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school. **Complaints in the first instance are to be communicated to the Head Teacher**

Mrs J Bowmaker.

Spring Term 1 Week 5

News

Week beginning 06.02.23

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
94.06%

Shotton Hall Primary School

Working together to

SHINE

**Successful, Happy, Inspired
and Nurtured towards
Excellence**

Head Teacher: 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 have had another brilliant week in school with lots to celebrate!

Artist, illustrator and author Liz Million visited every class in school this week to deliver drawing workshops as part of our *Year of Traditional Tales*. This year, we plan to publish an illustrated anthology of imaginative retellings of some of our favourite stories, with work from each class. Liz came to help us plan the illustrations which will accompany our stories. Liz is great fun and children and adults enjoyed her workshops and learnt lots of useful drawing tips and techniques. Thank you to Ms Metcalfe for arranging this for us.

Today our choir sang 'When I grow up' from Matilda in KS1 assembly **and** KS2 assembly, they sounded incredible. I am sure we have some future Broadway stars amongst them – well done!

Next Wednesday we have Classes 7,8,9,10,11,12G and 12M attending the Academy to watch a performance of Matilda the musical, I am sure they will have a great time.

I would like to remind you that school closes for the half-term break on Friday 17th February and reopens on Monday 27th February.

Have a great weekend,

Joanne Bowmaker

Head Teacher

Certificates

Resilient: Jack L C2, Junior Smith C4, Lucas J C12G.

Reflective: Hayden L C1, Thomas D C3, Kai S C5, Shaun P C6, Emily Ha C7, James H C8, Jessica L C11, Finn T C12M.

Resourceful:

Reciprocal: Taylor H C9.

Respectful: Leanne S C10.

Head teacher Awards: KS1 Joshua L C6, Daisy S C5, Ethan H C2. KS2 Cara C C9, Callum K C9, Jenson H C10.

Pen Licence: Kate J C6 & Blaine B C8.

Well done to you all!



Birthdays

CLASS 4 HARPER R.

CLASS 8 T-JAY M.

CLASS 9 ANNABELLE & HEIDI S.

CLASS 11 AVA-GRACE E & ALFIE M.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!

AIR-UP BOTTLES: We have noticed in KS2 a lot of children are bringing “Air-Up” water bottles to school. (Fancy water bottles which have a scented pod at the top to trick you into thinking you are drinking flavoured water). They are very trendy at the moment and popular on TikTok. However, these bottles start at £39.95 – and therefore as a school **we will not accept any liability** in the event your child’s bottle is lost or broken.

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.

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: Can we kindly remind you that due to insurance purposes we cannot allow pupils to enter site before 7.45am for Breakfast Club and that the Day Gate buzzer will not be answered before this time. Also there is no access to Breakfast Club through the staff car park. Thank you.

ROAD 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 and it can cause a problem for staff entering the site. Thank you.

BIKES & SCOOTERS: Please can we remind you that bikes and scooters are **not** to be used on school site as this is a safety hazard. 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 Monday 27th February 2023 school meal charges will be increasing to £2.41 per day (£12.05 per week). And then as of Monday 4th September 2023 they will increase to £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week) until September 2024.

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. 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. We ask children to take their rubbish or leftovers home for parents/carers to see what they have eaten.

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 8.55am - 3.15 pm

Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12G, 12M 8.55am-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
16.02.23	Thursday	Classes 1 & 2	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome.
02.03.23	Thursday	Class 9	Beamish Museum	Please see class letter
07.03.23	Tuesday	Class 5	National Glass Centre	Please see class letter
08.03.23	Wednesday	Class 6	National Glass Centre	Please see class letter
09.03.23	Thursday	Class 12G	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome.
16.03.23	Thursday	Class 12M	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome.
23.03.23	Thursday	Class 11	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome.
24.03.23	Friday	Whole School	Reports for Parents/Carers	Reports will come home with your child.
27.03.23	Monday	Whole School	Parents Evening	More details to follow
28.03.23	Tuesday	Whole School	Parents Evening	More details to follow
30.03.23	Thursday	Class 10	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome.

Holiday dates

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 – 93.32% STM

Blue – 92.94% NA

Green – 96.55% SDA

Red – 94.05% 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
83.70%	99.46%	97.12%	100.00% WINNERS!	91.15%	98.08%	89.92%	94.58%	95.83%	89.17%	99.17% WINNERS!	85.83%	98.81%

