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Chair: Mr T Watson

Vice Chair: Mrs J Winn

Local Authority: **Vacancy**

Co-opted: Mrs C Williams

Parent: Mrs K Bailey, Mrs R Cammiss & Ms A Marshall

Staff: Mrs J Henry,

You may contact any governor via the school. **Complaints in the first instance are to be communicated to the Acting Head teacher Mrs J Bowmaker .**

Autumn Term Week 1
News
Week beginning 05.09.22

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
96.76%

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

Acting Headteacher: Mrs J Bowmaker

Acting Deputy Headteacher: Mrs R Hext

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/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to what will be a very busy Autumn Term!

It's been so lovely chatting with parents this week at the Passfield Way entrance and welcoming our children back into school. They have settled really well into their new classes and our new starters have been little stars!

We have also enjoyed having our parents in school this week to attend our "Welcome Back Meetings" and we are looking forward to continuing to meet with more parents next week.

After the sad news of Queen Elizabeth II passing, we have been remembering the lovely Jubilee party which we held in May when we celebrated the historical reign of our Queen. On Monday for KS1 and Tuesday for KS2 we will be holding a Special Assembly in school for our children to celebrate her remarkable life.

Also, please see our updated school website showing our members of staff and pastoral/safeguarding leads whom you are welcome to contact should there be a need.

We have our residential Lockerbie trip happening next week, for classes 10,11,12G & 12M. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for photos and updates of their fun activities.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Joanne Bowmaker
Acting Head teacher.



Birthdays

CLASS 9 IVY C

CLASS 11 JACOB O

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!



WELCOME MEETINGS: As the new school year begins in September we would like to invite parents/carers to an informal “Welcome Meeting” to visit your child’s new classroom and meet their new teacher. At this meeting you will hear about the subjects and topics your child will be studying and learn about the trips and enriching experiences we have planned for the year. We’d love to welcome you and answer any questions you may have.

Meetings are being held on the dates shown in the “Dates for your Diary” section of this newsletter. They will start straight after school and last about 30 minutes. You can make your way to school via the Waveney Road or Passfield Way gates once your children have been dismissed.

GOVERNOR VACANCIES: We have vacancies for 2 governors within our school, if you are interested in applying please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mr T Watson.

THEATRE SCHOOL PLACES: The Academy at Shotton Hall are proud to offer each primary school 2 free places (4-11 yrs.) Theatre School runs Saturday term times 10am -1pm. Please contact the Academy direct if interested.



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.

ONLINE SAFETY: A number of our younger children have been talking about and drawing characters from the PG Game “Poppy’s Playtime”, these characters include, Huggy Wuggy, Kissy Missy, Poppy Playtime and Mommy Long Legs. The game is a **PC Horror puzzle game which is PEGI rated 12+** and is not suitable for younger children. However, the game is being imitated on the popular game **Roblox** and it is also very popular on **Youtube**. Because of the innocent name of the game many videos are not being picked up by YouTube’s filters. We urge parents to be vigilant in what their children are playing and watching online.

BREAKFAST CLUB TIMES: Please can we remind you that entry to Breakfast Club should **NOT** be before 7.45am and that entry is via the **DAY GATE** and **NOT** through the staff car park.

SCOOTERS/BIKES: Can we kindly remind parents that children’s scooters/bikes are not to be used inside school grounds. There have been some near misses lately and we want to keep everyone safe whilst on site.

SAFETY: Please can we remind parents not to use the entrance to the school in Waveney Rd as a turning circle, as there has been damage done to the fence. Thank you.

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

SCHOOL MEAL CHARGES: As of Tuesday 6th Sept 2022 school meal charges will be increasing to £2.25 per day (£11.25 per week).

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 via the office (NOT on Class Dojo) 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. Children with sweets and chocolates will not be able to eat them at lunchtime so please do not put them in their lunch boxes.

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.

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 9am - 3.15pm

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.

Please do not play loud music in your car whilst waiting for your child, as this can be disruptive for our neighbours. Thank you.

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

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
09.09.22	Friday	Classes 3,4 11 & 12	Welcome Meeting	Details are above
12.09.22	Monday	Classes 5 & 6	Welcome Meeting	Details are above
14.09.22	Wednesday	Classes 7 & 8	Welcome Meeting	Details are above

Holiday dates

Friday 21 st Oct 2022	Last day of school before half term
Monday 31st Oct 2022	School opens for term 1b
Tuesday 20 th Dec 2022	Last day of school before Xmas holidays
Wednesday 4th Jan 2023	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Thursday 5 th Jan 2023	School opens for term 2a
Friday 17 th Feb 2023	Last day of school before half term
Monday 27th Feb 2023	School opens for term 2b
Friday 31 st Mar 2023	Last day of school before Easter holidays
Monday 17th Apr 2023	School opens for term 3a
Friday 28 th Apr 2023	Last day of school before May Bank Holiday
Monday 1 st May 2023	School closed May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May 2023	School opens 3b
Thursday 25 th May 2023	Last day of school before half term
Friday 26th May 2023	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Monday 5th June 2023	School opens for term 1a
Thursday 20 th July 2023	Last day of school before Summer Holidays
Friday 21st July 2023	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Monday 4th Sept 2023	School opens for term 3a



Attendance

Yellow – STM Blue – NA Green – SDA Red – QEII

CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	CLASS 5	CLASS 6	CLASS 7	CLASS 8	CLASS 9	CLASS 10	CLASS 11	CLASS 12G	CLASS 12M
100% WINNERS!	100% WINNERS!	100% WINNERS!	98.29%	97.62%	93.71%	97.14%	94.75%	95.57%	98.03% WINNERS!	91.15%	95.57%	94.56%