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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 2

### News

Week beginning 07.11.22

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

ATTENDANCE  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
**95.12%**

## 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've had another lovely week in school.

This morning our Key Stage 2 children were honoured to be joined by local veterans from East Durham Veterans Trust for some very special Remembrance assemblies. The beautiful and moving assemblies were performed by our Year 6 children who have studied World War One a part of their History curriculum. During the assemblies, children shared poetry, songs, history and thoughtful reflections about the significance of Remembrance Day. At eleven o'clock, the whole school observed a two-minute silence. A special "Well Done" to Harry F who played "The Last Post" on the cornet, solo!

A big heartfelt thank you for all your support with our Book Fair this week. You have all helped to make this our most successful one yet! The children have loved coming down to the hall to look at the books and place their orders. Thank you to everyone who came to our late night on Wednesday. We were so busy and appreciative of everyone's patience and kind comments. We will let you know our grand total next week – we know it has been fantastic. Anyone who has placed an order for a book will receive it next week. Thank you again!

Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit from the Fire Brigade on Wednesday afternoon, the firefighters showed how the lights and sirens work on the fire truck and the children thoroughly enjoyed seeing the water hoses being fired across our school.

I'm also thrilled to announce our Key Stage 2 choir have made it through to the next round of the Durham Music Service Choir of the Year competition. They will be off to Durham in December and we will keep our fingers crossed, we are wishing them lots of luck!

Just a polite reminder that both gates will be open from **8.40 am** and will close at **8.55 am** to allow lessons to begin promptly at **9.00 am**. Thank you.

Next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need and our school will be taking part in lots of fun activities throughout the day. The theme this year is "SPOTacular", so children can come to school dressed in spots or non-uniform. I'm sure we're going to have a fantastic day.

Kind regards,

Joanne Bowmaker

Acting Head teacher

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



<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Class/Year</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Information</b>
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:** Jackson S C2, Amelia B C3, Madeline R C5, William B C6, T-Jay M C8, Cara C C9, Rogan P C11, Thomas C C12M.

**Reflective:** Archie C C1, Mason T C10.

**Resourceful:** Dante P C12G.

**Reciprocal:**

**Respectful:** Olivia C C4, Mena D C7, Monroe B C8.

**Head teacher Awards:** KS1 Seb J C6, Aria P C5, Jacob C C3. KS2 Charlotte P, Poppy R C11, Liam O C12G Harry F C12G.

**Pen Licence:** Lola M C8.

**Well done to you all!**



## Birthdays

CLASS 2 HARRIET McM, JACK L.

CLASS 5 JESSICA B.

CLASS 9 SIENA A.

CLASS 10 ISLA McB.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!

**SCHOOL CROSSING:** There will be no school crossing patrol cover at Durham Way/Passfield Way roundabout on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCIES:** We have 3 vacancies in school for Midday Supervisory Assistants. The hours are Monday to Friday 11.15am to 13.15pm. If you would like an application form or any further information, please contact the school office.

**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.

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

**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](mailto:scd@durham.gov.uk). [www.durham.gov.uk/firstcontact](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 8.55 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 8.50am - 3.10 pm

Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12G, 12M 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
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 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	Last day of school before Xmas holidays
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023</b>	<b>CPD Day school will be closed to pupils</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023	<b>School opens for term 2a</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2023	Last day of school before half term
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023</b>	<b>School opens for term 2b</b>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2023	Last day of school before Easter holidays
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Apr 2023</b>	<b>School opens for term 3a</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2023	Last day of school before May Bank Holiday
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	School closed May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023	School opens <b>3b</b>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Last day of school before half term
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>	<b>CPD Day school will be closed to pupils</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>	<b>School opens for term 1a</b>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Last day of school before Summer Holidays
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023</b>	<b>CPD Day school will be closed to pupils</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023</b>	<b>School opens for term 3a</b>



**Attendance**

Yellow – 95.59% STM

Blue – 94.94% NA

Green – 94.46% SDA

Red – 95.31% 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
95.94%	94.77%	96.10% Winners!	95.19%	92.81%	95.79%	93.65%	96.47%	96.63% Winners!	94.73%	94.70%	93.36%	96.37%

