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Chair: Mr T Watson

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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 2 Week 1

News

Week beginning 31.10.22

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
96.88%

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,

What a busy first week back!

We all had a fantastic day on Monday with our Halloween celebrations. There were some amazing costumes and our whole school parade was a real TREAT! We hope you enjoyed looking through our costumes and our Facebook pages and seeing the wonderful activities that the children completed throughout the day.

It was lovely to see so many of you attending our Parents Evening on Tuesday and Wednesday night. Thank you for all of the positive comments – we really do appreciate it!

Classes 7 and 8 have enjoyed a great day out today at the Baltic, they have been focusing on their drawing skills and learning about illustrating cartoon people and animals with the artist Paul Merrick.

On Friday 11th November, our Year 6 children will lead a very special Remembrance Assembly. The assembly will include history, music, poetry, performance and lots of time for reflection. To make the occasion even more special we will be joined by some local veterans. They are coming in uniform, medals included, and will be visiting classrooms during the morning to meet children and share their stories. The whole school will observe a two-minute silence at 11 o'clock. Poppies and other British Legion items are currently on sale in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Joanne Bowmaker

Acting Head teacher

We are also busy preparing our Christmas calendar of events which will include –



Date	Day	Class/Year	Event	Information
29.11.22	Tuesday	Preschool	Gala Theatre trip	More details to follow
02.12.22	Friday	Whole School	Holly and Ivy Roadshow Concert	Whole school concert in school hall
05.12.22	Monday	Whole School	Christmas Fun Run	Whole school event ran by the School Sports Partnership
06.12.22	Tuesday	KS1 Classes 1-6	Christmas Show Dip and Dab's Christmas Mix Up Pantomime	Christmas show for KS1 children in the school hall
07.12.22	Wednesday	Reception Classes 1+2	Nativity Performance	Two performances to be held am and pm. More details to follow.
08.12.22	Thursday	KS2 Classes 7-12	Christmas Show Dip and Dab's Christmas Mix Up Pantomime	Christmas show for KS2 children in the school hall
09.12.22	Friday	Years 1+2 Classes 3-6	Christmas Production	Two performances to be held am and pm. More details to follow
12.12.22	Monday	Preschool	Christmas Party	Morning session in school
12.12.22	Monday	Reception Classes 1+2	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school
13.12.22	Tuesday	Classes 3+4	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school
13.12.22	Tuesday	Classes 7+8	Christmas Concert	Two performances to be held am and after school. More details to follow
14.12.22	Wednesday	Classes 5+6	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school
14.12.22	Wednesday	Classes 9+10	Christmas Concert	Two performances to be held am and after school. More details to follow
15.12.22	Thursday	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	More details to follow
15.12.22	Thursday	Preschool	Christmas sing-a-long	Morning session in the school hall
16.12.22	Friday	Classes 7+8	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school
16.12.22	Friday	Classes 11, 12G and 12M	Christmas Concert	Two performances to be held am and after school. More details to follow
19.12.22	Monday	Classes 9+10	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school
20.12.22	Tuesday	Classes 11, 12G and 12M	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school

Certificates

Resilient: Bella U C1, Charlotte P C7, Charlie C C11, Ellie-Mae S C12G.

Reflective: India B C3, Megan B C11.

Resourceful: Harper R C4, Noah W C9, Emelia B C11, Skye R C12M.

Reciprocal: Poppy C C2.

Respectful: Elliot O C5, Matthew S C6, Jake F C10.

Class 8's certificates will be given out next week due to their trip.

Head teacher Awards: KS1 Remi W C1, Tiffany D C2, India B C3, & Junior S C4. KS2 Charlotte S C12M, Patrick C C12M, Kaiden B C12M & Archie D C12M.

Pen Licence:

Well done to you all!



Birthdays

CLASS 3 OLIVER K

CLASS 4 FINLEY L

CLASS 6 JOSHUA L

CLASS 8 JOSHUA C

CLASS 11 SOPHIA H

CLASS 12G ELLIE-MAE S & KAI B.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!

CLASS DOJO: We understand a small number of parents have been experiencing problems using Class Dojo recently. If you are experiencing difficulties, please check that you have downloaded and updated the most recent version of the app, as this will resolve most problems. Please could parents also ensure they have the notifications turned on so that you do not miss any messages or posts from class teachers.

POPPY APPEAL: Just a reminder that the Poppy Appeal is in school. We have poppies, snap bands, wrist bands, zip pulls, and reflectors for sale. Prices are as follows: a donation for a poppy and £1 for all other items except snap bands which are £1.50. Please send cash into school as this will go into the charity box. Thank you.

NEW MENU'S: New menu's will be coming home tonight which will come into effect Monday 14th November 2022. We kindly ask you to complete your child's copy and return it to school on Monday 7th November. Thank you.

BOOK FAIR: We are excited to have the Book Fair back in our school after nearly 3 years. Children will have the opportunity to come down to the hall with their class and browse the book titles on Monday and Tuesday. We kindly ask that no monies be sent into school until Wednesday. We will also be inviting parents in on Wednesday after school until 5pm to be able to purchase books. The "Scholastic" website is available to check titles and prices of the books we will have in school.

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.

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.

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
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
18.11.22	Friday	Whole School	Children In Need	More details to follow
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

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 – 96.45% STM

Blue – 96.47% NA

Green – 96.84% SDA

Red – 97.92% 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
98.86%	96.20%	100.00% Winners!	97.50%	91.67%	95.19%	97.08%	99.58% Winners!	96.55%	98.75%	95.16%	97.08%	95.83%

