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Autumn Term 2 Week 6

News

Week beginning 04.12.23

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
96.92%

Shotton Hall Primary School

Working together to

SHINE

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

Head Teacher: Mrs J Bowmaker

Deputy Head Teacher: 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

Acting School Business Manager: Mrs J

Treanor



Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a lovely time we are having in school at the moment. The children are enjoying the run up to Christmas and have been participating in some exciting activities.

Thank you so much for all of your kind words this week when you have joined us in school, it really does mean so much to the whole staff group!

Our youngest children in Pre-School have performed their sing-a-long and our Reception children have had their very first Nativity! They all did an amazing job and they put a big smile on everyone's faces. Our Key Stage 1 pupils have performed today and were fantastic – we are very proud of you all.

On Wednesday we had two performances from the incredible 'Dip and Dab' which the children absolutely loved! Particularly, seeing Mrs Smith and Mr Hagan dressed as Christmas trees and Mrs Devine and Mrs Suter writing with icing sugar – great fun was had by all.

Our choir attended Ushaw Chapel for the Primary School Choir of the year competition. They were the largest and the youngest (over half of our choir are Year 3) and the judges said that our children had huge potential, even saying that they couldn't wait to see what they could produce next year. They sounded amazing and we can't wait to share their special song with you at our concert on Monday!

We all enjoyed Christmas jumper day and our delicious Christmas lunch. Some of our children who normally have packed lunch opted for a Christmas lunch too so there were lots of extra mouths to feed. A very **BIG thank you** to all of our catering staff who served up 320 children's and 30 staff Christmas lunches – well done!

Yesterday, our Pre-School children attended the Gala Theatre in Durham to see 'Cinderella' and had a lovely time. They were impressed with Cinderella's carriage that magically appeared on stage!

The Christmas festivities continue next week with our Key Stage 2 performances and parties. We have restocked on mince pies, biscuits and coffee!

We are also looking forward to the Holly and Ivy show who will be performing for the whole school before we break up for the Christmas holidays.

The total monies raised from our book fair was a staggering £2,515, we are looking forward to purchasing some new books for school and would like to thank you once again for your generosity.

Short reports will be sent home with your child on **Friday 15th December** with an update of their progress. School will close to pupils on **Tuesday 19th December** and reopen on **Thursday 4th January**.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Joanne Bowmaker

Head teacher



| Date | Day | Class/Year | Event | Information |
|----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| 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 |

Certificates:

Resilient: Evie-Mae B C4, Noah W C11.

Reflective: Oz N C2, Jacob B C6, Galen W C7, Millie-Mae W C12M, Laurie-Rose C C12M, Lewis A C12M, Charlie E C12M.

Resourceful: Evan F PS, Elsie W C1, Dakota H C3, Layla C C9, Fearne M C10, Poppy W C12C, Sophia H C12C, Ryan C C12C.

Reciprocal: Skyler S C3, Sophie M C5, Grace A C8, Emily He C9, Mila H C11.

Respectful: Maya T PS, Belle P C6.

Pen Licence: Will C-W C9, Charlotte P C9.

Well done to you all!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: KS1: Lacey Frater C4, Roman P C5, Kelly M C6. **KS2:** Shaun P C8, Isobel D C9, Amelia G C10, Freddie A C10.



BIRTHDAYS:

CLASS 1: Jaxon F & Pippa A

CLASS 3: Dakota H.

CLASS 4: Liam J, Sofia L, Ethan H.

CLASS 5: Toby M, Roman P, India B, Thomas D.

CLASS 6: Junior S, Sydney D.

CLASS 7: Harrison A, Jazmin N.

CLASS 9: Athena M.

CLASS 12C: Cody F, Charlie C, Rohan C.

CLASS 12M: Jace 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 |
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| 15.12.23 | Friday | Whole School | Short Reports | Reports will be sent out to parents. |

Holiday dates

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| 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 – 95.74% STM

Blue – 97.19% NA

Green – 98.89% SDA

Red – 95.88% 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 |
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| 100.00% WINNERS! (4 lates) | 100.00% (5 lates). | 97.92% | 98.44% | 95.37% | 97.00% | 93.06% | 97.50% | 97.18% | 95.69% | 98.33% | 98.79% WINNERS! | 90.63% |

