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Spring Term 2 Week 5
News
Week beginning 27.03.23

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
94.58%

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 R Hext
Site Manager: Mrs W. Fickling
School Business Manager: Mrs J. Johnson

Dear Parents / Carers,

Here we are at the end of another incredibly busy term! It was so lovely to see so many of you attending parents evening this week. Thank you very much for all of the positive comments and kind words, it really does mean so much to all of the staff.

This week Classes 7 and 8 had a very special day in school with their Roman Visitor. The children found out so many interesting facts.....

'I loved learning about the battle formations and Roman life' (Eugene. L)

'The Roman visitor set up lots of different activities and told us about how to be an archeologist' (Thomas P)

Well done to our musicians who performed at the Sage last night. Not only did we have compliments about their musical talents but also everyone involved commented on their outstanding behavior – well done!

Also, a huge well done to Mrs Carr's class who performed on stage at the Academy 'The boy in the dress' by David Walliams.

We had a special treat in assembly today when our Reception and Pre-school children showed off their Easter bonnets in a spectacular Easter parade and performed two songs – well done to all of you!

Year 1 had a wonderful visit to St. Cuthbert's Church in Peterlee this week. They learned about The Easter Story through an interactive workshop in Church. Reverend Elaine, along with the ladies who come into school every Tuesday for our 'Open The Book' assemblies, led them around the Church. They acted out the main events of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with Easter Sunday. The children were fully immersed in the experience and were so excited by everything they were asked to take part in. They even managed to squeeze in some Easter crafts! A big THANK YOU to St. Cuthbert's for such a special afternoon.

Also, we participated in a dance festival at Murton Glebe centre - Charlotte, Isla-Rose, Tilly and Scarletrose performed a routine they had developed in after school club to 'You've got the love'. Olivia performed her acro solo performance to 'Jai-ho.' All the girls did amazingly well.

We had a number of children take part in a basketball skills festival from year 4 at the EDC. They were, Gracie, Cara, Solomon, Taylor, Callum, Yuvraj, Jacob, Athena & Lucy. On the same day some of our Year 5 boys took part in a basketball competition, they were Josh, Zac, Louis, Rohan & Charlie. Well done everyone.

On behalf of all of the team at Shotton Hall Primary school I would like to wish you a lovely Easter break and hope you enjoy time with family and friends.

School will reopen on Monday 17th April.

Kind regards

Joanne Bowmaker

Head Teacher

Certificates

Resilient: Scarlett S C1, Harry U C4, Olivia C C6, Robyn C C6, Maisie A C8.

Reflective: Alice F C3.

Resourceful: Theo K C7, LS C12M.

Reciprocal: Macie-Ella W C5, Donte W C9, Levi W-S C10, Stevie-Marie R C12G.

Respectful: Poppy C C2, Olivia K C11.

Head teacher Awards: KS1 Lilah S C2, Thomas D C3, Ella T C6, KS2 Cal J C10, Lukas I'A C11, Stevie R C12G

Pen Licence: Thea W C7, Daniel W C8, Donny D, Alex D, Lukas I'A, Jacob O all C10.

Well done to you all!



Birthdays

CLASS 3 JENSON H

CLASS 4 LIAM P

CLASS 6 SHAUN P

CLASS 8 CHARLEY T

CLASS 9 KARA P

CLASS 10 ISLA W, SCARLETROSE C, MILLIE-MAE W

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
04.05.23	Thursday	Class 8	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome.
05.05.23	Friday	Whole School	Coronation Celebration Day	More details to follow
11.05.23	Thursday	Class 7	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome.
18.05.23	Thursday	Class 4	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome.
25.05.23	Thursday	Class 3	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome.
15.06.23	Thursday	Class 6	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome.
22.06.23	Thursday	Class 5	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome.
29.06.23	Thursday	Classes 1 & 2	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parent/ carers welcome.
30.06.23	Friday	Whole School	Shotton Hall Live!	More details to follow
04.07.23	Tuesday	Pre School	Sports Morning	More details to follow
05.07.23	Wednesday	KS1	Sports Day	More details to follow
06.07.23	Thursday	KS2	Sports Day	More details to follow
18.07.23	Tuesday	Year 6	Yr 6 Performance	More details to follow
19.07.23	Wednesday	Year 6	Yr 6 Performance	More details to follow

Holiday dates

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
Friday 8 th May 2023	King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday
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 3b
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 1a



Attendance

Yellow – 94.60% STM

Blue – 94.85% NA

Green – 95.69% SDA

Red – 93.60% 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
96.74% WINNERS!	92.39%	94.44%	94.350%	91.67%	96.15%	96.77%	96.77%	94.58%	87.90%	97.92% WINNERS!	96.24%	93.48%

