

Governors voluntarily working on your behalf to ensure all aspects of the school's work are effective and compliant.

Chair: Mrs C Barclay

Vice Chair: Mr T Watson

Local Authority: Mrs P Spoors

Co-opted: Mrs J Winn, Mr M Grinstead, Mrs W Fickling

Parent: Mrs K Bailey, Mrs A Spencer, Mrs C Williams

Staff: Mrs J Henry, Mrs A M Boyd

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

18.09.20

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

Hard copies available in reception area

ATTENDANCE 18.09.20

WHOLE SCHOOL

96.13 %

Well done!

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

Dear Parents and Carers,



SAFEGUARDING: FIRST CONTACT: Please be our eyes and ears in time out of school. 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 This can be done anonymously.

Just a reminder that we are a Durham County Council school and have a strict no smoking policy, which includes on the concourse near the Academy on Passfield Way. Please can you stand back from the top of the steps, keeping the 2 metre distance rule and not crowd the exit so that children can see who is here to collect them.

CLASS DOJO: Thank you to all parents who have signed up to Class Dojo. I hope you are enjoying seeing your child's reward points and sharing in their successes. We are now assigning homework on Class Dojo, and there is more information about this on our Facebook page and school website.

REPORTING ABSENCE: Please note you are not able to report your child's absence via Class Dojo, calls must be made to the office before 9am as always. Thank you for your support.

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION: I am very pleased to see that the new drop off and collection system is working well and after chatting with parents and carers we are getting some very positive feedback. I will be looking at the timings of class release and may make some slight changes after half term.

WATER BOTTLES: Children are using their water bottles well and taking them into the hall to drink with their lunch- this avoids the use of cups and jugs and reduces the covid risk. Please make sure your child's bottle is unbreakable as some have glass in and we have had some breakages. I also ask that this bottle is used for **water only**. Parents may order milk via www.coolmilk.com if they wish their child to have milk at school. Children are not allowed to drink from their bottles while walking around the school as they may trip. Children are 'grazing' on their water bottles throughout the day as they have them on their desks. We encourage them to drink water to remain hydrated however, we are concerned about damage to their teeth if they bring flavoured water or juice into school. Some parents are telling us that their child does not like water but as a school, water has always been on offer and we have not offered juice. This is part of our healthy schools standard. Thank you for working with us on this matter.

PACKED LUNCH: We ask that you support us to create a culture of healthy eating and supply your child with appropriate midday food which provides energy to get through the afternoon session of learning. We expect your child's lunch to be of good nutritional value so we can encourage healthy eating habits from an early age. Children are not permitted to bring in hot foods in flasks as this is not safe in our environment. Please no sweets, chocolate bars, soups, thermos flasks. There is no need to send in a drink as your child will have their water bottle with them. One small cake or biscuit is allowed. We ask that crisps are only given twice a week.

Uneaten food will be sent home so you can monitor what your child has eaten. All wrappings will be sent home too.

Please do not send excessive amounts of food into school as your child has a limited time to complete lunch as we must keep the class bubble together.

GRAPES: please make sure grapes are cut in half as they are a choking hazard. This applies to our older pupils too.

NUTS: We are a nut free school and ask that you do not send any nut based products into school with your child as this causes severe allergic response in some of our pupils.

SCHOOL MEALS: Just a reminder you need to contact the office to give **2 WEEKS NOTICE** if you wish to change your child's meal arrangements from school meals to packed lunch or vice versa.

PHONICS SCREENING CHECK Year 1 and 2: Cancellation of the phonics screening check in June 2020 means all current Year 2 pupils will sit the test in December 2020.

Year 2 pupils who meet the expected standard in phonics in the Autumn check will not be required to complete any further statutory assessments in Phonics. Year 2 pupils who do not meet the expected standard in the Autumn check will be expected to take the statutory check in June 2021, alongside Year 1 pupils. All children are receiving daily phonics lessons and intervention where needed. Please contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo if you require any further information.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 28th September to take single photographs. There will not be any family photos this year. This is a decision made by the company not the school.

NEW HOUSE TEAMS: We have renamed our teams after inspirational people. Children from all classes came up with a wonderful shortlist of people they find inspiring or who have made the world a better, fairer place. In the end, children voted for their favourite four. Mrs Carr and Mrs Gilmour have also selected some outstanding pupils to be team captains and vice captains. Children who were interested in the role were asked to submit a letter of application explaining why they wanted the role. Later in the term, captains will be selling team wristbands so that children can wear their team colours with pride.

Red: Queen Elizabeth II

Captain: Evie H

Vice Captain: Logan P

Blue: Neil Armstrong

Captain: Ella F

Vice Captain: Kayleigh S

Yellow: Sir Tom Moore

Captain: Nathanael B

Vice Captain: Ruby S

Green: David Attenborough

Captain: Lucas L

Vice Captain: Owen A

GOVERNOR VACANCY: There will be two vacancies for Parent Governors from 21st March 2021. All parents other than those employed at the school for more than 500 hours per year or who are elected members of the Local Authority (LA) are eligible to stand for election.

This includes:

- Parents of children attending nursery either full or part time
- Any person who is not the natural parent but has parental responsibility for or who has care of a pupil registered at the school (Education Act 1996, Section 576)

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, please contact our Business Manager Mrs. Johnson for a nomination form. The completed and duly signed nomination form should be returned to school by 2.10.20.

CONTACT DETAILS: Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. In the event that your child becomes ill or shows symptoms of covid, we need to be able to contact you immediately. Please provide the office with your email address if we do not already have it. Thank you.

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
28.09.19	MONDAY	WHOLE SCHOOL	SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS	INDIVIDUAL, NO SIBLINGS
19.10.20	MONDAY	YR – Y6	NASAL FLU IMMUNISATIONS	FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN CONSENT

Holiday dates for the school year

Friday 23th October 2020	Last day of school before half term
Monday 2 th November 2020	School reopens for term 1b
Thursday 17th December 2020	Last day of school before Christmas holidays
Friday 18 th December 2020	School closed for PD day
Tuesday 5th January 2020	School reopens for term 2a
Friday 12 th February 2020	Last day of school before half term
Monday 22nd February 2020	School closed for PD day
Tuesday 23 rd February 2020	School reopens for term 2b

Attendance

CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	CLASS 5	CLASS 6	CLASS 7	CLASS 8	CLASS 9	CLASS 10	CLASS 11	CLASS 12
95.29%	95.85%	87.98%	100% WINNERS!	95.52%	97.86%	99.00%	99.51%	97.70%	100% WINNERS!	91.01%	95.68%

Certificates

RESILIENT: Aria P C1, Oscar H C2, Georgia T C6, Ella A C8, Grace L C12.

REFLECTIVE: Matthew T C4, Jaqobi W C5, Dylan L C7, Caitlin W C9, Dexter J C10, Lake D C11.

RESOURCEFUL: Chris C C12.

RECIPROCAL: Layla C C3.

PEN LICENCE: Poppy D C7, Olivia K C7.

BIRTHDAYS: Kai S C1 age 5, Jake W C1 age 5, Sebb P C2 age 5, Lewis A C6 age 8, Cal J C6 age 8, Macie E C7 age 8, Meadow D C8 age 9, Eden K C9 age 9, Skye R C9 age 9, Luke S C9 age 9, Ella C C8 age 10, Logan P C11 age 11, Lexi L C12.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

