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**Summer Term 1 Week 1**  
**News**  
**Week beginning 15.04.24**

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

**ATTENDANCE**  
**WHOLE SCHOOL**  
**94.76%**

**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,

Welcome back to our Summer Term, we hope that you all enjoyed the Easter holidays!

We have had such a busy week and the children have settled very well into their daily routines.

Please follow the link below to access our latest radio broadcast. We have some children who are busy designing a display to showcase all of our special guests and the fantastic interviewing skills of our pupils.

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

We have had a fantastic production of the 'Railway Children' in school this morning. What a very professional performance and the children were amazed. Here are some of their comments.....

*It was all brilliant; I was 'shocked' when Dad came back. It made me feel happy.* Oliver K

*I was amazed when the steam came out of the train and the children stopped it from crashing. Everything went in slow motion.* Henry G

*I loved it when the youngest of the Railway children came back with her teddy. The girls ripped red material from their dresses and waved it to stop the train. I felt so happy.* Sophie M

*The porter was really funny, he made me laugh!* Finley L

*It was amazing how they changed the background, I loved it!* Rae F

The children were so thrilled we have booked the theatre company to return with another show!

Classes 9 and 10 have enjoyed a fun packed day at Beamish outdoor museum. They have built upon their work in class which includes Norman Cornish the 'Pitman painter' and their history topic 'Coal mining'. Thank you so much to all of our parent helpers, we hope you enjoyed your day too!

We are looking forward to seeing parents next week over two evenings, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please contact your child's class teacher via dojo.

Have a lovely weekend,

Regards,

Joanne Bowmaker

Head teacher

## Certificates:

**Resilient:** Reeva P & Finley C PS, Hallie P C1, Robynn N C2, Sebastian J C8, Millie-Mae W C12M.

**Reflective:** Will C C11, Lukas I'A C12C.

**Resourceful:** Millie T C2, Aria J C7.

**Reciprocal:** Lilah S C4, Millie W C6, Ava H C9, Oliver P C10.

**Respectful:** Shaun K C3, Jack L C5.

**Pen Licence:** Isaac H C7.

**Well done to you all!**

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS: KS1: KS2:**



## **BIRTHDAYS:**

**CLASS 1:** Ella F

**CLASS 2:** Oz N, Millie T.

**CLASS 4:** Alexander O.

**CLASS 6:** Liam P.

**CLASS 8:** Bertie H.

**CLASS 11:** Solomon F & Lucy W.

**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](mailto:scd@durham.gov.uk). [www.durham.gov.uk/firstcontact](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 school meals have increased to £2.81 per day (£14.05 per week) until 31<sup>st</sup> 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
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.

21.06.24	Friday	KS2	Breakdance Workshop	More info to follow
24.06.24	Monday	KS2	Breakdance Workshop	More info to follow
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 & 2	Stay & Play!	9.10am 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

<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>Last day of school before May Day bank holiday</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>School closed May Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>School opens</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>Last day of school before Summer 1 half term</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024</b>	<b>School opens for Summer Term 2</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>	<b>Last day of school before Summer holidays</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024</b>	<b>CPD Day school will be closed to pupils</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024</b>	<b>CPD Day school will be closed to pupils</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024</b>	<b>School opens</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024</b>	<b>School closes</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>	<b>School opens</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>	<b>CPD Day school will be closed to pupils</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	<b>School closes for Christmas holidays</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>CPD Day school will be closed to pupils</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>School opens</b>



**Attendance**

Yellow – 95.09% STM

Blue – 96.88% NA

Green – 89.38% SDA

Red – 97.97% 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
92.19%	96.35%	97.89%	91.67%	98.08% WINNERS!	95.83%	97.60%	91.15%	94.35%	98.28% WINNERS!	92.74%	93.55%	92.19%



Geoff the Chef Award has been given to Class 10 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime –

Well Done!

