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### Autumn Term 2 Week 3

#### News

Week beginning 18/11/24

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

ATTENDANCE  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
**94.53%**

### Shotton Hall Primary School

Working together to

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**Successful, Happy, Inspired  
and Nurtured towards  
Excellence**

Head Teacher: Mrs J Bowmaker

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the end of another busy and very cold week! Our children are all working extremely hard in class and also preparing for Nativity Concerts and their Christmas Carol Concerts. We are so excited to welcome parents and grandparents into school over the next few weeks. From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November we will be asking parents to confirm which shows they will be attending. As always, each child will be allocated 2 adults per show (2 for the morning performance and 2 for the afternoon). I hope you understand that for safety reasons we are unable to offer any more than 2 adults per child. We will open the doors at 9am for our morning performances and 1.45pm for the afternoon shows. Our evening concerts will begin at 3.30pm. We will be serving tea, coffee, mince pies and biscuits and selling the craft packs that the children have created in school.

We are thrilled that Mr Morgan has shared in both celebration assemblies today that our attendance has been fantastic across the whole school and stands at a very impressive **96%** for the Autumn Term!! This is the highest whole school attendance figure since 2018 – well done everyone! The children were absolutely delighted in both of today's assemblies to see our attendance bears dressed in their brand new Christmas outfits. Please check our Facebook page to see how lovely they look!

Mrs Carr and Mr Hagan's class workshop created a real BUZZ in school on Wednesday! As part of their Year 6 science work the children were presented with the question: Can you make an electrical device? The children have been learning about circuits, insulators and conductors. They looked at a steady hand game and tried using the electrical equipment to make one by using just a buzzer, battery and 2 paper clips. They had to draw the circuits to show how the game worked. They talked about which metals made the best conductors for their game. They progressed to designing a finished product using a paper cup, copper wire, crocodile clips and a buzzer. They used their design with their adults to make the finished product, complete with a base and decorations during the workshop..... Phew!

Our Scholastic Book Fair has been well attended this week. Any rewards we receive as a result of your purchases, will be spent on books to enhance the curriculum for our children – thank you!

Our Radio Rumble team have been busy researching and collecting lots of information in preparation to record their findings next week. Mr Sumbly will be collating everything ready for our broadcast the following week – we can't wait to hear it!

On Tuesday some children travelled to EDC to participate in the Sports Hall Athletics competition, alongside 17 other schools. It was a brilliant event with over 300 children in attendance. Both our boys and girls did a fantastic job, scoring 588 points in total. This was enough points for our school to claim third place. They all showed amazing teamwork throughout the afternoon, supporting each other. There were also some excellent displays of physical ability on show as the girls claimed 3 top 3 finishes and the boys claimed 6 top 3 finishes out of 12 events. An amazing effort from everyone involved and well deserved after all the hard work they have put in over lunchtimes training for the event.

Finally, if you can walk or park a little further away from school it would be greatly appreciated. We are respectful of the local resident's concerns regarding parking around school. Also, we know that we have lots of parents who will be attending concerts over the coming weeks and would like to politely remind everyone to be mindful of local resident's properties and their driveways. Thank you for your support and helping us to work together with our local community.

Just a reminder that our school is closed on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** to pupils and will re-open on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

Have a lovely weekend and stay warm!

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	Christmas Concert	Afternoon concert.

		School		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:** Solomiia Z C4, Toby M C7, Rae F C8, Sofia K C11, Alice CW C12M

**Reflective:** Charlotte L C2, Liam J C6,

**Resourceful:** Aria W C3, Charlie A C5, Fleur L C9, Amelia G C12C.

**Reciprocal:** Jacob W C10,

**Respectful:** Jonah R PS, Harry J C1.

**Pen Licence:** Alice A, Cole D, Belle P, Emily W and Toby M all C7. Maddison L C8.

**Well done to you all!**

**HEADTEACHERS AWARD:** KS1: Solomiia Z C4, Hannah C C5, Hudson P C5. KS2: Gracie B C9, Louie H C12M, Sophia N C12M.



#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

**CLASS 1: James B.**

**CLASS 2: Oscar M.**

**CLASS 3: James S & Jacob S.**

**CLASS 7: Henry G.**

**CLASS 10: Lola M & Olivia L.**

**CLASS 12C: Hunter R & Xander J.**

**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](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. **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/chocolate bars 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.

## Holiday dates

<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>	<b>CPD Day school will be closed to pupils</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024</b>	<b>School opens</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>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>School closes for Spring half term</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025</b>	<b>School opens</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>School closes for Easter holidays</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>School opens</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>School closes for May Day bank holiday</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>May Day bank holiday school closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>School opens</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>School closes for Summer half term</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025</b>	<b>School opens</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	<b>School closes for Summer holidays</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>School opens</b>



## Attendance

Yellow – 93.75% STM

Blue – 93.47% NA

Green – 94.60% SDA

Red – 95.88% 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
91.20%	89.73%	95.11%	95.00%	100.00% WINNERS!	97.83%	91.10%	92.05%	96.32%	90.50%	95.67%	98.08% WINNERS!	96.35%



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 3 this week for the best behaviour over lunchtime KS1 – Well Done!



Eco Turtles Award has been given to Classes 10 & 11.

