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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 C William,

Vacancy

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 head teacher**

Mrs Boyd.

Autumn Term 1B

News

6.11.20

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

ATTENDANCE 2.11.20

WHOLE SCHOOL

98.35 %

Well done everyone!

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

Welcome back to the second half term of the Autumn term!

We have had a lovely week in school and enjoyed the autumn weather in the sunshine. We are thankful for a bit of nice weather to get outside as much as we can. Please remember to kit your child out in warm clothes for outdoors and suitable footwear for wet or muddy ground. Names in all items is much appreciated so we can get lost items back to their owners quickly.

GOVERNOR VACANCY: We have a parent governor vacancy . If you have a lot of time on your hands during the day and evenings and can give that time freely to the school why not contact Mrs Boyd for more information about the selection process.

SCHOOL TEAMS WRISTBANDS: This year we held a ballot to re-name our school teams or houses. Children wanted to name the teams after people they found particularly inspiring. After a close contest, our new team names were revealed: **Team Queen Elizabeth II, Team Sir David Attenborough, Team Sir Tom Moore and Team Neil Armstrong.** We also appointed four fabulous team captains from Year 6 to lead our new teams. Everyone in school is a member of a team. Ordinarily, we would celebrate our teams' performance in a Celebration Assembly every Friday. Sadly, due to Covid we can't get together as whole school. We still want children to celebrate our wonderful teams and want everyone to feel proud of the team they represent. From Monday, children will be able to buy a coloured wristband with their team name on. We have two different sizes of band, so there should be one suitable for every child. We would love to see our pupils wearing their colours with pride every day.

Wristbands cost just £1 and must be bought on Parent Pay. They are listed under 'Activity'. You can buy as many as you like. Please do not send cash into school.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL: The salvation army are supporting children by asking for a donation of a new toy or gift. If you would like to donate please send your gift into school by Friday 27th November.

CATCH UP FLU CLINICS: Call 03000 032 554 to book an appointment at the catch up clinic in Easington or Seaham Family centres.

COLLECTION AND DROP OFF: Thank you so much to all parents and carers for complying with our 'one person only' ruling for delivery and drop off of children. It is lovely to see our children gaining in confidence and some coming up the path themselves in the morning. The site is very safe so if you want to drop your child at the gate for them to come up by themselves that is fine by us. I am really pleased with the way parents and carers are leaving the site promptly and this is helping to keep us all safe, I would just like to remind you to maintain your 2 metre distance when leaving the site.

HAIR: Thank you to parents and carers for making sure children have their hair tied up in school. There is always a risk in any school for headlice and this helps us to avoid an outbreak.

CLASS DOJO: We are having a great success with class dojo and feedback is very positive. Please continue to talk to your child's teacher using this tool but remember they are teaching throughout the day so may not always be able to respond immediately.

ATTENDANCE: Please inform the office of non attendance so it can be added to our online system. Do not send a message through class dojo as it will not get to the admin team.

STAFFING: As we manage staff absence you may see different teachers working with different groups of pupils this is in line with the government legislation. Please respect the 2 metre rule as you approach us to talk. We have a number of visiting staff in the team at the moment who are fully compliant with the covid guidance.

SOCIAL MEDIA: We continue to monitor our social media and thank you for your positive comments and promotion of our school. If you have an issue please get in touch and speak to us so that we can resolve your issue quickly-we will do our best to work with you for the benefit of your children.

COVID LOCKDOWN: We are aware that there is a significant amount of anxiety in some families and in children caused by compliance with covid lockdown rules. We are here to help you even if you just need to talk to someone. Please do not hesitate to make contact. We believe if we look after our families we look after our children and with all our care they will learn well in our school setting. We are already seeing children making great strides in their learning now that they have a routine and are enjoying school.

School gate opening times:

Pre school collection 11.45am

Morning Waveney Road 8.35 am Evening 3 pm

Morning Passfield Way 8.40am Evening 3.10 pm

The gates around the perimeter of school are locked at 8.50am.

COVID ISOLATION: Welcome back to school class 8. It's lovely to have you back. Well done for your online learning-you're all AMAZING!

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY: Friday 13th November. Children may come in their Pudsey Bear clothes IF THEY WISH or their own clothes. Donations of £1 will be via parent pay so we limit the amount of cash we are handling due to covid regulations. The focus is on children's mental health and well being and there is a 'five to thrive' programme with lots of related activities for you to do at home if you wish. Teachers will be organising a fun afternoon in classes.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/>

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/nursery-pre-school-2020/>

DRESS AS YOU PLEASE FRIDAY: If pupils would like to they may wear their own clothes. Some pupils prefer to still come in uniform and we are fine with that. There is no need to donate £1 as we did previously. This is an initiative for this half term only. We are so delighted with our children and their attitude to their learning that we wanted to give them something to look forward to each week as a thank you. We are so limited in what we can do right now and we know how much many of our children enjoy wearing their own clothes for school. We do not expect you to buy new outfits for your children, simply an opportunity to wear their weekend gear a day early.

CHRISTMAS PARTY! I am in the process of planning for Christmas and trying very hard to make sure this is a lovely event in school for us all whilst still complying with the legislation to keep us all safe. Each class will have an allocated hall day for their party. They may come to school in party or fancy dress on their party day. Their teaching team will organise fun

activities, party games and dancing etc followed by crisps and a drink. We will have a quiet zone for those that need it! Sadly we cannot request party food donations because of covid regulations. Children will bring a selection box home on party day compliments of Shotton Hall Primary School. If you don't wish your child to have one of these please let the teacher know via class dojo.

PRE SCHOOL	WEDNESDAY	2.12.20		CLASS 7	THURSDAY	10.12.20
CLASS 1 AND 2	THURSDAY	3.12.20		CLASS 8	FRIDAY	11.12.20
CLASS 3	FRIDAY	4.12.20		CLASS 9	MONDAY	14.12.20
CLASS 4	MONDAY	7.12.20		CLASS 10	TUESDAY	15.12.20
CLASS 5	TUESDAY	8.12.20		CLASS 11	WEDNESDAY	16.12.20
CLASS 6	WEDNESDAY	9.12.20		CLASS 12	THURSDAY	17.12.20

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER: this is an opportunity for your child to come in their xmas jumper if they wish, if not they can wear uniform or own clothes as it is also a dress down Friday and class 8 party! Further information will follow.



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

POLITE NOTICE: If your child has been sent home to isolate, they must remain at home. Please **DO NOT** bring your isolating child onto the school site.

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.

SEE LIST ABOVE FOR PARTY DAYS

Date	Day	Class/year	Event	Information
11.12.20	FRIDAY	ALL	XMAS JUMPER AND XMAS DINNER DAY	ALL PUPILS TO WEAR XMAS JUMPER IF THEY WANT TO. XMAS DINNER WILL BE SERVED

Holiday dates for the school year

Thursday 17th December 2020	Last day of school before Christmas holidays
Friday 18 th December 2020	School closed for PD day
Tuesday 5th January 2021	School reopens for term 2a
Friday 12 th February 2021	Last day of school before half term
Monday 22nd February 2021	School closed for PD day
Tuesday 23 rd February 2021	School reopens for term 2b
Friday 26th March 2021	Last day of school before Easter holidays
Monday 12 th April 2021	School reopens for term 3a
Monday 3rd May 2021	School closed for Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 28 th May 2021	Last day of school before half term week
Monday 7th June 2021	School reopens for term 3b
Tuesday 20 th July 2021	Last day of school before Summer holidays



Attendance Green – SDA 97.57%
Yellow – STM 98.92%

Blue – NA 98.45%

Red – QEII 97.69%

CLASS 1 100% WINNERS!	CLASS 2 95.42%	CLASS 3 98.51%	CLASS 4 99.01%	CLASS 5 100% WINNERS!	CLASS 6 99.47%	CLASS 7 99.05%	CLASS 8 96.72%	CLASS 9 96.77%	CLASS 10 94.69%	CLASS 11 98.92%	CLASS 12 100% WINNERS!
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Certificates

RESILIENT: Lucas L C12, Lexi L C12, Louie L C3, Lexi L C12,

REFLECTIVE: Iestyn R C9, Calli-Star F C5, Roman S C1, Robyn C C2, Lewis J C8,

RESOURCEFUL: Hettie S C4, Charlotte S C10, Jay P C11 ,Lucas L C12

RECIPROCAL: Alex D C7,

RESPECTFUL: Katie M C5

Pen licence: Emelia B, Megan B, Louis S, Olivia K all from C7 well done! Excellent writing!

BIRTHDAYS: Siena A C5, Jasper R C5, Joshua L C2, Ellie Mae S C8, Kai B C8, Lily C C12 HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

