

# Shotley Community Primary School



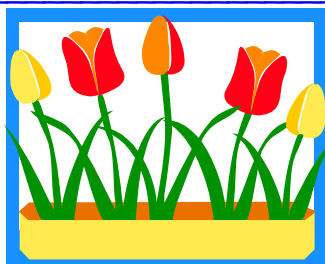
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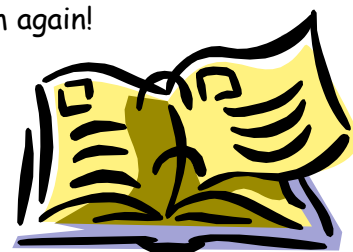
28<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Dear Parents,

The end of the Spring Term is near - and we're all appreciating the lighter evenings and spring weather! We just need it to be beautifully warm again!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	END OF TERM Parent Assembly in the Hall, 2.30pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of the Summer Term
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole school storytelling in Golden Wood
21 <sup>st</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Images of Shotley Weekend in the Village Hall



## STORYTELLER AND STORYTELLING

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March, we were lucky enough to have a nationally renowned storyteller, Hugh Lupton, come in to school to tell stories and talk about storytelling with the children. It was an amazing afternoon and the children (and adults!) were enthralled by his abilities to tell stories in such a spell-binding way. We asked Hugh to come in to support our drive to improve the writing experiences of our children, particularly the 'pre-writing' experiences such as drama, storytelling and discussion. So many of the children were excited by the idea of telling stories that we decided (weather permitting) to take the children to our new woodland, Golden Wood, on 20<sup>th</sup> April to tell and listen to some stories. We will give more details - and invitations - after the holiday.

Golden Wood, just behind Orwell View, is the woodland that we are involved in creating for the future of Shotley, with the 'Viking Forest Project'. Over the past few years, the children have picked and planted tree seeds, transplanted them to the wood as young saplings and have helped to nurture the growth of the trees.

This leads beautifully on to ...



## Viking Forest Project

### IMAGES OF SHOTLEY

#### Reflections of Rural Life

Shotley Village Hall, April 21st - 22nd 10am - 5pm

Come and see the children's art competition exhibits. The winners will be selected on Sunday morning by Rachel Sloane of Radio Suffolk

Art • Crafts • Dance • Music • Archery • Farm Equipment

East Suffolk Morris Dancers

Saturday evening - Songs and Supper with Penny & Square Dack

Details & tickets from David (787630) or Ian (787460)

### IMAGES OF SHOTLEY

The 'Images of Shotley' weekend takes place on April 21-22 at Shotley Village Hall. One of the main attractions is the children's art competition on the theme 'Postcard from the Peninsula'. The competition involves children from Shotley Primary and Holbrook High Schools and children from some of the youth organisations in the village. Radio Suffolk

presenter Rachel Sloane is judging the competition on the Sunday morning. It's a fun weekend, packed with exciting things to see;

- The competition exhibits displayed in the hall for the weekend
- The Brownies will be giving a display of country dancing
- The East Suffolk Morris Dancers
- Paintings, crafts and photographs on display in the hall
- The chance to try your hand at archery on the hall field.

Refreshments will be available on both days and on the Saturday night there will be music and supper.

### PENINSULAR EASTER ACTIVITIES

There are many activities going on around the local area over the Easter Holidays, and here are a couple of the peninsular ones, which we know about;

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April      Multi-Sports, Holbrook Leisure Centre, £1, 8-16 yrs  
10am - 12pm; 1pm - 3pm

Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>      Circus Workshops (Max 20), Holbrook LC Community Room  
£3, 8-12yrs.  
10am - 12pm



The staff and I wish you a very happy Easter, and we look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

Yours sincerely,

Melanie Newman  
Headteacher