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Spring Term 1 Week 4
News
Week beginning 29.01.24

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
94.01%

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
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,

We are very excited to share with you that Shotton Hall Primary School will soon have its own radio show that will be produced entirely by the pupils. Mr Sumbly and our Team Captains have already started to make plans. Our children will be the producers, presenters and news readers, writing & creating the content for each broadcast. Each week there will be updates on school news, sports results, interviews and discussions all brought to you by the pupils themselves. We are hoping to contact sports stars, actors, actresses, music stars and other professionals who have grown up in the North East to help raise the aspirations of all of our pupils. Stay tuned for more news soon.....

Miss Metcalfe our Assistant Head teacher and myself are looking forward to observing Maths lessons next week. We will be talking to the children about their learning and how teachers give feedback & challenge in all areas of Maths.

This week during Forest School Classes 1 and 2 built dinosaur nests. They worked in groups and used the natural resources in our Forest School area to construct their impressive nests -some were even big enough for their own little dinosaurs! Classes 9 and 10 have been learning all about campfires. They discussed fire safety and the fire triangle before they learned how to prepare an area for a fire, construct a fire and then looked at some fire lighting methods. There has been some wonderful teamwork on show this week from all classes involved –well done!

Next Thursday, as part of their cultural capital offer Class 11 will be visiting Sunderland Empire to watch the West end production of 'Shrek the Musical'. We know that this will be a fantastic, memorable experience for our pupils – we can't wait to hear all about it!

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or dressed as anything linked to their favourite story. This is always a very special day in school and children will be participating in a number of World Book Day themed activities. We also have some book tokens which will be given to children just before half term. All of the details as to where the tokens can be used will be included. We are really looking forward to this special day in school.

Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March. Children can come into school wearing non-uniform or any of the themed Comic Relief t-shirts and Red Noses! During the afternoon, children will be taking part in different activities to raise awareness for Comic Relief. We will open Parent Pay for donations if you are able to support this cause. As always, any contributions are very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Joanne Bowmaker

Headteacher

Certificates:

Resilient: Ruby J C5, Will G C9.

Reflective: James B PS, Oliver C C3, Mason E C6, Nathaniel M C8, Lukas P C12C.

Resourceful: Ella F C1, Millie T C2, Harriet McM C4, Flynn W C7.

Reciprocal: Joshua C C10, Jace L C12M.

Respectful: Calli F C11.

Pen Licence: Jack H C7.

Well done to you all!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: KS1: Charlotte P PS, Ruby J C5, India B C5, Jacob B C6. KS2: Olivia T C8, Aaron W C10, Ava-Grace E C12C.



BIRTHDAYS:

CLASS 3: Hannah C.

CLASS 6: Belle P.

CLASS 7: Aria P.

CLASS 8: Kate J.

CLASS 10: Fearne M.

CLASS 11: William C.

CLASS 12M: Jack 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
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.
01.03.24	Friday	Reception & Year 1	NHS Dental Survey	Dentist coming into school – letters sent out to those children taking part in survey
07.03.24	Thursday	Whole School	World Book Day	Dress as favourite book character
14.03.24	Thursday	Class 12C	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
15.03.24	Friday	Whole School	Red Nose Day 2024	Non-uniform donations to Red Nose very welcome via Parentpay.
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 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



Attendance

Yellow – 92.05% STM

Blue – 91.43% NA

Green – 94.31% SDA

Red – 91.43% 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
97.00%	96.00%	91.15%	100.00% WINNERS!	93.52%	85.42%	96.76%	97.50%	95.16%	98.79% WINNERS!	93.53%	94.50%	82.81%



Geoff the Chef Award has been given to Class 12C this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime – Well Done!

