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

Summer Term 3a Week 5
News
Week beginning 10.05.21

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
97.33%
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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I have been spending time in the heart space talking to pupils and looking at learning and I have to say I am delighted with our children and the excellent work they are doing. Most pupils have coped very well with the return to school after lockdown and they are giving their all to their learning. Some pupils are taking a bit of time to settle back in and need reminders of our expectations particularly at break and lunchtimes. We continue to work within our own bubble system and all staff wear masks and/or visors in all the communal areas. Sadly, we are not able to invite you into school yet. We really miss having our families in school especially for our amazing class assemblies! If you need to speak with us this must be by phone, e mail, via Teams or a quick chat at the gates.

We are starting to send reading books home again, please read with your child. It is important that they re-read the book over a few days to really get to know it before they move to the next book. If you are concerned about your child's reading please let the class teacher know through dojo.

Just a reminder that any messages to me as headteacher must come through the schools contact page on the website and not through dojo as it is a class based system.

Please remember both Mr Morgan and Mrs Bowmaker are available to you within school hours if you have any concerns. Please do not expect a response to dojo outside school hours from any of the teaching team. As you are aware our teachers have families of their own and need down time just like us. Many teachers plan and prepare the next day's learning in the evenings.

Following the most recent government announcement we will not be opening our before and after school clubs as we are still working in bubbles but hopefully this will change in September provided it is safe to do so. We continue to be responsive to the most up to date announcements by our government and will endeavour to keep you informed swiftly to enable you to plan for your families.

As always safety of our school community is a priority.

We are reviewing our curriculum at the moment. If there is something you would like us to consider including in our learning programmes for next year please let us know - we are always open to new ideas!

Best wishes

Mrs Boyd.

SAFETY MEASURES: Despite the easing of some restrictions by the government we kindly ask you to please remember to wear a face covering when entering our school site, (unless you are medically exempt). And maintain where possible the 1m+ distance with others around school. Thank you.

ROAD SAFETY REMINDER: Please be careful when parking, reversing and driving in the streets and at the drop off area outside of the Academy School as we have had reports of some near misses and unsafe driving around our site. Please be mindful of children and others with regards to road safety. Thank you.

GOVERNOR VACANCY: We are delighted that 3 parents have expressed interest in our governor vacancy and therefore parents can vote for which candidate they prefer, please refer to the email that was sent out on Monday 10th May for the link to be able to access the personal statements from the candidates. Each parent is allowed only **1 vote** despite the number of children you have in school. The closing date for votes is Monday 17th May at 3pm.

POLITE REMINDER: We would like to remind you that as a DCC School there is a **NO SMOKING** policy in place for in or around the school site, this includes E-cigarettes. Thank you for your cooperation.

REPORTS: Reports will be coming home on the 9th July 2021. We will be arranging phone parent consultations by appointment only week beginning 12th July 2021.

WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY: Please could we remind parents that pupils are NOT allowed to wear Apple watches or Smart watches in school as they can be connected to the Internet and are also expensive items. This applies to jewellery in general, a small stud earring can be worn in the ear but necklaces, bracelets and other hooped or dangle earrings are prohibited in school. **Earrings should be removed for P.E or plasters provided from home to cover them. Thank you.**

WATER BOTTLES: Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle every day, especially as the weather is hopefully going to get warmer. We have water dispensers in school which children have access to.

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.

Gates open at 8.35 am and close at 9 am **after which time the day gate on Waveney Road is used.** This enables the site to be safely used for learning in the first lesson.

Preschool entry 8.50 am, gate opens for collection 11.45 am.

Gates open at 3 pm and close at 3.25pm.

SAFEGUARDING: FIRST CONTACT: If you have a concern about a child or young person at any time 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

Online Safety Update April 21

One of the side effects of lockdown has been the increased use of technology. Most children have really benefited from this when in lockdown but unfortunately sometimes it can go wrong. The misuse of technology that some primary aged children have experienced includes, bullying, fraud and child abuse. We now need parents to take an active role in keeping their children safe in the online world, just as they would in real life!

The best way of protecting your children is to talk with them about how they use technology, find out about the apps, websites and games they use and make sure they can share any worries they have with you. Both the net-aware and internetmatters.org websites are full of helpful advice.

As a school we take online safety very seriously and children are taught about keeping safe throughout their time in school, so they develop the skills and resilience needed to keep themselves safe on line. We should remember that they are still children, they will make mistakes and they will need your support not only to stay safe but to grow and flourish both online and offline.

Below we have listed five useful websites to help support your child staying safe. Please take some time to talk to your children and find out more on the websites below. Parents and carers are also welcome to discuss issues and get support from the school – we will help.

| Website | Comment |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| www.internetmatters.org | Really useful website covering parental controls, apps and all aspects of supporting parents with technology. |
| www.net-aware.org.uk | Great website for parents, written by the NSPCC that explains about individual apps and the safety measures they have in place for children |
| https://www.childline.org.uk | The website for children to get support themselves |
| https://www.ltai.info | Support with radicalisation |
| https://www.getsafeonline.org | More for parents – this site explains how to protect yourself against online fraud – which is an increasing problem. |

Testing reminder for parents and carers.

Have coronavirus symptoms and need a test?

If anyone in your household has symptoms you need to book a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test as soon as possible. For more information and to book a PCR test visit www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call NHS test and trace free on 119

As coronavirus symptoms in children can vary it is advised that children who are unwell should not attend school until they are well again.

Alternatively Durham County Council offers support to people seeking further advice about coronavirus through the County Durham Together Community Hub, details of which can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/covid19help or by phoning 03000 260 260.

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 |
|----------|--------|------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 07.06.21 | Monday | ALL | CPD Day | Teacher training on site. |
| 16.07.21 | Friday | Y6 | Moor House Adventure Centre | See class letter for info. |

Holiday dates

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| Friday 28 th May 2021 | Last day of school before half term week |
| Tuesday 8th June 2021 | School reopens for term 3b |
| Tuesday 20 th July 2021 | Last day of school before Summer holidays |



Attendance

Yellow – STM 95.77% Blue – NA 97.18% Green – SDA 97.81% Red – QEII 98.63%

| CLASS 1 | CLASS 2 | CLASS 3 | CLASS 4 | CLASS 5 | CLASS 6 | CLASS 7 | CLASS 8 | CLASS 9 | CLASS 10 | CLASS 11 | CLASS 12 |
|---------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| 97.33% | 100.00% WINNERS! | 98.52% | 98.52% | 94.44% | 94.15% | 97.98% | 96.30% | 97.92% | 97.13% | 98.22% WINNERS! | 97.44% |



Certificates

RESILIENT: Aria C C2, Freddie R C9, Christopher C C12.

REFLECTIVE: Erin S C1, Zak R-B C7, Isla-Rose M C8.

RESOURCEFUL: Athena M C5, Louie S C6, Lily P C10, Joshua B C11.

RECIPROCAL: Oliver C C3, Una R C4.

RESPECTFUL:

Pen Licence

Lilah P C5, Well done to you!



Birthdays

CLASS 4 HETTIE S.

CLASS 6 JOHN W.

CLASS 7 ZAK R-B.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!

