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Autumn Term 1 Week 8

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
96.03%

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

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Officer: Mr K. Morgan

SENCO/Pastoral: Mrs R Hext

Site Manager: Mrs W. Fickling

School Business Manager: Mrs J Treanor

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week we have had but what great fun! Our Halloween discos were a great success and the children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A BIG thank you to our wonderful school business manager Mrs Treanor who organised both events! Also, to Mr Sumbly who created a playlist (as requested by the children) and who was our D.J on both evenings. He also arranged a 'SPOOK-tacular' light show in the hall and was a great compere too. Also, thank you to all of the staff who volunteered to help make these two events possible!

Our competition choir have been working extremely hard over the past four weeks, finalising our entry for Primary School Choir of the Year. Today all children in KS1 and KS2 celebration assemblies were treated to a performance of their song 'A million dreams'. We are incredibly proud of them and looking forward to hearing if we have progressed to the next round of the competition.

In EYFS our children in preschool and reception have enjoyed many Halloween enhancements during their play to learn sessions this week. Miss Jones & Mrs Freeman took our pre-schoolers to their very own pumpkin picking patch here in our Forest School grounds. The children chose their own pumpkins and decorated them when they returned to preschool. They looked SPOOK-tacular! Children in reception have enjoyed reading 'Room on The Broom' & 'Funny Bones', which resulted in staff following their interests by exploring colour mixing with potions, pumpkin scooping and creating their own shadow puppets to use with torches. The children have been looking at body parts this week and even discovered that they each have their own skeleton! We are so proud of how our children in EYFS have adapted to their daily routines during this first half term – we are very proud of you all.

Class 8 had a fantastic workshop yesterday. They have been reading the story 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl and looking at instructions in their English lessons. Parents and children had a great time following instructions to make different Halloween themed crafts including slime, window light catchers, haunted houses and pumpkin biscuits. They were all dressed in their spooky outfits and were shocked to find their teacher Mrs Scollen had transformed into 'The grand witch' from the book – we hope you all enjoyed it!

We had 19 of our children visiting EDC for the County final of Cross country representing Easington SSP. It was a huge event with over 400 children competing in total. We had teams from Year 3 & 4

and also Year 5 & 6. Our children did themselves proud in what were very competitive races. Our Year 3 & 4 girls team narrowly missed out on a medal coming in 4th place overall. Our boys' teams came 10th overall but with only a small number of points separating all of the teams. Individually Alia in Year 4 did a brilliant job coming in 2nd overall in her race.

On Tuesday our year 4 football team went to EDC for the Peterlee Schools county competition. For many it was their first ever taste of competitive football and they did an amazing job. They won their group and progressed into the final round of games. We won one and lost one meaning we came in second overall! We were so proud of them all.

The girls' netball team travelled to Dene Academy last week for their first taste of competitive action this year. They showed a brilliant determination to be competitive in all games, only narrowly missing out on qualifying for the semi-final by a couple of points. Well done girls.

School will reopen for pupils on **Monday 4th November**, have a great half-term!

Kind regards,

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: Reeva P PS, Berty H C8, Peyton J C9, Macie-Ella W C9, Joshua L C12M, T-J M C12C.

Reflective: Elsie W C3, Skyler O C5, Cole D C7, Amelia T-S C7, Freddie P C11.

Resourceful: Noah R C2.

Reciprocal: Rosie P C4.

Respectful: Esme M C1, Vienna P C6, Oliver S C10.

Pen Licence: Shaun K C5.

Well done to you all!

HEADTEACHERS AWARD: KS1: Autumn L C4, Jack B C5, Mila F C6. KS2: Berty H C8, Alia W C9, Gracie O'G C11, Georgia T C12M.



BIRTHDAYS:

CLASS 1: Evan F.

CLASS 2: Teddy G & Poppy B.

CLASS 3: Tyler K.

CLASS 4: Caleb A

CLASS 5: James W.

CLASS 7: Max B & Alice A.

CLASS 8: Alisha-Mae S & Oliver K.

CLASS 9: Nathaniel M.

CLASS 11: Joshua C & Theo K.

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.

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
07/11/24	Thursday	Class 11	Remembrance Assembly	Parents/carers are welcome at 9.15am – assembly will be held in the large hall.
07/11/24	Thursday	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 29th 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 6th January 2025	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	School opens
Friday 21 st February 2025	School closes for Spring half term
Monday 3 rd March 2025	School opens
Friday 11 th April 2025	School closes for Easter holidays
Monday 28 th April 2025	School opens
Friday 2 nd May 2025	School closes for May Day bank holiday
Monday 5th May 2025	May Day bank holiday school closed
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	School opens
Friday 23 rd May 2025	School closes for Summer half term
Monday 2 nd June 2025	School opens
Friday 18 th July 2025	School closes for Summer holidays
Tuesday 2 nd September	School opens



Attendance

Yellow – 96.15% STM

Blue – 96.80% NA

Green – 95.50% SDA

Red – 94.94% 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
96.45%	95.14%	97.53%	94.67%	98.62% WINNERS!	97.00%	93.23%	94.71%	97.12%	98.18% WINNERS!	95.02%	94.82%	95.89%



Geoff the Chef Award has been given to Class 9 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime KS2 – Well Done!



Sue the Chef Award has been given to Class 6 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime KS1 – Well Done!

