

# Shotley Community Primary School



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Dear Parents,

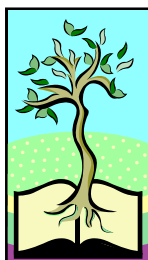
Welcome back after the Easter Break - I hope that you had an enjoyable time with the children.

We have a long and busy term ahead of us – as always!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole school storytelling in Golden Wood - see below St George's Day Disco - see posters for details
21 <sup>st</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Images of Shotley Weekend in the Village Hall
14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 and KS2 SATs week
19 <sup>th</sup> May	PFA Jumble Sale
24 <sup>th</sup> May	School Council's 'School Sponsored Walk' - more information to follow
25 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Last day of half term</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Return to school</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fete
16 <sup>th</sup> July - am (18 <sup>th</sup> July reserve day)	Nursery Sports Morning
17 <sup>th</sup> July - am (19 <sup>th</sup> July reserve day)	School Sports Morning and family picnic
20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>End of Year</b>



## STORYTELLING IN THE WOOD

Following the visit we had from the storyteller last term, we would like to invite you to join us in a walk to 'Golden Wood', behind Orwell View, where we will be telling stories to each other.

We will be leaving school at about 2pm, will walk to the new wood, which we are helping to develop, and the children will tell stories. We will leave the wood at about 3pm, so that we are ready to leave school at the end of the day.

In the event of poor weather, we will tell our stories in school.

This afternoon session will be instead of the usual 'Parents Assembly' on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April

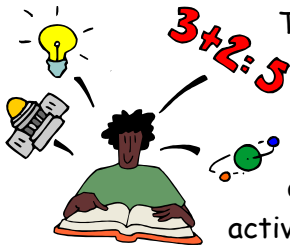


## BLUEBELL WOOD

Mr Packard, our local farmer, has offered to open up his woodland near 'Old Hall' to families from school, as the bluebells are spectacular this year. The wood will be open on Saturday between 10am and 12pm, with donations to the PFA for the Viking View Shelter.

## SATs

Year 2 and Year 6 will be undertaking the national 'SATs' tests this term. The tasks and tests undertaken by **Year 2 children** are mainly integrated into the normal classroom activities in order to reduce anxiety or stress for the children. They will be done over an extended period of time from May to the end of June. If your child is taking the tests this year, please support and help your child with homework as usual, and try and keep them calm and positive. Please do see Mrs. J. Packard or myself if you have any questions or concerns about the activities the children will be doing.



The tests taken at the **end of Key Stage 2 in Year 6** are more formal and are taken as individual tests. The children will be taking these tests during the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Those of you with children in Year 6 will have had a test timetable and a letter from Mrs Packard explaining the revision times and activities. Once again, if any of you have any questions or concerns, please do see Mrs. G. Packard.

## BUILDING WORK

We are having some building work done in school at the moment;

- The 'Year 3 Activity Area' has been enclosed, making a discrete learning area instead of it being an 'off shoot' of the corridor through Key Stage 2.
- The repairs to the Millennium Garden are almost finished, so the children will be able to use this area again soon.
- A ramp is being put in by the entrance/exit to the covered walkway, ensuring ease of access to wheelchair users. This should be finished by May.



## DRIVEWAY

A little reminder - please walk on the pathway and not on the drive. Cars and builders vans are using the drive constantly and the path is much safer.

Please also respect the 'no car' rule between 8am and 4pm so that staff can use the drive and car park. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Melanie Newman  
Headteacher

