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Spring Term 1 Week 1

News

Week beginning 08.01.24

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
95.39%

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

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Trenor

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to our Spring Term!

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and we wish you all a very healthy and happy New Year.

The children have settled back into their routines very well and are working really hard in class. We have had two lovely celebration assemblies today, we talked about having a positive attitude and how it can help us achieve our goals and have a 'Big Life'. We are looking forward to the next few weeks in school and all of the exciting learning that will be taking place. Our Reception children attended their very first celebration assembly this afternoon with Key Stage 1– we are very proud of them.

We are thrilled that Adam Bushnell will be in school all day on Wednesday 17th January to work with our budding authors! Adam will begin the day with a whole school assembly, we are really looking forward to seeing this inspiring author in school again.

Our Preschool children have shown an interest in pirates this week and have been finding buried treasure and creating their own maps. Children in reception were greeted with suspicious eggs on Monday morning. They have used teamwork and problem solving to excavate the eggs and found baby dinosaurs to introduce their new topic. The children are already using incredible vocabulary such as extinct, herbivore and carnivore – well done!

EYFS would also like to ask all parents to help out with their 'Your Trash Is Our Treasure' initiative. They are in the process of redeveloping the EYFS unit and are looking to re-home any items that you no longer want or need.

Almost anything can be repurposed in Early Years and so they are asking for donations to help enhance the environment to promote awe and wonderment.

Please think of us before you throw anything away (you'd be surprised by what we can make use of!)

If you believe you may have something we desire, please message Mrs Hutchinson, Miss Case or Miss Jones on Class Dojo to see if we'd like it.

Classes 9 & 10 are taking part in Forest School this half term. Children will learn how to build shelters and safely manage and construct small camp fires. The children have already received an introductory lesson which was greeted with huge smiles, despite the cold weather. They are all very excited to get going and learn some new skills.

This half term we are offering a gymnastics after school club aimed at helping develop gymnastics skills and to introduce some of our children to gymnastics for the first time. We have an upcoming gymnastics key

steps competition and swimming gala as part of the school games competition schedule in February, I am sure we will have some great news to share with you then!

We are also running Retro Games for our Year 2 pupils this half term too.

Some of you met Felicity from the 'Piece of Mind Team' at our last parents evening. She will be in school over the coming weeks working with Year 2 and 4 delivering workshops around 'feelings'. She will be returning to school again to work with Years 5 and 6 next term.

Please check our updated diary of events for this term - we will be adding more dates in the coming weeks!

Have a lovely weekend,

Joanne Bowmaker

Head teacher

Certificates:

Resilient: Alex O C4, Frankie P C7, Sofia K C9, Aaron W C10,

Reflective: Max B C6.

Resourceful: Amelia K C1, Annabelle S C11, Louis S C12C, Leanne S C12M.

Reciprocal: Olivia C C3.

Respectful: Charlotte L PS, Leo C C2, Oliver H C5, Ava F C8, Poppy D C12C.

Pen Licence: Frankie P C7, Sebastian J C8 and Ella T C8.

Well done to you all!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: KS1: Nataliah B C1, Oliver C C3, Toby M C5. KS2: Bertie H C8, Imogen B C10, Cole W C12M.



BIRTHDAYS:

CLASS 1: Alfie S.

CLASS 4: Santi B.

CLASS 6: Ivy J & Maddie L.

CLASS 8: William B & Grace A.

CLASS 10: Una R.

CLASS 11: Ava P.

CLASS 12M: Georgia T.

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
17.01.24	Wednesday	Whole School	Adam Bushnell	Author workshops
18.01.24	Thursday	Class 6	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
18.01.24	Thursday	Year 2	"Piece of Mind" Feelings Workshops	More info to follow.
24.01.24	Wednesday	Selected Year 6 pupils	SATS Boosters	Please see class letters
25.01.24	Thursday	Selected Year 6 pupils	SATS Boosters	Please see class letters
25.01.24	Thursday	Class 5	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
26.01.24	Friday	Year 4	Bikeability Scheme	More info to follow.
01.02.24	Thursday	Class 4	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
02.02.24	Friday	Year 4	"Piece of Mind" Feelings Workshops	More info to follow.

05.02.24	Monday	Reception classes	Vision Screening	More info to follow.
07.02.24	Wednesday	Year 4	"Piece of Mind" Feelings Workshops	More info to follow.
08.02.24	Thursday	Class 3	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
13.02.24	Tuesday	Year 5	Mary Poppins Performance	Visit to the Academy. (more info to follow).
14.02.24	Wednesday	Classes 1 & 2	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
15.02.24	Thursday	Selected pupils Year 1-6	Gymnastics Competition	More info to follow.
14.03.24	Thursday	Class 12C	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
21.03.24	Thursday	Class 12M	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
28.03.24	Thursday	Class 7	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
28.03.24	Thursday	Whole School	Long Reports out to parents.	Reports will be sent out with your child.
23.04.24	Tuesday	Whole School	Parents evening	Appointments will be arranged through dojo
24.04.24	Wednesday	Whole School	Parents evening	Appointments will be arranged through dojo
02.05.24	Thursday	Class 8	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
09.05.24	Thursday	Class 9	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
16.05.24	Thursday	Class 10	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
23.05.24	Thursday	Class 11	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
13.06.24	Thursday	Class 5	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
13.06.24	Thursday	Class 6	Class Assembly	2.45pm in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
20.06.24	Thursday	Class 4	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
20.06.24	Thursday	Class 3	Class Assembly	2.45pm in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
27.06.24	Thursday	Class 1	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
27.06.24	Thursday	Class 2	Class Assembly	2.45pm in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.

Holiday dates

Friday 16th Feb 2024	Last day of school before Spring half term
Monday 26th Feb 2024	School opens for term 2b
Thursday 28th Mar 2024	Last day of school before Easter holidays
Monday 15th Apr 2024	School opens for term 3a
Friday 3rd May 2024	Last day of school before May Day bank holiday
Monday 6th May 2024	School closed May Day
Tuesday 7th May 2024	School opens
Friday 24th May 2024	Last day of school before Summer half term
Monday 3rd June 2024	School opens for term 3b
Friday 19th July 2024	Last day of school before Summer holidays
Monday 22nd July 2024	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils



Attendance

Yellow – 92.19% STM

Blue – 96.35% NA

Green – 91.76% SDA

Red – 95.93% 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
88.00%	99.50%	100.00% WINNERS!	98.96%	97.12%	97.50%	96.76%	94.50%	98.79% WINNERS!	93.53%	97.50%	95.16%	82.81%

