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**Summer Term 1 Week 2**  
**News**  
**Week beginning 24.04.23**

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

**ATTENDANCE**  
**WHOLE SCHOOL**  
**94.94%**

**Shotton Hall Primary School**  
Working together to  
**S H I N E**  
**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,

We are all working incredibly hard in school. Our Year 6 children are preparing for their SATS and we are very proud of every single one of them – keep up the good work!

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May for the early Spring Bank Holiday.

We will also be closed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May for the Coronation of King Charles III Bank Holiday weekend. We are all looking forward to our Royal Celebration in school next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – please see the attached letter for further information.

Classes 7 and 8 have had a fantastic time this week at Moorhouse Adventure Centre. They had the opportunity to climb the high ropes which were remarkably tall! The children showed extreme bravery, determination and resilience as they embarked on their climb and their teachers were very proud of them. The children also took part in team building activities which allowed them to practise their reciprocal skills. Great fun was had by all!

Steve “The Minibeast Man” from Castle Eden Dene came to visit our children in Classes 1 and 2 on Thursday. The children were fascinated by the variety of minibeasts they saw and were able to hold the beetles, stick insects, millipedes etc. They also learned lots of interesting facts and saw some scorpions, snakes and tarantulas.

Our Year 1 children are looking forward to their educational visit to Washington Wetlands Centre next Wednesday, I am sure they will have a lovely time.

Our ECO schools team would like to say a huge THANK YOU as we have managed to collect a staggering 17,143 batteries and we are still collecting more!

Once again, thank you for your continued support and enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend!

Best Wishes

Joanne Bowmaker

Head Teacher

## Certificates

**Resilient:** Liam J C2, Jack L C3, Oliver C C7, Zak R-B C11.

**Reflective:** Jack B C1, Ivy J C4, Elliot O C5, Oscar S C8, Charlie E C10, Dushane W C12M.

**Resourceful:**

**Reciprocal:** Fleur L C6, Amelia M C9, Eli R C12G.

**Respectful:**

**Head teacher Awards:** KS1 Autumn F C1, Emily W C4, Madeline R C5 KS2 Bobby M C10 Charlie S C8, Eugene L C8.

**Pen Licence:** Sofia K C7.

**Well done to you all!**



## Birthdays

CLASS 3 DANIEL S.

CLASS 10 JAKE F.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!**

**CLASS DOJO:** You may have noticed that there have been a number of updates to Class Dojo recently. There has been a group messaging function added, which allows parents to include more than one teacher in a message. You may also now receive a 'class announcement' which are important messages sent directly to all parents in the class. Please ensure you have the most recent version downloaded to ensure this works correctly. If you have any difficulties accessing Class Dojo please let us and know and we will try to help.

Please be aware that teachers may not always respond to messages straight away as they are busy in class and teachers may not reply outside of school hours. If you query is urgent, please contact the school office directly.

**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.

**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:** 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 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 school meal charges will be increasing to £2.41 per day (£12.05 per week). And then as of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.** The cost per day is £4.00 for the first child and £3.50 for any siblings.

**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
03.05.23	Wednesday	Classes 3 & 4	Washington Wetlands Trust	Please see class letter
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 11	Class Assembly. (Performance of "The Boy in the Dress")	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome.
25.05.23	Thursday	Class 3	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome.
07.06.23	Wednesday	Whole School	Hoopstarz Experience	In school event, more details to follow.
15.06.23	Thursday	Class 6	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parents/carers welcome.
20.06.23	Tuesday	Year 4	Sunderland Climbing Wall	In school event, more details to follow.
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	Year 5	Adventure Access	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	Class 4	Class Assembly	9.15am large hall, parent/carers welcome.
06.07.23	Thursday	KS2	Sports Day	More details to follow
07.07.23	Friday	Whole School	Tommy's Trek	Please see section in newsletter
07.07.23	Friday	Year 5	Adventure Access	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 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
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday
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 3b</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 1a</b>



### Attendance

Yellow – 92.90% STM

Blue – 93.97% NA

Green – 95.55% SDA

Red – 97.10% 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
92.71%	88.04%	96.76%	100.00% WINNERS!	93.75%	93.75%	93.55%	95.83%	97.50%	93.15%	99.17%	90.00%	100.00% WINNERS!

