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## Autumn Term 1 Week 8

### News

Week beginning 23.10.23

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

ATTENDANCE  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
95.26%

## Shotton Hall Primary School

Working together to

**S H I N E**

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

Head Teacher: Mrs J Bowmaker

Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs R Hext

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Officer: Mr K. Morgan

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Site Manager: Mrs W. Fickling

School Business Manager: Mrs J. Johnson

Acting School Business Manager: Mrs J  
Trenor

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the end of an incredibly busy half-term. The children and staff have worked so hard and we can't wait for you to see all of the wonderful learning that has taken place when you come into school. Please check our Facebook page to see all of the exciting things that have been happening during this half-term. I hope you have all had the chance to arrange your appointment via class dojo with your child's class teacher for either Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of November.

We have all had a real TREAT today when our choir performed their rendition of 'Unwritten' - we were all so impressed.

They have been working really hard to submit their entry to the 'Northeast Primary School Choir of the Year' competition. They have worked most lunchtimes to perfect their song 'Unwritten' and are extremely happy with how it has turned out. We will find out on the 9<sup>th</sup> November if we were successful and progress onto the next stage at Ushaw Chapel in Durham which is being held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December. In the meantime, they are working hard rehearsing their songs for the Christmas Concert that they are holding on 11<sup>th</sup> December and can't wait to perform for everyone! A special thank you to our choir masters Mrs. Gilmour and Mrs. Sinclair for their hard work and dedication- well done!

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we will 'Be Spotacular' for Children in Need. Children can come to school in their Pudsey t-shirts, headbands and onesies! We will be asking for £1 donations, which will be payable via Parent Pay, for Children in Need. Children will be taking part in themed activities that afternoon and having a wonderful day of celebration. We will be sure to share lots of photographs with you via Class Dojo and our school Facebook page.

We are delighted to announce that we will have the Scholastic Book Fair in school from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November until Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, children from all classes will have the opportunity to look at the fantastic range of books we will have. There will be something for everyone! Lots of the books will be priced at £5 or less. From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, children will be able to buy books in school. On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, from 3:20pm, we will also be inviting parents into school to buy books with their children. The Book Fair will then be collected on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Any rewards we receive as a result of your purchases, will be spent on books to enhance the curriculum for our children. This is always an extremely popular event in school and as ever, we are grateful for your support.

Have a lovely week off with your children and families.

School will reopen on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

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
11.12.23	Monday	School Choir and Musicians	Christmas Concert	Performance will be held in the large hall at 3.30pm
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	Whole School	Holly and Ivy Roadshow	Morning 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 19<sup>th</sup> of December** and reopen on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of January**.

## Certificates:

**Resilient:** Freddie A-M C4, Austin P C9, Fearne C C10, Zak R-B C12C, Lukas P C12C, Rogan P C12C, Cole W C12M.

**Reflective:** Jacob S C1, Erin S C7, Cai S C9,

**Resourceful:** Charlotte P PS, Jack A C2, Amelia B C5, Lucas P C12C, Isla W C12M.

**Reciprocal:** Oscar M C6, Isla S C12C, Poppy F C12C.

**Respectful:** Bella U C3, Matthew T-S C10, Ava P C11.

**Pen Licence:**

**Well done to you all!**

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS:** KS1: Alice F C5, Abe R C5 and Henry G C5. KS2: Eden R C7, Eugene L C10, Jessica L C12C and Isla W C12M.



## **BIRTHDAYS:**

**CLASS PS:** Teddy G & Evan F

**CLASS 1:** Tyler K.

**CLASS 3:** James W.

**CLASS 5:** Oliver K.

**CLASS 6:** Isaac C & Max B.

**CLASS 7:** Alisha-Mae S.

**CLASS 9:** Theo K.

**CLASS 10:** Joshua C.

**CLASS 12C:** Emelia B, Megan B, Sophia H.

**CLASS 12:** Josh P.

**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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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
07.11.23	Tuesday	Classes 3 & 4	Iskcon Temple Visit	Please see class letter for details
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.
15.11.23	Wednesday	Classes 7 & 8	Baltic Visit	Please see class letter for details.
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 – 23.11.23	Friday - Thursday	Whole School	Scholastic Book Fair	More info to follow.
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.
01.12.23	Friday	Preschool	Cinderella Pantomime	Please see class letter for more details.
15.12.23	Friday	Whole School	Short Reports	Reports will be sent out to parents.

### Holiday dates

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	Last day of school before Autumn Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	School opens for term 1b
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	School opens
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Last day of school before Christmas holidays
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2024	School opens for term 2a
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	Last day of school before Spring half term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	School opens for term 2b
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2024	Last day of school before Easter holidays
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2024	School opens for term 3a
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Last day of school before May Day bank holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	School closed May Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	School opens
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Last day of school before Summer half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	School opens for term 3b
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Last day of school before Summer holidays
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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
92.37%	97.00%	96.88%	92.71%	95.37%	97.00%	96.30%	98.56%	95.97%	97.41%	92.50%	96.77%	89.52%
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