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Spring Term 2 Week 3
News
Week beginning 11.03.24

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
95.86%

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
School Business Manager: Mrs J Treanor

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another busy week we have had in school. There was a kaleidoscope of colour around every corner today as we supported Comic Relief – thank you for your kind donations. There have been a variety of 'Red Nose Day' activities across school that the children have enjoyed..... from making Red Nose Day biscuits in Pre-School to a Red Nose hunt! Some classes have decorated their own Red Nose, had talent competitions, made a class joke book and there have been lots of quizzes!

Please follow the link below to access our second radio broadcast. We are pleased to announce that we had some super entries to our Radio Station Logo competition and the winning entry was designed by Kate J – well done! Mr Sumbly will interview Kate around what inspired her design and we will include that interview in our next broadcast. Well done to all of those who entered, it was a very difficult choice for our staff governor Mrs Henry.



<https://shottonhallprimary.durham.sch.uk/radio/>

We have had lots of sporting events this week too. Our boys football season restarted after the winter break. They played three games and won three games with some excellent performances in very difficult conditions. Some children from Class 10 attended a basketball skills festival on Thursday at EDC, well done to you. Finally, we attended a Cross Country County final this morning. We had three teams representing the

school. It was a very difficult competition with some of the best runners across the County in attendance. Our children did amazingly well securing a bronze medal in the Year 3/4 boys and Year 5/6 boys races. There were also some fantastic individual performances. Well done to everyone involved.

Our school choir treated us to a fabulous rendition of 'Believer' in both of our celebration assemblies today, they were all amazing. We can't wait to see what they do with their next performance!

Next week our Pre-school children are going to visit Wharton Park in Durham to attend a 'How does our planet grow?' workshop. Classes 5 and 6 will visit the Glass Centre and our Reception children are off to Tweddle Farm. I am sure they will all have a lovely time!

Yesterday, the fire brigade visited our youngest children to enhance their topic of 'Transport'. They also had a visit from a very large pick-up truck and the children were thrilled to see it in action when Mrs Lockey and her car were lifted up!

We have seen lots of super work in classes this week too!

Have a great weekend.

Joanne Bowmaker

Head teacher

Certificates:

Resilient: T-Jay M C10,

Reflective: Lockie R C1, Remi W C3, Jack L C4, Nevaeh L C8, Theo K C9, Sophia N C11,

Resourceful: Maisie P C2, Roman P C5, Dylan L C12C, Isla McB C12M.

Reciprocal: Maya T PS, Sydney D C6,

Respectful: Harrison A C7,

Pen Licence:

Well done to you all!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: KS1: Beau H PS, Hannah C C3, Alice C C5, Millie W C6, KS2: Erin S C7, Alice C-W C11, Cody S C12M.



BIRTHDAYS:

CLASS 2: ROBYNN N.

CLASS 5: ABE R & NOAH C.

CLASS 12M: LOUIE S.

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 your 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 |
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| 19.03.24 | Tuesday | Classes 5 & 6 | National Glass Centre | Please see class letter |
| 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

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



Attendance

Yellow – 95.54% STM

Blue –94.94% NA

Green – 96.31% SDA

Red – 97.24% 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 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|--------------------|-----------|
| 96.20% | 92.71% | 98.96% | 96.88% | 92.31% | 99.00% WINNERS! | 96.35% | 97.27% | 91.83% | 98.28% | 95.56% | 99.19% WINNERS! | 91.67% |



Geoff the Chef Award has been given to Class 7 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime –

Well Done!

