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Spring Term 1 Week 6

News

Week beginning 12.02.24

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
94.90%

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,

Here we are at the end of another busy half term!

We are delighted to announce that our new school radio programme will be called 'Radio Rumble.' Mr. Sumbly has been working hard with the children to record our first ever broadcast, which will be available after our half term break.

Earlier this week, our Reception children enjoyed following instructions and recipes to prepare and cook their very own pancakes! The children helped to mix the eggs, flour and milk and helped prepare their own toppings. It's safe to say, all of the plates were cleared! They also thoroughly enjoyed having their grown-ups in school on Valentine's Day for a special, 'Bring A Loved One' stay and play session. Everyone enjoyed a carousel of Valentine themed activities including: a love potion station, friendship bracelet station, pancake and biscuit decorating station, a craft station, playdough station and love letter station. Because the grown-ups in school were so impressed with the singing, Class 1 and Class 2 were invited into assembly to sing for the rest of the school!

A huge thank you to adults who attended and who contributed to our EYFS fund. You helped us to raise a wonderful £86.50 to go towards resources. Thank you very much for your continued support and generosity.

In Forest School this week, children in classes 9 and 10 built their own fires. They explored which materials to use, how to construct their fire safely and how to light the fire. They even got to sample some marshmallows around the fires they created! Classes 1 and 2 took part in a phonics scavenger hunt in our Forest School area, taking their classroom learning outside and our Pre-school children went on a Winter mini beast hunt. They discovered that some creatures hibernate whilst others like to find a little shelter to spend the winter.

In our sports news, we took 15 children from KS2 to represent the school in the School Games Swimming Competition last week. Both teams did amazingly well, in what for some, was their first ever competitive swimming event. Both our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 team came 5th out of 16 teams, which is an amazing achievement.

Yesterday we took 17 children to take part in the School Games Gymnastics Event. Our children excelled in both their performance and their behaviour. Our Year 1/2 children came 3rd and came away with a bronze medal. Our Year 3/4 team did amazingly well but didn't pick up a medal this time. Our Year 5/6 team also won a bronze medal and performed fantastically well. We are so proud of you!

On Tuesday, our Year 4 and Year 5 children had a very special treat. We were delighted to receive an invitation from The Academy at Shotton Hall, to go and watch their performance of Mary Poppins. Both our children and our staff thoroughly enjoyed the show and we even spotted some of our previous pupils!

We hope you all enjoy a wonderful half term and we will see you back in school on Monday 26th February.

Joanne Bowmaker

Head teacher

Certificates:

Resilient: Jacob B PS, Bella U C3, Anya B-W C9, Talia S C12M.

Reflective: Aria W C1, Zachary O C6.

Resourceful: Tommy P C2, Skyler O C5, Amelia M C11.

Reciprocal: Sofia L C4, James H C10.

Respectful: Jake W C7, Kate J C8, Poppy W C12C, Poppy D C12C.

Pen Licence:

Well done to you all!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: KS1: Elsie W C1, Amelia H C3, Harper R C6. KS2: Jack H C7, Thomas P C9, Charlie S C10.



BIRTHDAYS:

CLASS 1: Hallie P.

CLASS 2: Maisie P.

CLASS 5: Jack L & Jacob C.

CLASS 6: Harper R.

CLASS 9: Jacob W.

CLASS 10: Oscar S.

CLASS 11: Calli-Star F.

CLASS 12C: Poppy D, Poppy F, Tilly E.

CLASS 12M: Grace R.

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
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.
19.04.24	Friday	Classes 9 & 10	Beamish Trip	Please see class letter
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 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 – 94.33% STM

Blue – 93.12% NA

Green – 95.83% SDA

Red – 95.78% 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
93.23%	97.00%	96.35%	96.88%	93.52%	98.96% WINNERS!	93.52%	93.50%	99.19% WINNERS!	94.83%	95.00%	91.53%	90.23%



Geoff the Chef Award has been given to Class 8 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime –

Well Done!

