

Governors voluntarily working on your behalf to ensure all aspects of the school's work are effective and compliant.

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 6

News

Week beginning 10.10.22

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
94.56%

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,

We are having a really big push to improve our attendance in school and hopefully reach our target of 96%. We have purchased 2 new "Attendance Bears". Hettie S in Class 8 researched bears and was chosen to name one of the bears, she picked the name Lacy. Class 6 won the competition in school to name our second bear and they have chosen the name Charlie. Well done to Hettie S who also achieved a Headteacher Award this week too!

We would like to share some exciting news from Jasper R Class 9 who has won gold in the England World Championships in Martial Arts. Well Done Jasper we can't wait to see you and your medal!

As of Monday 17th October parents/carers will be able to book a slot for parents evening via Dojo. The dates are Tuesday 1st November and Wednesday 2nd November.

I am looking forward to observing lots more fantastic work next week. The children and staff are working particularly hard and our school really is a special place to be!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Joanne Bowmaker
Acting Head teacher.

Certificates

Resilient: Ollie F C3, Laurie Rose C C10, Kai B C12G.

Reflective: George K C1, Joshua B-B C6, Charley T C8, L.S C12M, Daniel W C12M.

Resourceful: Oliver E C2, Rae F C4, Henry M-S C5, Jude L C7.

Reciprocal:

Respectful: Ivy U C9, Louis S C11.

Head teacher Awards: KS1 Kelly M, James W and Ava F. KS2 Charlie L, Alice C-W and Hettie S.

Pen Licence:

Well done to you all!



Birthdays

CLASS 2 ELSIE S

CLASS 4 JACOB B & OSCAR M

CLASS 8 FEARNE C

CLASS 10 BOBBY M & LEANNE S

CLASS 12G OLIVIA W

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!



We are delighted to inform you that this year we will be celebrating Halloween with our children in school on Monday 31st October. Children are welcome to come to school in fancy dress or non-uniform. Face paint is welcome too! We will be having a day full of lots of spooky fun including: a disco in the hall, stories outside in the hobbit houses with hot chocolate and marshmallows and lots of lovely activities in classrooms. We are hoping that this will be a very memorable and exciting day for all of our children!

ASSEMBLIES: Our “Celebration Assemblies” are continuing along with our “Citizenship Assemblies”. The “Citizenship Assemblies” are designed to help our children become responsible and informed members of our local, national and international communities. Every Monday, children in KS1 and KS2 will attend a Citizenship Assembly. In these assemblies, children come together in the Key Stages to reflect upon and learn about a diverse range of issues. Citizenship Assemblies are always age-appropriate. They cover topics such as:

British Values

UNICEF Rights of the Child

News Items (such as elections or the jubilee)

Stories about inspirational people

Special days or months (Black History Month, International Womens Day)

Religious festivals

Personal safety (anti-bullying week and internet safety)

DAY GATE: The “Day Gate” will continue to be locked between 3.00-3.25pm for safeguarding reasons.

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 Bowmaker 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, 4, 5, 6 9am - 3.15pm

Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12G, 12M 9am-3.20 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 |
|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 20.10.22 | Thursday | Class 8 | Class Assembly | 9.10am large hall parents/carers welcome |
| 20.10.22 | Thursday | Selected pupils from Years 5/6 | Netball | More details to follow |
| 31.10.22 | Monday | Reception to Year 6 | Influenza Immunisation | Letter to follow |
| 31.10.22 | Monday | Whole School | Halloween Celebration | See above |
| 01.11.22 | Tuesday | Whole School | Parents Evening 3.30 – 5pm | Details about when to book appts will be given soon |
| 02.11.22 | Wednesday | Whole School | Parents Evening 3.30 – 5pm | Details about when to book appts will be given soon |
| 02.11.22 | Wednesday | Selected pupils from Years 5/6 | Tag Rugby | More details to follow |
| 09.11.22 | Wednesday | Selected pupils from Years 5/6 | Girls football | More details to follow |
| 09.11.22 | Wednesday | Class 12M | Class Assembly | 9.10am large hall parents/carers welcome |
| 09.11.22 | Wednesday | Class 12G | Class Assembly | 2.30pm large hall parents/carers welcome |
| 16.11.22 | Wednesday | Selected pupils from Years 5/6 | Sports Hall Athletics | More details to follow |
| 17.11.22. | Thursday | Class 9 | Class Assembly | 9.10am large hall parents/carers welcome |
| 24.11.22 | Thursday | Class 10 | Class Assembly | 9.10am large hall parents/carers welcome |
| 01.12.22 | Thursday | Class 11 | Class Assembly | 9.10am large hall parents/carers welcome |
| 16.12.22 | Friday | Whole School | Short Reports | More details to follow |

Holiday dates

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| 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 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|------------------|
| 97.73% Winners! | 91.40% | 96.00% | 87.50% | 90.10% | 96.63% | 94.17% | 97.08% | 99.14% | 94.17% | 93.55% | 91.80% | 100% Winners! |

