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**Spring Term 1 Week 2**  
**News**  
**Week beginning 15.01.24**

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

**ATTENDANCE**  
**WHOLE SCHOOL**  
**92.96%**

**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  
Acting School Business Manager: Mrs J Treanor

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we come to the end of a very, very cold week we would like to share with you all of the lovely things that are happening in school to help make you feel warm inside!

We had a fantastic day on Wednesday when Adam Bushnell delivered a whole school assembly and some children even participated at the front of the hall as characters from his stories!

As part of their Cultural Capital diary of events Year 3 worked with Adam in their classrooms. They had a brilliant time and they would like to share some of their most memorable moments....

*'My favourite part was when we turned the classroom lights off and shared our character descriptions with each other.'* Harrison A

*'I liked it when we got to use the torches and described the witch'.* Grace A

*'My favourite part was when we got to draw what we thought the witch looked like'.* Jordan BB

*'I liked it when we could draw the hut where the witch lived'.* Peyton J

Adam said that our Year 3 children were the best he had ever worked with and we gave them a huge round of applause in assembly this morning. Well done – we are so proud of you!

Our SATs booster classes begin after school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January for our Year 6 pupils. Our Assistant Head teacher Ms Metcalfe has organised these groups which will run until Easter. A BIG thank you to all of the staff who have volunteered their time after school to run these groups and help make a difference.

Class 10 have been working with the Musician Bridie Jackson to compose their own song as part of the Peterlee 75 - a celebration of 75 years since the founding of Peterlee. On Sunday, some of our children will take part in a gig at The Lubetkin Theatre and will perform with Bridie to an audience, alongside other Famous Artists such as Maximo Park and the Lake Poets.

Classes 12C and 12M have been working with the professional organisation the 'Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment' and will perform in a live Orchestra performance 'Life of the Sea' at East Durham College next Friday. They will use musical instruments as well as body percussion to play to members of a live audience. All of the children have been really engaged and have enjoyed the process immensely!

We are delighted to inform you that our Year 4 children have been given the opportunity to take part in 'Bikeability' training in school next Friday. The course will be delivered by professionally trained, qualified and registered instructors. Each participant will receive a certificate and badge at the end of the course. Parents/carers need to register their child in order for them to take part, using the QR code on the letter

which has been sent out tonight. You will have also received an electronic copy via email. I am sure this will be a really exciting course for children to take part in.

Have a great weekend and stay warm!

Joanne Bowmaker

Head teacher

### Certificates:

**Resilient:** Kalen J PS, Lockie R C1, Santi B C4, Finley G C6, Charlotte F C11, Kenley McQ C12M.

**Reflective:** Charlie S C2, Jack H C7, Dylan L C12C,

**Resourceful:** Charlie A C3, Oliver K C5, Freya B C8, Charlotte P C9,

**Reciprocal:** Chloe L C10,

**Respectful:**

**Pen Licence:**

**Well done to you all!**

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS: KS1: Evelyn F C2, Skyler S C3, Amelia T-S C5. KS2: Lucas L C9, Fearne M C10, Lewis A C12M.**



### **BIRTHDAYS:**

**PRESCHOOL:** Eve A.

**CLASS 1:** Effie C.

**CLASS 4:** Tiffany D & Evie-Mae B.

**CLASS 5:** Amelia T-S.

**CLASS 6:** Mason E.

**CLASS 7:** Frankie P.

**CLASS 9:** Charlotte P & Thea W.

**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](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:** 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
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	Year 5	Shrek the Musical Sunderland Empire	Please see class letter

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

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



**Attendance**

Yellow – 91.76% STM

Blue – 88.90% NA

Green – 94.44% SDA

Red – 96.80% 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
90.00%	94.50%	88.54%	97.40%	88.46%	100.00% WINNERS!	93.98%	87.00%	96.77% WINNERS!	95.69%	94.67%	93.55%	87.89%



Geoff the Chef Award has been given to Class 10 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime –

Well Done!

