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Autumn Term 1 Week 6

News

Week beginning 09.10.23

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

Shotton Hall Primary School

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

Head Teacher: Mrs J Bowmaker

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Treanor

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another busy week in school and the children have been working very hard in class. Our Year 6 pupils are looking forward to their residential trip to Lockerbie next week, we are sure they will have a great time!

Today, we have had a visit from the fire brigade who have spoken to our Year 5 and 6 pupils about the dangers of fireworks. Afterwards, they had the opportunity to speak the firemen and look around their fire engine.

Our children in EYFS have been exploring the seasons of the year and have further investigated the signs of Autumn. They have made their very own scarecrow and combine harvester for their garden. In maths, they have explored all forms of measure; weight, length and capacity and have impressed the grown-ups in school with super tricky vocabulary. The children now know many phonemes and are beginning to blend sounds together to read and spell words. As always, they have shared many stories and songs and have even started to look at The Christmas Story in preparation for their First Nativity!

We are excited to share with you that Mrs Hutchinson and her EYFS team have been selected for the 'Early Years Development Project'. They will be working closely with Jan Dubiel, a specialist in childhood education and the local authority around strengthening the curriculum and pedagogy in the early years.

This will involve exploring vision, values and aspirations over the next two years.

We will then support other schools across the authority in their development of EYFS.

Can I just remind everyone of the latest advice around winter illnesses which states that children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to go to school. However, those who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people where they can for three days. They can go back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues. Thank you for your support.

Please keep checking our diary of events as we are adding more each week!

Have a lovely weekend.

Joanne Bowmaker

Head teacher.



Date	Day	Class/Year	Event	Information
01.12.23	Friday	Preschool	Cinderella Pantomime at the Gala Theatre.	Please see class letter for details
04.12.23	Monday	Preschool	Christmas sing-a-long	Morning session in the school hall
05.12.23	Tuesday	Reception Classes 1+2	Christmas Nativity Performance	Two performances to be held am and pm. More details to follow.
06.12.23	Wednesday	KS1 Classes 1-6	Christmas Show – Dip and Dab!	Christmas show for KS1 children in the school hall (am)
06.12.23	Wednesday	KS2 Classes 7 – 12C and 12M	Christmas Show – Dip and Dab!	Christmas show for KS1 children in the school hall (pm)
07.12.23	Thursday	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	More details to follow
08.12.23	Friday	Years 1+2 Classes 3-6	Christmas Production	Two performances to be held am and pm. More details to follow
12.12.23	Tuesday	Preschool and Reception Classes 1+2	Christmas Party	Morning session in school
12.12.23	Tuesday	Classes 7+8	Christmas Concert	Two performances to be held am and after school. More details to follow
13.12.23	Wednesday	Classes 3+4	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school
13.12.22	Wednesday	Classes 9+10	Christmas Concert	Two performances to be held am and after school. More details to follow
14.12.23	Thursday	Classes 5+6	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school
14.12.23	Thursday	Classes 11, 12G and 12M	Christmas Concert	Two performances to be held am and after school. More details to follow
15.12.23	Friday	Classes 7+8	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school
18.12.23	Monday	Classes 9+10	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school
19.12.23	Tuesday	Classes 11, 12C and 12M	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school

Please note that further dates will soon be added to the above, once they have been confirmed.

Just as a reminder, school will close for pupils on **Tuesday 19th of December** and reopen on **Thursday 4th of January**.

Certificates:

Resilient: Annabelle B PS, Alisha-Mae S C7, Ella T C8, Tilly E C12C.

Reflective: Imogen B C10,

Resourceful: Vienna P C4, Mason T C12M.

Reciprocal: Mena D C9,

Respectful: Freddie P C1, Harper-Rose B C2, Hannah C C3, Abe R C5, Cara C C11.

Pen Licence: Jack L C5.

Well done to you all!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: KS1: Jack B C3, Freddie L C4, Noah C5. KS2 Billie R C9, Maisie A C10, Joshua L C11.



BIRTHDAYS:

CLASS 4: Elsie S.

CLASS 9: Madison O'D.

CLASS 10: Chloe L.

CLASS DOJO: We are very pleased to announce that our admin team now have access to Class Dojo. This means you can message them directly for appointments or admin enquiries. You can send them a message under “Admin” in the message section.

We always need to speak to families when children are off school ill, therefore please continue to advise of any sickness absence by telephone.

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.



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: The game “PC Horror puzzle game” which is PEGI rated 12+ 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 4th September 2023 school meals have increased 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 2.45pm.

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.

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
19.10.23	Thursday	Class 7	Class Assembly	Starts at 9.10am in the large hall. Entrance via the small hall doors. Parents/Carers welcome.
26.10.23	Thursday	Class 8	Class Assembly	Starts at 9.10am in the large hall. Entrance via the small hall doors. Parents/Carers welcome.
07.11.23	Tuesday	Years 5/6	Tag Rugby Horden & Peterlee Rugby	If your child has been selected, you will be notified via Dojo.
07.11.23	Tuesday	Whole School	Parents Evening	More info to follow.
08.11.23	Wednesday	Classes 12C & 12M	Remembrance Assemblies including local veterans.	Starts at 9.10am in the large hall. Entrance via the small hall doors. Parents/Carers welcome.
08.11.23	Wednesday	Whole School	Parents Evening	More info to follow.
09.11.23	Thursday	Classes 12C & 12M	Remembrance Assemblies Including local veterans.	Starts at 9.10am in the large hall. Entrance via the small hall doors. Parents/Carers welcome.
14.11.23	Tuesday	Years 5/6	Girls Football East Durham College	If your child has been selected, you will be notified via Dojo.
16.11.23	Thursday	Class 9	Class Assembly	Starts at 9.10am in the large hall. Entrance via the small hall doors. Parents/Carers welcome.
17.11.23	Friday	Whole School	Children In Need "The Great Spotacular".	More info to follow.
21.11.23	Thursday	Years 5/6	Sports hall Athletics	If your child has been selected, you will be notified via Dojo.
23.11.23	Thursday	Class 10	Class Assembly	Starts at 9.10am in the large hall. Entrance via the small hall doors. Parents/Carers welcome.
28.11.23	Tuesday	Years 3/4	Sports hall Athletics	If your child has been selected, you will be notified via Dojo.

30.11.23	Thursday	Class 11	Class Assembly	Starts at 9.10am in the large hall. Entrance via the small hall doors. Parents/Carers welcome.
15.12.23	Friday	Whole School	Short Reports	Reports will be sent out to parents.

Holiday dates

Friday 27 th Oct 2023	Last day of school before Autumn Term
Monday 6 th Nov 2023	School opens for term 1b
Friday 24 th Nov 2023	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Monday 27 th Nov 2023	School opens
Tuesday 19 th Dec 2023	Last day of school before Christmas holidays
Wednesday 3 rd Jan 2024	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Thursday 4 th Jan 2024	School opens for term 2a
Friday 16 th Feb 2024	Last day of school before Spring half term
Monday 26 th Feb 2024	School opens for term 2b
Thursday 28 th Mar 2024	Last day of school before Easter holidays
Monday 15 th Apr 2024	School opens for term 3a
Friday 3 rd May 2024	Last day of school before May Day bank holiday
Monday 6 th May 2024	School closed May Day
Tuesday 7 th May 2024	School opens
Friday 24 th May 2024	Last day of school before Summer half term
Monday 3 rd June 2024	School opens for term 3b
Friday 19 th July 2024	Last day of school before Summer holidays
Monday 22 nd July 2024	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Wednesday 4 th Sept 2024	School opens for term 1a



Attendance

Yellow – % STM

Blue – % NA

Green – % SDA

Red – % QEII

CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	CLASS 5	CLASS 6	CLASS 7	CLASS 8	CLASS 9	CLASS 10	CLASS 11	CLASS 12C	CLASS 12M
95.19%	93.00%	92.92%	100.00% WINNERS!	93.52%	99.00%	95.37%	86.06%	98.39% WINNERS!	97.84%	98.33%	94.76%	97.58%

