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Autumn Term 1 Week 7

News

Week beginning 14/10/24

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
97.00%

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,

It has been lovely seeing so many parents in school this week. Thank you to everyone who attended our coffee morning on Tuesday. We are aiming to arrange another before Christmas with different agencies attending.

In our celebration assemblies today we certainly had a lot to celebrate! In addition to the presentation of certificates our Year 6 pupils treated us all to a parade in their Victorian outfits. The children (and staff) looked amazing and they have certainly put 100% effort into their day. Mrs Carr, Mr Harper and Mr Hagan have been giving the children a taste of what it would feel like for a child in Victorian times during a school day..... I wonder which one they prefer? Please see the wonderful photographs that have been uploaded to our Facebook page.

Also, instead of class assemblies this term we are 'trying out' a new approach inspired by our EYFS workshops. Class 7 were thrilled to invite parents and grandparents into school yesterday. The workshop was a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their History and Design Technology work when they created their Stone Age roundhouses with clay. Before the session the children researched and planned their designs during their weekly DT lessons. They were so excited to have their grown-ups help them build the structures. The hall was buzzing with excitement as everyone worked to produce some amazing structures. We are particularly impressed with the extra details of sheep, horses, fires and even Stone Age people that have been added to the models!

The feedback we have received has been very positive, in fact we think the parents and grandparents enjoyed their morning more than the children! Mrs Egglestone and Mrs Pearson are very impressed with the end results – well done to everyone!

Mrs Hext and I have enjoyed visiting more classrooms this week. We have seen the children across EYFS following their routines beautifully and having fun exploring both indoors and outdoors! We also saw some lovely work around rights respecting and listened to children reading across school. We were impressed with the children's I.T skills in Year 2 and how they worked together and shared their thoughts and ideas. Super work – let's keep it up.

I have been speaking with some of our elderly local residents this week who are very upset about the parking around our school. They have explained that cars are being left in front of driveways and mounted on the grass. They are also very worried about the fact that emergency vehicles will not be able to access the area if needed. We know that lots of parents need to get to work but if you can walk or park a little further away from school that would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping to arrange a meeting with our local residents, community police and the local council to try and find a solution to this problem. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Just a reminder that our first Halloween disco is next **Wednesday 23rd October** 3.30pm-5pm for Pre-school & Classes 1-6 and **Thursday 24th October** 3.30pm-5.00pm for Classes 7-12M, we are sure that everyone will have a SPOOKTACULAR TIME!

School closes for half-term next **Friday 25th October** and reopens on **Monday 4th November**.

Have a lovely weekend,

Joanne Bowmaker

Head teacher



Please keep checking our diary of events as we are adding more dates soon!

Date	Day	Class/Year	Event	Information
02.12.24	Monday	Preschool	Christmas sing-a-long	Morning session in the school hall.
03.12.24	Tuesday	Reception Classes 1+2	Christmas Nativity Performance	Two performances to be held am and pm. More details to follow.
04.12.24	Wednesday	EYFS/KS1 Classes 1-6	Christmas Show – Dip and Dab!	Christmas show for EYFS+KS1 children in the school hall (am).
04.12.24	Wednesday	KS2 Classes 7 – 12C and 12M	Christmas Show – Dip and Dab!	Christmas show for KS2 children in the school hall (pm).
06.12.24	Friday	Years 1+2 Classes 3-6	Christmas Production	Two performances to be held am and pm. More details to follow.
09.12.24	Monday	Musicians In School	Christmas Concert	Afternoon concert. More details to follow.
10.12.24	Tuesday	Classes 7, 8 + 9	Christmas Concert	Two performances to be held am and after school. More details to follow.
10.12.24	Tuesday	Preschool and Reception Classes 1+2	Christmas Party	Morning session in school.
11.12.24	Wednesday	Classes 7, 8 + 9	Christmas Concert	More details to follow.
11.12.24	Wednesday	Classes 3+4	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school.
12.12.24	Thursday	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	More details to follow
13.12.24	Friday	Classes 5+6	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school
16.12.24	Monday	Classes 10+11	Christmas Concert	Two performances to be held am and after school. More details to follow.

16.12.24	Monday	Classes 7, 8 + 9	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school.
17.12.23	Tuesday	Classes 12C + 12M	Christmas Concert	Two performances to be held am and after school. More details to follow.
17.12.24	Tuesday	Classes 10 + 11	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school.
18.12.24	Tuesday	Classes 12C + 12M	Christmas Party	Afternoon session in school.
20.12.24	Friday	Whole School	DMS Christmas Concert	Morning session for the children in school.

Certificates:

Resilient: Albie M PS, Maisy H C2, Colin C C6, Henry G C7, Thea W C11, Jamie-Leigh R C12M.

Reflective: Halle G C3, Theo B C4, Emily W C7, Jude L C10, Joseph P C11, Jaqobi W C12C,

Resourceful: Max F C9,

Reciprocal: Darcie D C1.

Respectful: Oliver C C5, Abe R C8,

Pen Licence: Rae Flatt & Ivy J C8

Well done to you all!

HEADTEACHERS AWARD: KS1: Dakota H C5, Autumn F C5, Jackson S C6, Harriet McM C6. KS2: Amelia T-S C7, Alice C C8, James H C10, Oliver P C10.



BIRTHDAYS:

PRESCHOOL: Koa R & Jonah R.

CLASS 1: Harry J.

CLASS 6: Lacey F.

CLASS 7: Oscar M & Jacob B.

CLASS 8: Alyssa T & Isaac C.

CLASS 10: Chloe L.

CLASS 12C: Jaqobi & Donte W, Cara C.

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. **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. We have a vacancy for a parent governor. Please contact the school by Friday 25th Oct if you are interested.

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 acces 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
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
24/10/24	Thursday	Class 8	Class Assembly	Parent/carers are welcome at 9.15am assembly will be held in the large hall.
08/11/24	Friday	Class 11	Remembrance Assembly	Parents/carers are welcome at 9.15am – assembly will be held in the large hall.
08/11/24	Friday	Class 10	Remembrance Assembly	Parents/carers are welcome at 2.30pm – assembly will be held in the large hall.

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 – 97.16% STM

Blue – 96.02% NA

Green – 96.73% SDA

Red – 97.73% 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
98.15%	95.09%	98.91% WINNERS!	97.00%	95.31%	95.11%	95.59%	95.83%	98.53%	99.50% WINNERS!	97.12%	96.15%	97.92%



Geoff the Chef Award has been given to Class 8 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime KS2 – Well Done!



Sue the Chef Award has been given to Class 4 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime KS1 – Well Done!

