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You may contact any governor via the school. **Complaints in the first instance are to be communicated to Mrs Boyd.**

## 7.4.17 NEWS

### Spring term 2 b

**STRICTLY NO BIKES OR SCOOTERS TO BE RIDDEN IN SCHOOL GROUNDS-WE HAVE HAD TWO NASTY INCIDENTS THIS WEEK. ALL OWNERS MUST WALK THEIR BIKES OR SCOOTER OFF THE**

ATTENDANCE TARGET 97%

For week beginning 3.4.17

Phase 3 winner-class 7 100% AMAZING!!

Phase 2 winner - Rainbow 98 %

Whole school- 95.97 %

Years 1 to 6- 95.57%

Nearly there! Good news!

## Shotton Hall Primary School

Working together to

**SHINE**

**Successful, Happy, Inspired and Nurtured towards Excellence**

Headteacher: Mrs A.M. Boyd

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs L. Francis

Acting Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs J Bowmaker

Assistant Headteachers: Mrs S. Sands, Ms E. Metcalfe

Behaviour, Attendance and Safeguarding Officer : Mr K. Morgan

SENCO/pastoral : Mrs J. Bowmaker

Site Manager: Mrs W. Fickling

Office manager Mrs J Johnson

## Dates For Your Diary

This diary is given in good faith to enable you to set your own diaries. There may be some changes beyond our control and we will communicate this through text or via the newsletter. There may also be additional events which we will inform you of as they occur. Please make sure we have your up to date phone number.

Date	Day	Class/year	Event	Information
24.4.17	Monday	All pupils	First day of school - after school club as usual	School reopens on Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
25.4.17	Tuesday	Pupils in year 5 and 6	Residential parents meeting	3.15 pm information on residential to Ullswater
26/27.4.17	Wed/Thurs	All pupils	Collapsed curriculum Science days	Internal organisation
27.4.17	Thurs	Identified pupils	Fun to cook	Parents informed individually
28.4.17	Friday	Year 4 pupils	Bikeability	In school training on bike safety
1.5.17	Monday	All pupils	OFF SCHOOL MAYDAY	School reopens 2.5.17
4.5.17	Thursday	Class 5	Assembly	See class letter
8.5.17	Monday	Year 6 pupils	SATS Week	In school tests Reading, EGPS, Maths
15.5.17	Monday	All pupils	International day of families	In school fun day event - dress as a family member! Bring £1. School council will decide which charity to support.

Breakfast club doors will open only 5 minutes before any events held in the main hall to allow visitors into school. This is for safeguarding reasons so please do not queue up too early. After events pupils will not be released early. They will be taken back to class and dismissed from their usual entrances at 3.15 pm. You are welcome to wait in the hall if weather is poor. This ensures all pupils are accounted for in line with safeguarding procedures.

**MANAGING MONEY:** We have an improved system where we will no longer accept loose cash at the reception desk. Envelopes are available to use and parents must give the detail of the money's purpose on the front of the envelope eg name, class, reason for money. Please do not be offended if staff refuse to accept money not in an envelope. We will also give receipts for money received. More parents are using parent pay now and this is helpful to us as a school to not deal in so much cash. No cash is kept on site overnight. Thank you for your understanding and co operation in this matter.

**BEHAVIOUR:** We are seeing a rising trend in the use of bad language in school by pupils when playing on the yard. We will treat this very seriously as this is an exclusion offence. Some children tell us their parent swear and so they do- please talk to your children about not swearing in school.

**GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS:** Please make sure your child knows how he/she is getting home after school and who is collecting them before they leave the house in the morning. Not knowing upsets some pupils when they are at school and they are unable to focus on their learning.

**PHONE CONTACT:** Please make sure we have up to date contacts and phone numbers for all of the people on your contact list. We will STRICTLY follow the list in the event of an incident and we are finding increasingly that numbers are no longer in use and some parents do not want us to follow the list they have given us. Remember you can drop us an e mail via the school website to keep us up to date.

**PARENT CONSULTATIONS:** Thank you to all who attended parent consultations. We were delighted with the very positive comments we received about our work and it was lovely to see so many families attending. We run a free film club for children while parents are in the hall and this has worked well. We have received very positive feedback about mid year reports and targets have been set to work on until the end of the school year. At the end of the year parents will receive a small report similar to the one received before Christmas. Please call if you need an additional consultation at any time for support with your child's learning.

**NEW PARENT GOVERNORS-** We are delighted to welcome Mrs Alison Spencer and Mrs Carla Williams onto the governors body to represent the views of parents. Many thanks to them for volunteering. Please consult them if you need help with any issues. They will attend their first governing body meeting in the Summer term.

**THANK YOU:** to all parents and carers who have worked with us to bring in our new booking system for after school club. Parent pay is working well following a few teething troubles. The system is working well and we are able to make safe and good provision for the pupils. Pupils are well cared for and kept safe and busy until parents come. Thank you once again.

**PACKED LUNCHES:** We strictly do not allow pupils to bring sweets or bars of chocolate to school for packed lunch. We try to be reasonable and pupils are allowed to bring in a small cake or small chocolate biscuit. We are very conscious of encouraging our pupils to eat healthy foods and only take sweets as an occasional treat or at a special event. A sugar rush in the afternoon affects pupils behaviour and concentration for learning and we see many pupils with high sugar spikes followed by low mood. Pupils with excessive chocolate or sweets in their lunch will have it removed by the headteacher and returned to parents.

**FRUIT AT BREAK TIME:** Your child is allowed to bring a piece of fruit for break time, sweets, crisps and chocolates are not allowed. Please send fruit separately from the packed lunch box as boxes will be removed to the hall after they are put onto the trolley. Teachers will store fruit for breaks in the classrooms where the children can get them easily.

**BREAKFAST:** A small number of pupils are drinking high energy drinks and sweets before school and this is affecting their ability to learn well. We also see pupils coming into school with sausage rolls, pasties and cookies from the shops for breakfast. Please make sure your child has a healthy breakfast and is well fed when they come to school and able to concentrate on learning. We run a very reasonably priced breakfast club if you want your child to attend.

**SUMMER UNIFORM:** now that the nicer weather is here we expect many children will wear summer uniform- PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN ALL ITEMS. Please make sure children do not wear sandals for school as they are not safe when playing on the yard or the climbing equipment.

**ACHIEVE AND BELIEVE AWARDS 6.4.17** Awards are given each Thursday or Friday in assembly by a senior leader. If you would like to visit an assembly please let the office know

**GOLD STARS:** Ella C C2, Theodore P C4, Archie W C2, Lily P C2, Louie M Rainbow, Savannah H C5, Evie S C8

**RESOURCEFUL AWARD:** Theo P C4, Rose C Rainbow, Finn T C10, Jake C C10

**RECIPROCAL AWARD:** Iestyn R Rainbow

**REFLECTIVE AWARD:** Kyle H C3, Ruby S C3, Cara G C1

**RESILIENT AWARD:** Leo B C2, Sophia C C4, Cruz M Sunshine, Lily M C9, Luke N C9, Archie B C5

**RESPECTFUL AWARD:** Imogen R Sunshine, Charlie B

**PEN LICENCE:** keep working hard on your joined handwriting - it must be joined and clearly readable in all books including topic.

**STAR WRITER AWARD:** Charlie G C2, Nathaniel B C4, Hollie T C3, Maizi I C1, Brooke U C6, Elliot F C5, Tyler R C10, Ellie M C8

**TIMES TABLES AWARD:** Louie M C2, Grace L C3, Olivia C C1, Isla J C6, Joshua D C5, Kal M C8

**MATHS MASTERY:** Lily P C2, Lily Mae L C3, Evie D C6, Luke V C5, Katie H C5

**TIDY TED:** CLASS 3 AND CLASS 7 Tidy Ted is watching! This week he will be looking at packed lunch boxes to make sure there is no chocolate!

**TEAM POINTS:** TOPAZ 172 EMERALDS 160 SAPPHIRES 151 RUBIES 112 WELL DONE

**TOPAZ !**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Lexi B C1, Leo B C2, Dexter J C2, Ryan D C4, Patrick C Sunshine, Tilly M Sunshine, Matilda H Rainbow, Johnny A C5, Joseph P C8, Evan G C8, Owen F C8, Imogen B C5 -HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU- 00000!

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