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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**

Spring Term 1a Week 4
News
Week beginning 31.01.22

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
91.87%
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 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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a tricky week in school with some staff off ill with covid and in isolation. You will have seen in the press this is a problem currently for all schools. We have bubbled some classes and are doing all we can to remain open to keep our children's learning at the centre of our work and their safety our top priority. We recognise how difficult it is for our families if we consider closures so we are doing our best to avoid this. We are managing with our usual staff, some are teaching online from home and others setting the planning, but we are bringing in the minimum amount of supply cover to help us. These teachers are safe and familiar with the year group they are teaching and their work is being overseen by our own team.

I have had the pleasure of being at the Waveney Road gateway after school this week and thank you for the lovely comments about our school. It is lovely to see you and have a chat – almost back to normal! It is really important that we have good relationships with our parents and carers so if you have issues please do not hesitate to make contact with us through the school email address, the contact page on our website or via dojo for the teachers.

Today is our NSPCC numbers day “ with dress as you please/dress up for digits” so all the children are enjoying a bit of down time and fun in their classes which is lovely to see! Have a lovely weekend.



URGENT SAFEGUARDING: At SHPS we believe we all have a duty to keep all children safe. If you have a concern about any child or young person 'First Contact' has made it very easy for you to get in touch with them and this can be done anonymously. Telephone: 03000 267979, E-mail: scd@durham.gov.uk.
www.durham.gov.uk/firstcontact **Thank you so much for your vigilance.**

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL VACANCIES: Durham County Road Safety Team have asked school to let parents/carers know of 2 vacancies for School Crossing Patrol on Burnhope Way. The jobs are listed on North East Jobs, the links are as follows: https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School_Crossing_Patrol/218612
And https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School_Crossing_Patrol/219515

If you don't have access to the Internet but are interested in applying please contact the Road Safety Team at Durham County Council tel: 03000 268170 and an application form can be sent out in the post.

VIRTUAL CLASS ASSEMBLIES: Starting in February we will be posting to Facebook/Dojo our class assemblies, these will be held either in class or in the hall and will be recorded and posted on the morning for you to be able to view online.

Pre-school Thursday 10th February

Classes 1 & 2 Thursday 17th February

Classes 3 & 4 Thursday 9th March

Classes 5 & 6 Thursday 17th March

Classes 7 & 8 Thursday 24th March

Classes 9 & 10 Thursday 31st March

Classes 11 & 12 Thursday 7th April

Please note these will not be in school events for parents/carers to attend but rather available on Facebook/Dojo. Thank you.

PARKING: Following a recent complaint from one of our neighbours could we kindly remind you not to block kerbs or driveways and to please take any litter home with you. Thank you

LUNCHES: Please inform the school office if you would like to change your child to either packed lunch or school dinners, we would need 2 weeks notice to make the necessary changes. 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.

JEWELLERY: Small stud earrings can be worn but necklaces, bracelets and other hooped or dangle earrings are not allowed for safety reasons. Earrings must be removed for P.E or plasters provided from home to cover them.

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: 'Night Owls' Club must be booked and paid for 1 week in advance via Parentpay and we are unable to accept last minute bookings. Requests for emergency care for children must be discussed and approved by Mrs Boyd or the senior lead in school. The club is open to Reception children up to Year 6 from Monday to Thursday. Due to low numbers there is no club on Friday.

Collection is via the day gate which needs to be pushed as it does not open automatically and from the small hall doors next to reception. We do not release children to walk down the drive for safeguarding reasons. Siblings must be minimum 14 yrs of age to collect other siblings and a form will need to be completed to authorise this. **Children must be collected no later than 5 pm.**

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

PACKED LUNCHES: We operate as a healthy school. Please see the food policy on our website for more information. Children with sweets and chocolates will not be able to eat them at lunchtime so please do not put them in their lunch boxes. A small cake or biscuit bar is acceptable.

PARENTPAY: Please pay by card rather than bank transfer as these take longer to process. Please pay for dinners either weekly or monthly in advance.

ADDITIONAL DAYS HOLIDAY: as advised by DCC we have identified an additional days holiday as Friday 18th February 2022. Children will return to school Tuesday 1st March 2022.

SCHOOL TIMES:

Gates open 8.40 am and close at 9 am, reopen at 3 pm and close at 3.30 pm.

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

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

Classes 5.6.7.8.9.10.11 and 12 9am-3.15 pm

POLITE REMINDERS:

Contact the office to report sickness as messages via Dojo do not come to the office.

Complete a leave of absence form for any time taken out of school time.

Contact the office if your child has to attend an appointment- they do not have access to Dojo.

Keep your dog on a lead and away from the entrances.

In line with DCC policy this is a non smoking site including vapes.

Our admin staff do not have access to Dojo so please ring them to report absence.

Testing reminder for parents and carers

Have coronavirus symptoms and need a test?

If your child has symptoms it is advisable to do a Lateral Flow Test (LFT). If the test is positive, then your child needs to isolate and repeat an LFT on day 5 and day 6, if these are negative your child can return to school. If your child tests positive, it is government advice that family members complete an LFT daily for 7 days. More information is available 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
4.2.2022	Friday	Whole School	NSPCC Number Day "Dress up for Digits"	Wear an item of clothing with a number on either top, cap, socks etc. £1 donation via Parentpay to NSPCC.

Holiday dates

Thursday 17 th February 2022	Last day of school before half term week
Friday 18th February 2022	School closed - Additional day holiday
Monday 28th February 2022	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Tuesday 1st March 2022	School opens 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 3rd May 2022	School opens
Friday 27 th May 2022	Last day of school before half term week
Monday 6th June 2022	School opens for term 2c
Thursday 21 st July 2022	Last day of school before Summer Holidays
Friday 2nd Sept 2022	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Monday 5th Sept 2022	School opens for term 3a



Attendance

Yellow – STM 91.76%

Blue – NA 89.93%

Green – SDA 94.67%

Red – QEII 90.55%

CLASS 1 92.39%	CLASS 2 95.38%	CLASS 3 95.50%	CLASS 4 95.83% WINNERS!	CLASS 5 83.75%	CLASS 6 83.62%	CLASS 7 93.91%	CLASS 8 86.67%	CLASS 9 99.58% WINNERS!	CLASS 10 84.85%	CLASS 11 98.83%	CLASS 12 92.14%
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Certificates

RESILIENT: Skyler O C1, Archie R C3, Isla-Rose M C10, Louie C C11.

REFLECTIVE: Monroe B C6, Louie S C8.

RESOURCEFUL: William B C4, Ruby L C5, Chloe K C11.

RECIPROCAL: Maizi I C12, Lily P C12.

RESPECTFUL: Sydney D C2, Lucy W C7, Brooke W C9.

Pen Licence

Well done to you!



Birthdays

CLASS 3 ARIA P.

CLASS 4 KATE J.

CLASS 5 OLIVER C & LAYLA C.

CLASS 6 FEARNE M.

CLASS 9 BROOKE W.

CLASS 10 CRUZ M.

CLASS 11 LOUIE C.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!

