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

## AUTUMN Term 1A

### News

7.9.18

News is through e mail, facebook and website - please make sure we have your e mail address.

## ATTENDANCE 7.9.18 WHOLE SCHOOL

### Shotton Hall Primary School

Working together to

**SHINE**

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

Headteacher: Mrs A.M. Boyd

Acting Deputy Headteacher: 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

School Business 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 and e mail.

Date	Day	Class/year	Event	Information
13.9.18	THURSDAY	ALL	FRIENDSHIP DAY	Pupils to come in casual sports wear and suitable footwear to play outdoors and on the field. Donations of £1 for Ava's garden.
18.9.18	TUESDAY	YEAR 5	ACADEMY VISIT TO HISTORY DEPARTMENT	IDENTIFIED PUPILS
24.9.18	MONDAY	CLASSES 9 AND 10	POLICE SAFETY VISIT	IN SCHOOL EVENT
24.9.18	MONDAY	CLASSES 1-12	PARENT CONSUTATION	MEET AND GREET - GETTING TO KNOW YOU!
25.9.18	TUESDAY	CLASSES 1-12	PARENT CONSULTATION	MEET AND GREET- GETTING TO KNOW YOU!
31.10.18	WEDNESDAY	CLASSES 1,2,3,4	GOOD AMBASSADOR DISCO	Dress as you please £1.50 snack pack of hot dog, sweets and drink
1.11.18	THURSDAY	CLASSES 5,6,7,8	GOOD AMBASSADOR DISCO	
2.11.18	FRIDAY	CLASSES 9,10,11,12	GOOD AMBASSADOR DISCO	
5.11.18	MONDAY	PRE SCHOOL	GOOD AMBASSADOR DISCO	ALL PUPILS MORNING ONLY
7.11.18	WEDNESDAY	YEAR 5	ACADEMY VISIT TO P4L DEPARTMENT	IDENTIFIED PUPILS
<b>9.11.18</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CPD</b>	<b>REOPENS MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>
6.12.18	Thursday	ALL PUPILS	PINOCCHIO PANTOMIME	IN SCHOOL EVENT
7.12.18	FRIDAY	PRE SCHOOL	XMAS SINGALONG	10:15 AND 2:15 IN MAIN HALL
11.12.18	TUESDAY	CLASSES 3,4,5,6	NATIVITY CONCERT	9.30 AM AND 2.15 PM
13.12.18	THURSDAY	CLASSES 1 AND 2	NATIVITY CONCERT	9.15 AM AND 2.15 PM
14.12.18	FRIDAY	ALL	SHORT REPORTS	OUT TO PARENTS
17.12.18	MONDAY	CLASS 1 AND 2	XMAS PARTY	ALL FOOD DONATIONS WELCOME COME TO SCHOOL IN UNIFORM AND DRESS AS YOU PLEASE FOR THE AFTERNOON NO JEWELLERY,HEELS, FALSE NAILS OR
18.12.18	TUESDAY	CLASS 3,4,5,6	XMAS PARTY	
19.12.18	WEDNESDAY	CLASS 7,8,9,10	XMAS PARTY	

20.12.18	THURSDAY	CLASS 11 AND 12	XMAS PARTY	MAKE UP PLEASE
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.				

Dear Parents and Carers,

**WELCOME BACK TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!** I would like to express my thanks to all parent and carers for the amazing work you have done in preparing your children for the return to school. They all look well rested and beautiful in their new uniforms. In assembly on Tuesday I spoke about having names in clothing and this is a great help to us as a school. We have three large bags of left clothing from last year which we will send to the bins in a week. If you are missing any items please come and look in them.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Fiona Hardyman to our school, she is class 3 teacher for the year and will work closely with Mrs McKitten to ensure pupils in classes 3 and 4 receive high quality teaching. We also welcome Mrs Alison Walker to our school who comes highly recommended and has been appointed to cover Ms Metcalfe's absence in class 10.

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR CPD ON FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER:** This is for staff to attend partnership training on the pupil engagement, memorable learning and the impact of self esteem on pupils learning.

**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT OF READING:** The focus for our school development plan this year is development of reading and fostering a love of reading in particular. There will be events throughout the year to support pupil improvements in reading. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible either from signs, newspapers, books, magazines and also electronically. Reading is a key skill and gives pupils access to learning independently. Please support us in our work by hearing your child read and talk about books three times a week and mark this in their record book. If you are concerned about your child's reader please contact the teacher in the first instance.

**DINNER MONEY:** Dinner money is now £2.05 per day and £10.25 per week. Please send money in to school in a sealed envelope and instruct your child to put it in the class box for delivery to the office. Teachers ask every day if pupils have money in bags as they are not allowed to have money in school and must hand it in to be looked after.

**DURHAM SAVERS:** Just a friendly reminder we run a saving scheme if you would like to take part. For more information please contact Mrs Johnson.

**PARENT CONSULTATION:** This is a 'meet and greet' session and books will not be shown at this early point in the year. It is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and have a chat about what will be expected over the year and raise any concerns you may have. If you require a longer meeting please contact the office for a long appointment where a senior leader will be present on another date.

**SCHOOL FUND:** We have a facility on parent pay for parents to contribute to school fund. Thank you to all parents who currently donate. Every bit of money helps us to buy the little extras we need as a school to make children's time more enjoyable. This money is not used for any staff provisions. You may also send your child to school with £1 weekly if you so wish or donate termly or monthly. Thank you for your contributions in advance.

**FRIENDSHIP DAY:** FRIENDSHIP is the focus of our next special day in school on THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER. Please send children to school in casual or sports wear including footwear to play outside and take part in sports events on the field. This year we will be raising funds to convert one of our garden areas into a peace garden **in memory of Ava** so we would welcome contributions of £1 or more to save up for the equipment we will need for this project. The children will share their ideas for this project and be involved in the planting and upkeep of the garden. If you can help us in any way eg plant supplies and gardening or paving then please make contact with Mrs Boyd.

**SCHOOL CHANGES:** Some of you will have noticed the new fencing that has been built around classes 3 and 4. This is to enable pupils in these classes to learn outdoors as a transition from previous classes. As the year goes on you will see this develop as an outdoor learning space. Thank you for considering others when dropping off and collecting children, please either wait at the fence or come into the corale to collect children. If you have a pushchair please wait outside the gates as these obstruct the flow of people coming in and out. Thank you for your patience and consideration in this matter.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:** Just a reminder that ASC must be booked one full week in advance and we cannot take pupils into the club on the day. This has been agreed by the governing body. If you require emergency after school care please make arrangements with other child care providers in the town. Club closes promptly at 5 pm. Pupils remaining in school after this time will be in the care of social services.

**FIRST CONTACT:** If you have a concern about a child or young person who lives in County Durham, First Contact is the service to call. First Contact brings together staff from Children and Young People's Services with partners such as Durham Constabulary and Health. First Contact has made it easy for you to get in touch with them. You can contact them using any of the following methods: Telephone: 03000 26 79 79 , E-mail: [scd@durham.gov.uk](mailto:scd@durham.gov.uk), Website: [www.durham.gov.uk/.../firstcontact](http://www.durham.gov.uk/.../firstcontact)

**ACHIEVE AND BELIEVE AWARDS:** Awards are given each Thursday for classes 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 and Friday for classes 7,8,9,10,11 and 12 in assembly by a senior leader. If you would like to visit an assembly please let the office know. Awards will begin next week as this has been our settling in week.

#### ATTENDANCE

CLASS 1 100% LOWER SCHOOL WINNERS !!	CLASS 2 99.41%	CLASS 3 96.67%	CLASS 4 95.41%	CLASS 5 96.19%	CLASS 6 99.05%	CLASS 7 96.55%	CLASS 8 93.82%	CLASS 9 98.52% UPPER SCHOOL WINNERS !!	CLASS 10 96.39%	CLASS 11 96.57%	CLASS 12 96.57%
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ATTENDANCE Trophy will be given starting next week.

Can I please remind parents that attendance is part of our schools inspection and is a priority in school. Children's **expected attendance is 96%**. Please ensure you make all appointments out of school time and that you contact the school with the reason for absence on the first day. We also need the expected day of return. Where the absence is medical please inform us each day of the continued absence.

**TEACHERS CLASS PLACEMENT FOR THIS YEAR:** All classes are mixed age with the exception of one reception class and year 6. The statutory National Curriculum is taught to all pupils and the appropriate year group curriculum is taught to all pupils. Some classes will return to year group from mixed groups for core subject learning. More details of this can be given at parent consultation on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September.

CLASS 1	Mrs Sands	R	CLASS 7	Mrs Egglestone	Y3/4
CLASS 2	Mrs McCoy	R/Y1	CLASS 8	Mrs Carr	Y3/4
CLASS 3	Miss Hardyman	Y1/2	CLASS 9	Miss Ingram	Y4/5
CLASS 4	Mrs McKitten	Y1/2	CLASS 10	Mrs Walker (new)	Y4/5

CLASS 5	Mrs Habicht	Y2/3	CLASS 11	Miss Hardy to Y7	Y6 transition
CLASS 6	Mr Harrison	Y2/3	CLASS 12	Mrs Hext to Y7	Y6 transition

Mr Scorer will work with upper school pupils each morning and deliver forest schools and sports each afternoon. He is non class based. Mr James is our sports coach and he will work with pupils each afternoon and lunchtime.

All teaching assistants will work flexibly delivering interventions, small group work, 1 to 1 support and supporting pupils needs across the school. They will also cover classes short term. TAs may not always be based in the same class for a full year. Our TAs are:

Mrs A Hanley	Mrs S Caden	Mrs D Hoyland	Mrs G Sinclair
Mrs W Ruddell	Mrs G Lockey	Mrs D Pearson	Miss T Holcroft
Ms A Suter	Mrs J Smith	Mrs D Brotherston	Mrs L Hoyland
Mrs J Henry			