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Autumn Term 1 Week 3

News

Week beginning 16.09.24

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
95.48%

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,

What another very busy week we have had at Shotton Hall Primary School. We have had over 50 children audition for our competition choir this week. We are really looking forward to entering the 'Primary School Choir of the Year' and can't wait to start working on our audition song!

The children in EYFS are settling into their new environments beautifully. They are adapting well to new routines and expectations in our setting. In preschool, children have shared stories about their families and who lives in their home. They have also been exploring colours via sensory and paint play, which has been lots of fun!

Our Reception children have been using their senses. They were able to use their ears, whilst closing their eyes to predict the sound; their eyes to discuss what they could see and share it with a friend and their nose to smell ginger, lavender and mint. In maths, they have impressed us by sorting objects by colour, size and shape. Reception children also enjoyed their first Forest School session, where they were able to explore our grounds – how exciting!

We have 36 of our Year 6 pupils heading off to Ullswater on Monday! We can't wait to find out about their adventures when they return to school next Friday. For those pupils who are staying with us in school, Mrs Carr has some great lessons lined up. In addition to their normal activities, the children will be working together researching Fair Trade and preparing for the launch of our Fair trade tuck shop on **Monday 30th September**. Well done to all Year 6 pupils who delivered two fantastic Fair Trade assemblies to the rest of the school – we are very proud of you all.

The first sporting competition of the year has taken place and our Year 5/6 boys football teams attended Wellfield Academy for a cup competition. Both teams were amazing with the B team coming second in their group and the A team winning their group and progressing to the semi-final. It went to penalties which we won but unfortunately lost out in the final. The boys did a brilliant job and should all be very proud of themselves. Some of our Year 2 girls made a short trip to EDC to take part in a girl's football festival - it was a wonderful morning.

There was lots of excitement over lunchtime today when the children participated in cross country trials, over 100 children attended. The competition takes place on Thursday 3rd October at Peterlee College.

Retro gaming club is returning with lots of new games and the Year 2 pupils will be first up to get on the top score charts. Every year group will have the chance to take part during the academic year.

Radio Rumble auditions will be taking place in the coming weeks as we put together a new team of hosts. There will be more exciting interviews with celebrities and other special guests on each show, along with all the latest school updates and sports news. The shows will be produced and released on the school website every two weeks.

We are delighted to share with you that we are going to be starting some coffee mornings in school. We are inviting different guests from a range of services to come to school and be available, should you require additional support for your child. For our first coffee morning, on **Tuesday 15th October**, we will have a representative from The Piece of Mind Team and from SENDIASS. If you feel this may be beneficial, come up to school for a coffee, biscuit and a chat between 9:30am and 11am. We look forward to seeing you then!

Just a reminder that Tempest photographers will be in school on **Monday 23rd of September** to take your child's photograph. They will return on **Monday 30th September** for our Year 6 pupils' who are attending the residential to Ullswater.

On **Tuesday 8th October**, children will be able to receive their flu immunisations in school through IntraHealth. We will send out the link to the consent form via email in the next few days, should you want your child to receive their immunisation.

Have a lovely weekend,

Joanne Bowmaker

Head teacher

Certificates:

Resilient: Sophie R PS, Nancy S C2, William B C9, Charlotte P C10, Sophia N C12M

Reflective: Alfie S C3.

Resourceful: Ivy U C12C.

Reciprocal: Kelly M C7.

Respectful: Ivy M C1, Thomas G C4, Remi W C5, Elsie S C6, Oliver H C8, Lucas L C11.

Pen Licence:

Well done to you all!

HEADTEACHERS AWARD: KS1: Jasper B PS, Evelyn F C4, Bea R C5. KS2: Colin C C6, Vienna P C6, Zachary O C7, Freya B C8, Grace A C9.



BIRTHDAYS:

CLASS 2: Beau H.

CLASS 6: Mila F.

CLASS 7: Ryan G.

CLASS 9: Jake 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)

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
23/09/24	Monday	Whole school	Tempest photography	Individual and siblings in school.
30/09/24	Monday	YR6 pupils (Ullswater)	Tempest photography	Pupils who attended Ullswater residential
03/10/24	Thursday	Selected pupils	Primary cross-country	EDC - parents informed.
08/10/24	Tuesday		Flu immunization	More info to follow from IntraHealth
15/10/24	Tuesday	Parents	Coffee Morning (Piece of Mind Team & SENDIASS)	9.30-11am coffee morning in the large hall – please see section in newsletter.
17/10/24	Thursday	Selected pupils	Netball year 5/6	Dene Academy - parents informed.
22/10/24	Tuesday	Selected pupils	Year 3/4 Football	EDC - parents informed.
23/10/24	Wednesday	Preschool & KS1	Halloween Disco	More info to follow - tickets paid for on Parentpay please
24/10/24	Thursday	KS2	Halloween Disco	More info to follow – tickets paid for on Parentpay please

Holiday dates

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 – % STM

Blue – % NA

Green – % SDA

Red – % 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
90.74%	94.64%	96.88%	96.50%	98.44% WINNERS!	97.83%	93.94%	99.62%	89.34%	99.50%	97.12%	100% WINNERS!	86.64%



Geoff the Chef Award has been given to Class 9 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime – Well Done!

