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Summer Term 2 Week 6

News

Week beginning 08.07.24

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
93.29%

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,

Is it really July? Unfortunately, we had to cancel our KS1 and KS2 sports days due to the fact that heavy rain had water logged our school field. The only one that managed to go ahead was for our Pre-School children on Monday! They had a great time and are looking forward to their graduation ceremony on Thursday. Miss Jones and Mrs Freeman will be in touch with further details over class dojo!

On Monday, our talented musicians performed in our Summer Music Extravaganza. We had violin, cello, brass, guitar and choir performances that all sounded great!

Also, we had a fantastic afternoon on Tuesday when we were joined by Oompah Brass Band. The children were up singing and dancing to some of their favourite songs and were thoroughly entertained.

Classes 5 and 6 had a fantastic day yesterday at Raby Castle. They began their day with a tour of the castle grounds where they learned about the history of the castle's ownership as well as the defence mechanisms used to keep out enemies. They enjoyed their lunch in the servants' kitchen and were able to explore the different rooms of the castle. The afternoon was spent exploring the gardens and maze and they managed to get up close to the castle's resident deer.

It was lovely to see our new children visiting their classrooms this week. They had a wonderful time exploring and we are excited to see how they develop over the next academic year.

Today, 39 of our children have taken part in Tommy's Trek. They have walked the whole route from Seaham back to school to raise money for East Durham Veterans. We are very proud of them – well done! Thank you for your kind donations which I know will be gratefully received.

Please click the link below to access our latest radio station broadcast.

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

Also, we have created a 'Celebration of Reading' video which can be accessed on our website or through the following link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKY-e2g6z84>

Your child will meet their new class teacher on **Wednesday 17th July.**

Our Parent Welcome meetings for September are planned as followed;

Monday 9th September EYFS

Wednesday 11th September Key Stage 1 (Classes 3,4,5,6)

Thursday 12th September Years 3 and 4 (Classes 7,8,9)

Friday 13th September Years 5 and 6 (Classes 10,11,12C and 12M)

We will send more details nearer the time.

Please give your views on our school by clicking the link below.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

Finally, Mr Sumbly drew the winning ticket, number 839 for the 'Flag bearer' experience at the Stadium of Light. The winner is Will G (Class 9) we hope you have a wonderful time.

Good luck to England in the final on Sunday!

Enjoy the weekend!

Joanne Bowmaker

Head teacher

Certificates:

Resilient:

Reflective: Cole D C6, Lilah B C8, Jake F C12M.

Resourceful: Tilly F C1, Tommy P C2, Gracie B C7.

Reciprocal: Harper B C1, Emily Ha C9.

Respectful: Hayden L C3, Poppy C C4, Sophie M C5, Una R C10, Cara C C11.

Pen Licence: Aria J, Alyssa T & Gracie B all C7.

Well done to you all!



BIRTHDAYS:

CLASS 1: Nataliah B.

CLASS 8: Aria C.

CLASS 11: Mila H.

CLASS 12C: Alex D & Isla S.

TOMMY'S TREK: Please scan the QR code to be able to donate to our Year 6 charity East Durham Veterans. Children from Year 6 have taken part in a sponsored walk from “Tommy” in Seaham back to school. Please see the class letter for further information.



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)

RIGHTS RESPECTING:

This week in RRSA (Rights Respecting School Award), our school have been looking at:

Article 2- All children have these rights, no matter who they are.

Article 8- You have the right to an identity.

Article 27- The right to a home.

Article 30- You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion.

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. **Preschool meals are at a cost of £3.37 per day (£16.85 per week).**

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
16.07.24	Tuesday	Classes 1 & 2	South Shields Beach trip	Please see class letter
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

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
Monday 2 nd December 2024	School opens
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 – 91.37% STM

Blue – 95.17% NA

Green – 91.90% SDA

Red – 95.20% 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
95.83%	89.06%	100.00% WINNERS!	88.54%	98.56%	95.83%	85.10%	92.71%	93.55%	94.40%	95.97%	97.58% WINNERS!	85.94%



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

