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Parent: Mrs R Cammiss, Mrs A Jones, Mrs C Langdon.
Staff: Mrs J Henry
You may contact any governor via the school. **Complaints in the first instance are to be communicated to the Head Teacher Mrs J Bowmaker.**

Spring Term 2 Week 2
News
Week beginning 04.03.24

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
94.58%

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
School Business Manager: Mrs J Treanor

Dear Parents/Carers

There has been a real 'BUZZ' around school this week after all of the exciting events we have had going on! Interviews have taken place with more stars and we are busy editing and preparing the fortnightly broadcast for next week. The children have really impressed us with their interviewing techniques!

On Monday we were joined by professional footballer 'Julio Arca'. He was in school for his radio interview and we then held an 'open questions' session in the school hall. The children came up with a wide variety of questions and Julio was very complimentary about our school and pupils. He talked about his sporting career and also his early life growing up in Argentina. Our children found it very inspiring and he gave our budding football stars some very good advice -we can't wait to share the full interview with you, well done to Rohan C for his excellent interviewing skills.

Also, a big well done to Isla,S who was very professional in her interview with Georgia Batty-Smith from Team GB.

Another fantastic interview was conducted by Dylan,L who interviewed Jimmy Burdeen, drummer from Kickin' Valentino.

Ryan,C skillfully interviewed Toby Jepson from Wayward Sons and Planet Rock DJ.

Finally, Jacob O interviewed Tony Mc Mahon, ex professional footballer and football coach!

Well done everyone – we are really proud of you.

Mr Sumby recorded the children's brilliant singing in assembly today and we will also include this in our next broadcast.

To add to the excitement, we have also had a Roman visitor in school this week too. Classes 7 and 8 had a wonderful day with their Historical Workshops looking at the life of a Roman. They played Roman games, completed an archaeological dig, worked together to re-enact a Roman battle and discussed what the Romans did for Britain. It was a jam-packed day and they had so much fun!

Our school was magically transformed on Thursday when we celebrated world book day. The children and staff looked amazing and they had a great time. Please check our Facebook pages to see all of the wonderful book characters!

We are going to launch two competitions in school. Firstly, we would like a Logo designed for our new radio station 'Radio Rumble'. This needs to be on A4 and must be any 'eye-catching' design. Our staff governor Mrs J Henry will choose the winning design on Friday 15th March - so get busy!

Also, we will be holding an Easter Egg Competition for the best decorated egg. Children will be invited to bring in their hard boiled eggs from home, along with any special arts and crafts which they would like to use. We will provide what we can in school. Children will make their creations on the afternoons of Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March and winners will be announced on Thursday 28th before we break up for the Easter holidays.

Just a reminder that we will be supporting Comic Relief next Friday 15th March.

Relax and enjoy the 'Mother's Day' weekend!

Kind regards,

Joanne Bowmaker

Head teacher

Certificates:

Resilient: Noah R PS, Thea W C9, Ella M C3,

Reflective: Harry M C2, Dominic R C4, Harry U C6, Joshua L C8, Oscar S C10, John M C10, N.S C12C,

Resourceful: Arthur J C1, Kara P C11,

Reciprocal:

Respectful: Thomas D C5, Daisy S C7, Louie S C12M.

Pen Licence: Daisy S, Madeline R, Harper R all C7, Matthew S C8.

Well done to you all!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: KS1: Olivia S PS, Jack A C2, Lacey F C4, Natassia L C5 KS2: Macie E C12C, Isla S C12C, Cody S C12M.



BIRTHDAYS:

Preschool: Koby B.

CLASS 4: Freddie A-M & Poppy C.

CLASS 8: Robyn C.

CLASS 10: Oliver S & Riley D.

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
14.03.24	Thursday	Class 12C	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
14.03.24	Thursday	Classes 1 & 2	Fire truck visiting school	Visit from the Fire Brigade. (in school)
15.03.24	Friday	Whole School	Red Nose Day 2024	Non-uniform donations to Red Nose very welcome via Parentpay.
19.03.24	Tuesday	Classes 5 & 6	National Glass Centre	Letter to follow
21.03.24	Thursday	Class 12M	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
22.03.24	Friday	Classes 1 & 2	Tweddle Farm	Please see class letter
22.03.24	Friday	Preschool	Wharton Park - Durham	Please see class letter
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

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 22nd July 2024	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Wednesday 4 th Sept 2024	School opens
Friday 25 th Oct 2024	School closes
Monday 4 th November 2024	School opens
Friday 29th November 2024	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Friday 20 th December 2024	School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	School opens



Attendance

Yellow – 94.05% STM

Blue – 93.78% NA

Green – 95.36% SDA

Red – 95.09% 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
94.75%	94.24%	95.42%	95.32%	93.61%	95.66% WINNERS!	94.57%	94.64%	93.98%	96.01% WINNERS!	94.34%	95.50%	91.50%



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

Well Done!

