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Spring Term 2 Week 4
News
Week beginning 18.03.24

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
95.28%

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,

This week our children in EYFS have extended their learning outside of school to correlate with our current topic of 'New Life and New Beginnings'. Pre-school visited Wharton Park in Durham, where they participated in the 'How does our Planet grow?' workshop. They have recently been spotting signs of Spring and acknowledging the physical changes from season to season. They also explored the grounds of Wharton Park and enjoyed their bus journey!

Our Reception children enjoyed a visit to Tweddle Farm, as they have been looking at animals and identifying their young. Recently, the children have also been exploring transport and so they were excited to spot vehicles such as tractors and sit on the big coach with their friends.

A huge thank you to our parent helpers for assisting us on our busy educational visits – good fun was had by all!

Classes 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to The National Glass Centre in Sunderland on Tuesday. They took part in a glass fusion workshop where they were able to design and create their own piece of art using pieces of glass and frit. The children also watched a demonstration of glass blowing and learned how to colour and shape glass ornaments. After lunch, they took part in a 'changing states' scientific experiment and had great fun exploring the different materials. Well done everyone!

This week six of our Year 6 children attended the EDC for a basketball competition. The children did amazing, coming away with fourth place. There were some brilliant performances including the only 3-point score of the day by our own Louis. We are so proud of you!

Just a reminder that 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.

Please check our dates for your diary as we have added our Summer events to give everyone lots of prior notice!

School closes next **Thursday 28th March** and reopens on **Monday 15th April**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Joanne Bowmaker

Headteacher

Certificates:

Resilient: Charlie A C3, Fleur L C8.

Reflective: Gracie O-G C9.

Resourceful: Rohan-Lloyd W C1, Freddie L C4, Amelia T-S C5, Aria P C7, Ivy C C11.

Reciprocal: Cole D C6, Brooke W C12C, Levi W C12M.

Respectful: Charlotte B PS, Leo K C10.

Pen Licence:

Well done to you all!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: KS1: Charlie A C3, Colin C C4. KS2: Oscar S C10, Lucy W C11, Cal J C12M.



BIRTHDAYS:

CLASS 7: Galen W & Dolcie W.

CLASS 9: Ava H.

CLASS 10: Monroe B.

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 1st April 2024 school meals have increased to £2.81 per day (£14.05 per week) until 31st March 2025.

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
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
25.04.24	Thursday	Classes 3 & 4	Preston Park Trip	More info to follow
02.05.24	Thursday	Class 8	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
02.05.24	Thursday	Year 6	Registration Event at the Academy	Please see email from the Academy
09.05.24	Thursday	Class 9	Class Assembly	9.10am in the large hall. Parents/carers welcome.
W/C 13.05.23	Mon – Thurs	Year 6	SATS Week	SATS Tests within school
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.
04.06.23	Tuesday	Class 11	Seaham Paddle boarding Trip	More info to follow
05.06.23	Wednesday	Class 12M (Year 5) & Class 10 (Year 5)	Seaham Paddle boarding Trip	More info to follow
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.
25.06.24	Tuesday	Year 6	Transition Day 1 at the Academy	Please see email from the Academy
26.06.24	Wednesday	Year 6	Transition Day 2 at the Academy	Please see email from the Academy
26.06.24	Wednesday	Year 6	Year 6 Disco at the Academy	Please see email from the Academy
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.
28.06.24	Friday	Whole School	Shotton Hall Live!	More info to follow
04.07.24	Thursday	Preschool (New)	New starters (Sept) visit	Parents visit
05.07.24	Friday	Preschool (New)	New starters (Sept) visit	Parents visit
05.07.24	Friday	Whole School	Short Reports out to parents	Reports will be sent out with your child
08.07.24 a.m.	Monday	Preschool	Preschool Sports Day	More info to follow
08.07.24 p.m.	Monday	Reception (New)	Reception visit for new parents	Parents visit
09.07.24 p.m.	Tuesday	Reception (New)	Reception visit for new parents	Parents visit
10.07.24	Wednesday	Reception & Key Stage 1 (C1-6)	Sports Day	More info to follow

11.07.24	Thursday	Key Stage 2 (C7-12)	Sports Day	More info to follow
11.07.24	Thursday	Classes 5 & 6	Raby Castle Visit	Letter to follow
12.07.24	Friday	Year 6	Tommy's Trek	More info to follow
17.07.24	Wednesday	Year 6	Year 6 Performance	More info to follow
18.07.24	Thursday	Year 6	Year 6 Performance	More info to follow

Holiday dates

Thursday 28 th Mar 2024	Last day of school before Easter holidays
Monday 15 th Apr 2024	School opens for Summer Term 1
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 1 half term
Monday 3 rd June 2024	School opens for Summer Term 2
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
Wednesday 4 th Sept 2024	School opens
Friday 25 th Oct 2024	School closes
Monday 4 th November 2024	School opens
Friday 29 th November 2024	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Friday 20 th December 2024	School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 6 th January 2025	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	School opens



Attendance

Yellow – 93.45% STM

Blue – 93.96% NA

Green – 97.16% SDA

Red – 96.66% 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
98.96% 1 late WINNERS!	97.00%	93.48%	98.96% 5 late	91.83%	97.92%	95.81%	96.25%	94.35%	97.41% WINNERS!	94.71%	96.77%	85.16%



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

