

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: **Vacancy**
Co-opted: Mrs J Winn, Mr M Grinstead, Mrs C Williams
Parent: Mrs K Bailey, Mrs R Cammiss & Ms A Marshall
Associate Governor: W Fickling
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**

Winter Term 1a Week 2
News
Week beginning 08.11.21

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
94.09%
Well done everyone!

Shotton Hall Primary School
Working together to
S H I N E
Successful, Happy, Inspired
and Nurtured towards
Excellence

Headteacher: Mrs A.M. Boyd
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs J Bowmaker
Assistant Headteacher: 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

BREAKFAST CLUB: Breakfast Club is open to Reception children up to Year 6, this does not need to be booked but will need to be paid for in advance please through Parentpay. The cost per day is £2 for the first child and £1 for any siblings.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: After School Club is open to Reception children up to Year 6 and is open from Monday to Thursday. This must be booked and paid for 1 week in advance via Parentpay please.

Apologies we are unable to accept last minute bookings.

EMERGENCY CARE: Any requests for emergency care for children must be discussed and approved by Mrs Boyd.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CLOSING AT 5PM PROMPT. YOUR CHILD MUST BE COLLECTED BY 5PM.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB COLLECTION: Children need to be collected from the After School Club doors near reception, access is gained through the buzzer at the day gate in Waveney Road, we cannot release children to walk down the drive themselves for safeguarding reasons. The gate needs to be pushed it does not open automatically. **Siblings need to be 14 yrs of age or older to be able to collect other siblings from After School Club, and a form will need to be completed before collection will be allowed.**

PARKING: Please be mindful of our neighbours as to where you are parking following a complaint from one of the residents. Please do not park on the grass, block driveways or garages. Thank you.

CONTACT DETAILS: Please can you ensure we have up to date contact numbers in case of illness or accidents in school.

SAFETY NOTICE: We would like to kindly remind you that the area at the bottom of the school drive and also the area at the bottom of Waveney Rd are not to be used as a turning circle, we have had a couple of near misses recently and feel this is something we needed to bring to your attention as a matter of safety for pupils entering and leaving school.

PACKED LUNCHES: Please could we remind parents not to send sweets or chocolate in with your child's packed lunch. We have had children bringing in lollies & chocolate, but as we are a "Healthy School" we kindly ask that healthy choices are included. Thank you.

PARENTPAY: Could we kindly ask that where possible card payments are preferred rather than bank transfer as payments take longer to clear using bank transfer. Also please pay for dinners either weekly or monthly in advance. Thank you.

ADDITIONAL DAYS HOLIDAY: Please note the "Holiday Dates" section of the newsletter as Durham County have asked school to identify an additional days holiday and this date as agreed with Governors will be Friday 18th February 2022. Children will return to school Tuesday 1st March 2022.

CHILDREN IN NEED: School will be taking part in CHILDREN IN NEED this year Friday 19th November. Children can come to school in non-uniform. If you would like to make a donation then please does so through Parentpay. Thank you.

JUMPERS/CARDIGANS: Please could we ask you to put your child's name in their clothing as we frequently have jumpers, coats & cardigans left in school and we're not sure which child they belong to.

Start and end times to the school day

Now that we are no longer required to work in bubbles from September these will be the start time for lessons. Gates will open at 8.40 am and close at 9 am, reopen at 3 pm and close at 3.30 pm.

Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 8.55am - 3.10pm

Classes 5.6.7.8.9.10.11 and 12 9am-3.15 pm

This ensures all pupils receive 5 hours learning time throughout the school day.

GOVERNOR VACANCY: We have a vacancy for a governor on our body. This is a local authority governor vacancy therefore the successful candidate does not need to be a parent in the school. Expressions of interest to Mrs Boyd please.

DOGS: A polite request to please keep dogs away from the exit points of our school as some of our children are nervous of dogs and we have received concerns from some parents.

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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Please remember to complete a leave of absence form for any time taken out of school time. Thank you.

APPOINTMENTS: Please contact the office to inform us of any appointments your child has to attend during school time. Office staff do not see messages sent to teachers via dojo.

SICKNESS: Please contact the office to report sickness as messages via Dojo do not come to the office. Thank you.

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 to use in class. We have water dispensers in school which children have access to. It is school policy for children to only have water in their bottles.

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 8.50am at the Passfield Way entrance and close at 9am at the Waveney Road entrance **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.

P.E Policy: Reminder of our P.E Policy. Pupils should be appropriately dressed for P.E. in either school kit (red t-shirt, black shorts/leggings/trousers), or other suitable clothes including t-shirt, shorts or tracksuit bottoms that follow PE kit guidelines. Footwear can include plimsols, trainers or barefoot (depending on the suitability of the activity).

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

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
08.12.21	Wednesday	C1 & C2	Xmas Party	More info to follow
10.12.21	Friday	Preschool	Xmas Party	More info to follow
13.12.21	Monday	C3 & C4	Xmas Party	More info to follow
14.12.21	Tuesday	C5 & C6	Xmas Party	More info to follow
14.12.21	Tuesday	Whole School	Holly & Ivy Roadshow (am)	More info to follow
15.12.21	Wednesday	C7 & C8	Xmas Party	More info to follow
16.12.21	Thursday	C9 & C10	Xmas Party	More info to follow
16.12.21	Thursday	Xmas Dinner & Xmas Jumper Day	Whole School	More info to follow
17.12.21	Friday	Xmas Dinner & Xmas Jumper Day	Whole school	More info to follow

Holiday dates

Friday 17 th December 2021	School closes for Xmas holidays
Tuesday 4 th & Wednesday 5 th January 2022	CPD Days school will be closed to pupils
Thursday 6th January 2022	School reopens for term 2a
Thursday 17 th February 2022	Last day of school before half term week
Friday 18th February 2022	School closed - Additional days holiday
Monday 28th February 2022	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Tuesday 1 st March 2022	School reopens for term 2b
Friday 8 th April 2022	School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 25th April 2022	School opens for term 2b
Monday 2 nd May 2022	School closed for May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd May 2022	School opens



Attendance

Yellow – STM 93.70%

Blue – NA 92.94%

Green – SDA 95.57%

Red – QEII 94.30%

CLASS 1 96.88% WINNERS!	CLASS 2 88.50%	CLASS 3 91.75%	CLASS 4 92.00%	CLASS 5 96.67%	CLASS 6 95.83%	CLASS 7 95.26%	CLASS 8 98.74% WINNERS!	CLASS 9 96.67%	CLASS 10 94.81%	CLASS 11 90.87%	CLASS 12 91.07%
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Certificates

RESILIENT: Madeline R C3, Ava H C5, Louie M C11, Leo B C12, Niall P C12.

REFLECTIVE: Berty H C4, Chloe L C6, Georgia T C8.

RESOURCEFUL: Megan B C9, John S C10.

RECIPROCAL: Noah C C1, Olivia C C2.

RESPECTFUL: Yuvraj M C7, Finn T C11.

Pen Licence

Solomon F Well done to you!



Birthdays

CLASS 3 JESSICA B

CLASS 7 JASPER R, GRACIE C

CLASS 8 JENSON H

CLASS 9 SOPHIA H & ISABELLA M

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!

