.30am / Y2 play 2pm
- 19th Christmas Party, attendance assembly and Christmas Lunch, break up for the Christmas holiday 1.15pm



January

- 3rd Jan – school closed for training INSET
- 4th Jan – school closed for training INSET
- 7th New term starts for pupils

Newsletter 12: 6th December 2018

Dear All,

Star Mark

I am delighted to announce that **Shottermill Infant School** has been awarded a **2 Star award**. This is a wonderful achievement and provides the school with a benchmark for enhancing and improving PE in the future. A big thank you to Mrs Klein for putting together the folder of evidence and meeting with the Star Mark Assessor. One of her comments was "I really am pleased with the effort you all put in to make the school a more active environment for all pupils".

We will now be working on our action plan to achieve the top three star award in the near future.

This week the school has also signed up to a PALSS (Physically Active Learning in Surrey School) pledge following a recent conference on the importance of physical active and mental health of pupils and staff.

Why get involved?

•Improved focus

Active bursts can break up periods when children are not focusing or are fidgety.

•Improved attainment

Improvements in focus lead to better work.

•Improved attendance

Children want to learn (and come to school) because the day is more fun when it's moving!

•Reduction in sedentary behaviour

Sitting for long periods is responsible for poor health as well as a lack of concentration, even if we are really active at other times. Whatever your age, sitting for too long slows our metabolism and leads to a build up of visceral fat, which can contribute to obesity, type 2 diabetes, and some cancers.

•Boost to mental wellbeing

Moving more plays a part in improving our mental health, whether it's through the release of endorphins or by joining in activity alongside others.

Christmas Wreath Workshop

On Tuesday evening we hosted a very successful Christmas wreath making event for adults. The evening was lots of fun with 20 parents attending, sipping mulled wine whilst learning how to craft a wreath. Huge thanks to Claire Smith for coming up with the excellent idea and for organising such a super event with the help of the Friends. Everyone who attended enjoyed it so much that we may well hold more social events like this in the future.



Christmas Plays

On Friday we will be sending out play tickets to all parents who have requested them. Please check your child's book bag and keep them safe. Please **bring your tickets with you to the play and remember that on this occasion, we ask that you do not bring younger siblings. This is the only occasion when we ask this. Please work with us, as it is for the sake of the children who are performing and for the enjoyment of other parents.** We have to plan for the seating and for fire safety, therefore we need to know how many people we will have in the building.

There will be a chance at the end of the performances to take a photo, so please make sure you take a seat as we need to keep aisles and fire exits clear. **Please do not put photos on social media as many parents are uncomfortable with this. We would really appreciate your co-operation with us on these two requests. Doors will open 15 minutes before the start of the performances.**

Following the afternoon performances you may be able to collect your child a little earlier. If you wait in the normal place, the teachers will send the children out as soon as they are changed.

Party Day & Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 19th December the children will have a party day and Christmas Lunch **The children can come to school in their own clothes on this day - please make sure they wear sensible footwear and bring their coats as normal.**

Lion Lane Advent Calendar

If you don't walk to school along Lion Lane it might be worth a little trip to see the colourful advent windows that are popping up each day in the windows of the lovely parents of pupils at Shottermill Infant and Junior School. What a lovely community project, adding a touch of Christmas sparkle to each day.

Parking

We seem to be having an outbreak of parents parking in unsafe places. Please can I remind all adults that parking at the entrance to the school, on the pavements, on the double yellow lines and on the zig-zags is not acceptable. This also applies to those who use the Breakfast Club and to those who are running late!

Please allow plenty of time for your journey to school to allow for safe parking. The numbers of pupils using the Breakfast Club has grown especially at the end of the week so parking is a little tighter!

Poor parking puts children and parents at risk.



British Legion Poppy Appeal

We have received a lovely thank you letter that I read to the children in assembly saying thank you for raising £216.73 for this year's charity collection.

SCL Clubs

The clubs that SCL are running after Christmas are Football on a Thursday and the Tuesday Club will be changing to Dodgeball. The Tuesday club will change again in the Summer Term to try to give the children lots of choice and different opportunities to try out different physical activities. If you are a parent of a YR pupil who you think is ready for an after school club you can book places via www.wearescl.co.uk and pay direct.

Haslemere Food Bank

I have been contacted by the Haslemere Food Bank to remind parents that if anyone is struggling the school can issue Food Bank vouchers. Many families struggle especially at Christmas and we have been given special Christmas vouchers for a festive food pack to give to any families who need a little bit of help. Please do let any of the staff team know if you need a voucher. Please don't feel shy, the Food Bank are keen to help.

Reminder

Please remember to bring a named hooded waterproof coat to school for your child.

Parents of Y2 Pupils – IMPORTANT : JUNIOR ADMISSIONS Y3 SEPTEMBER 2019

All Y2 parents need to apply for a Y3 place by 15th January 2019. If you live in Surrey visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or apply via the Local Authority where you pay your Council Tax.

Shottermill Infant and Shottermill Junior Schools are classed as link schools, applications for pupils from Shottermill Infants are considered before general applicants from other schools; please see the Surrey County Council website for the full admission criteria. **If you are worried or not sure about anything, please pop into the Junior School office for some advice or a leaflet.**

Community News

Messy Christmas – 8th December

Fun starts at 10.00am at St Stephen's Church, come and enjoy : art, craft, play, stories, food, mess & more. Everyone welcome.

Haslemere Carols-19th December

Haslemere Town Council invites you to a carol singing event in the grounds of Haslemere Museum. Haslemere Town Band will lead the traditional carols, no charge for entry. Mulled wine and hot chocolate available - proceeds to the Mayor's charities. Free entry, 7pm Haslemere Museum. No dogs please.

Studio11Fitness

Studio11fitness who kindly donated a raffle prize to the school fair are offering a pre-xmas offer for staff and parents of our school. Call Marcos on 07789771844 and ask about a free class and 5 class credits worth £40 (leaflet in the main corridor).

Alive and Kicking – Does your family need help to make a change to a healthier lifestyle?

Alive and Kicking is a FREE Surrey healthy lifestyle programme for families who want to eat healthy, be more active and have fun doing so together. ARE YOU READY TO MAKE THE CHANGE? Find out more www.ank.uk.com, email surrey@ank.uk.com or ring 01483 600 524 because everyone wants the best for their kids.

IMPORTANT Surrey County Council – Have Your Say

Surrey County Council has launched five consultations on a range of services. We want to hear the views of as many residents, partners, voluntary and community groups as possible by **Friday 4 January 2019** to help us shape those services for the future and set a sustainable budget. The consultations cover:

Children's Centres

If you have ever used the wonderful services provided by Tennyson's Children Centre or attended the Parent Puzzle course they run here for us or you care about local families, please respond to the SCC consultation. Sadly SCC propose to close our Children's Centre along with many others. If their suggestion goes ahead families who need the services of a children's centre will have to travel to Hale or Farncombe! There will be limited services at two satellite centres which will be offered in central Godalming and Farnham leaving nothing for areas such as ours and Cranleigh. Please respond to this consultation to encourage SCC to think again.

- Special educational needs and disabilities
- Libraries and cultural services
- Concessionary bus travel
- Community recycling centres
- To get more details on what they are proposing, you can find the consultations online at: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/have-your-say/consultations>

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.....especially at Christmas!!

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

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