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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.**

Spring Term 2b

News

28.2.20

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

ATTENDANCE 28.2.20

WHOLE SCHOOL

89.62%

Come on everyone let's aim for 96%!

Shotton Hall Primary School

Working together to

SHINE

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

Headteacher: Mrs A.M. Boyd

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



SAFEGUARDING: FIRST CONTACT: If you have a concern about a child or young person First Contact has made it easy for you to get in touch with them. You can contact them using the following: Telephone: 03000 26 79 79, E-mail: scd@durham.gov.uk. Website: www.durham.gov.uk/.../firstcontact

Dear Parents and Carers,

SCHOOL CLOSURES: Closing a school is never an easy option. In taking this decision the safety of pupils, staff and visitors is our top priority. We are very aware that school closure disrupts our pupils' routines and affects their learning. It also affects working parents and those with other commitments in the care of their children. The headteacher, along with the chair of governors makes the decision about closure using their knowledge of weather forecasts, the school location and the local community. Every school is different and we do not close because another school has.

The DfE makes it clear: *'every effort must be made to keep schools open, even if only limited numbers of pupils attend'*

Various matters need to be carefully considered like staffing ratios, safety of pathways and parking, availability of lunches, health and safety of the site, staff driving distances and conditions, heating etc. We are guided in this by our business continuity plan.

When we decide the school will not be opened you will be informed as soon as we are able by text message and through the Durham County Council school closures site. www.durham.gov.uk/schoolclosures

Please be aware that there are other schools in the area with similar names to ours – we are Shotton HALL Primary School and not Shotton Primary School or Shotton Hall Academy.

CASTLEDENE ART COMPETITION: Recently we were asked by Castledene Shopping Centre, to take part in a competition to design a mural for the shopping centre. The murals will be painted by East Durham College art students and will be used to signpost meeting points for lost children. We are delighted to announce that we have 2 winners from our school – Well done to Freya D from Y5 and Jemima C from Y6! The artists will be invited to the centre as special guests when the work is complete. Excellent work!

WORLD BOOK DAY: We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Children can come to school on this day dressed as their favourite book character. No donation is necessary. We will also hold book swap events in classes. If your child has a book or two they no longer need, we would love them to bring it in to class to swap with a friend. At the end we would like every child in school to go home with a 'new book' to read.

Classes 9 and 10 are on a trip on World Book Day, they will celebrate it on Friday 6th March. They can dress up on this day and bring in books for their own Year 5 book swap.

Calling all bakers

'Junior Bake Off' are looking for the UK's best young bakers, aged 9 – 15. Do you think you have what it takes?!



Check out www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk for more information. Applications close 5th April.

Welcome to SHPS's Eco Club corner!



Our site manager Wendy, has told us we are doing better with our recycling than we were last year. Well done to everyone for following the rules about the bins! Make sure you're recycling at home too – remember to recycle paper, plastic (when you can), tins and silver foil. Don't forget to rinse out your tins before you recycle them!

DURHAM SAVERS: Did you know we run a savings club in school? NEFirst Credit Union is covered by the Financial Services Authority - your money is completely safe. If you would like your child to open an account, please collect an application form from the school office. We run the savings club on a Wednesday morning only, where children can bring in as little money as they wish to save, along with their savings booklet. This allows children to see their savings increase over time, allowing them to become more responsible and appreciate the value of money.

Holiday dates for the school year

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| Monday 24th February 2020 | School reopens for term 2b |
| Friday 3rd April 2020 | Last day of school before Easter break |
| Monday 20th April 2020 | School reopens for term 3a |
| Friday 8 th May 2020 | School closed for bank holiday |
| Friday 22nd May 2020 | Last day of school before half term |
| Monday 1 st June 2020 | School closed for PD day |
| Tuesday 2nd June 2020 | School reopens for term 3b |
| Friday 17 th July 2020 | Last day of school before Summer holidays |
| Monday 20th July 2020 | School closed for PD day |

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 |
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| 5.3.20 | THURSDAY | CLASSES 9 & 10 | DISCOVERY MUSUEM VISIT | SEE CLASS LETTER |
| 5.3.20 | THURSDAY | CLASS 12 | ASSEMBLY | PARENTS WELCOME 9AM |
| 5.3.20 | THURSDAY | ALL EXCEPT Y5 | WORLD BOOK DAY | DRESS AS BOOK CHARACTER & BOOK SWAPS |
| 6.3.20 | FRIDAY | YEAR 5 | Y5 ONLY WORLD BOOK DAY | DRESS AS BOOK CHARACTER & BOOK SWAPS |
| 12.3.20 | THURSDAY | CLASS 11 | ASSEMBLY | PARENTS WELCOME 9AM |
| 13.3.20 | FRIDAY | YEAR 5 | SHAC MATHS | INDIVIDUAL PUPILS |
| 19.3.20 | THURSDAY | CLASS 10 | ASSEMBLY | PARENTS WELCOME 9AM |
| 20.3.20 | FRIDAY | ALL | ANNUAL REPORTS | REPORTS OUT TO PARENTS |
| 20.3.20 | FRIDAY | CLASS 3 | NATIONAL GLASS CENTRE VISIT | LETTER TO FOLLOW |
| 26.3.20 | THURSDAY | CLASS 6 | ARBEIA ROMAN FORT VISIT | LETTER TO FOLLOW |
| 26.3.20 | THURSDAY | YEAR 6 | VISIT TO THE LIFE CENTRE | LETTER TO FOLLOW |
| 26.3.20 | THURSDAY | CLASS 9 | ASSEMBLY | PARENTS WELCOME 9AM |

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| 31.3.20 | THURSDAY | YEAR 5 | SHAC FRENCH | INDIVIDUAL PUPILS |
| 1.4.20 | WEDNESDAY | CLASS 10 | DRAMA PERFORMANCE | SHAC – DETAILS TO FOLLOW |
| 2.4.20 | THURSDAY | CLASS 8 | ASSEMBLY | PARENTS WELCOME 9AM |
| 12.6.20 | FRIDAY | CLASS 7 | TEESMOUTH FIELD CENTRE VISIT | DETAILS TO FOLLOW |
| 19.6.20 | FRIDAY | RECEPTION – YEAR 6 | SHOTTON HALL LIVE | DETAILS TO FOLLOW |
| 22.6.20 | MONDAY | YEAR 6 | SHAC VISIT | ALL DAY |
| 23.6.20 | TUESDAY | KS2 | SPORTS DAY | DETAILS TO FOLLOW |
| 24.6.20 | WEDNESDAY | PRE SCHOOL | SPORTS DAY | DETAILS TO FOLLOW |
| 25.6.20 | THURSDAY | CLASS 9 | BIG SING | GALA THEATRE |
| 26.6.20 | FRIDAY | KS1 | SPORTS DAY | DETAILS TO FOLLOW |
| 26.6.20 | FRIDAY | YEAR 6 | SHAC VISIT | IN SCHOOL EVENT |

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.



ATTENDANCE

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| CLASS 1 84.44% | CLASS 2 85.00% | CLASS 3 94.25% WINNERS! | CLASS 4 92.86% | CLASS 5 93.33% | CLASS 6 91.67% WINNERS! | CLASS 7 89.58% | CLASS 8 89.52% | CLASS 9 90.74% | CLASS 10 81.25% | CLASS 11 85.33% | CLASS 12 89.10% |
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CERTIFICATES

RESILIENT: Cole H C7, Ryan D C10.

REFLECTIVE: Emily H C1, Chloe L C2, Ava-Grace E C5, Kane H C8, Zara W C9, Jonny A C12.

RESPECTFUL: Georgia T C4.

RESOURCEFUL: Dushane W C6, Mia B C11, Riley P C11.

RECIPROCAL: Athena M C3, Harrison W C6.

BIRTHDAYS: Jacob W C1 age 5, Oscar S C2 age 6, Grace R C4 age 7, Charlie L C6 age 8, Freddie R C7 age 9, Lily H C8 age 9, Olivia P C8 age 9, Laila B C9 age 10. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

