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## Spring Term 1 Week 1

### News

Week beginning 06/01/25

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

ATTENDANCE  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
96.92%

## Shotton Hall Primary School

Working together to

**S H I N E**

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

Head Teacher: Mrs J L Morgan

Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs R Hext

Assistant Headteacher: Ms E. Metcalfe

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Officer: Mr K. Morgan

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Site Manager: Mrs W. Fickling

School Business Manager: Mrs J Treanor

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

The children have had a fantastic start to the new term and have shown a great attitude towards their learning.

We are delighted that our Assistant Head teacher Ms Metcalfe has returned to school and the Year 6 pupils in her class have had a brilliant week! They have been completing some very impressive work and their handwriting and presentation have been beautiful. We have presented lots of awards this morning and have had lots of smiling faces –well done to you all.

Ms Metcalfe and Mrs Carr are busy arranging our Year 6 booster groups and more details will follow shortly.

Next week is our 'Pizza in Action' theme day and our new cook Miss Pattison will be rustling up lots of delicious pizzas including; Cheese and Tomato, BBQ Chicken, Veggie and BBQ Quorn. This is open to all pupils who would like to have their lunch in school on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January**. We can't wait to find out which one is your favourite!

Next week we have lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place. As part of their cultural capital offer Classes 10 and 11 are going to Sunderland Empire Theatre to see the stage production of 'Joseph and his Technicolor Dream coat'. Whilst on Friday we have a very special visitor in school when the author Adam Bushnell returns! He will be telling stories to the whole school in the morning and then working with Classes 10,11,12C and 12M in the afternoon. The children always love to listen to Adam and are always really inspired by his enthusiasm for reading and writing stories. We can't wait to see what fantastic work they produce!

We are reviewing our access to the school car park for blue badge users. We have a large number of staff and outside visitors who need to access the car park and parking spaces are very limited. If you would like to be considered to use the staff car park during the morning drop off and evening pick up can you send us proof of your blue badge to the school office. We will inform those parents who meet the criteria directly. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Have a lovely weekend and stay warm!

Kind regards,

Joanne Leah Morgan

Head teacher

## Certificates:

**Resilient:** Amelia Measor (C12C) Jack A (C4) Reeva P (PS)

**Reflective:** Nataliah B (C3) Megan S (C5) Riley D (C12M)

**Resourceful:** Eve A (C1), Emily H (C10), Fearne C (C11), Harriett M (C6) Harrison T (C7)

**Reciprocal:** Ella T (C9)

**Respectful:** Alice C (C8), Isla G (C2)

**Pen Licence:** William Bailey (C9)

**Well done to you all!**

**HEADTEACHERS AWARD:** KS1: Hallie-Grace D C5, Carter T C5, Evie-Mae B C6. KS2: Finley L C7, Robyn C C8, Will C C12M.



## **BIRTHDAYS:**

**PRESCHOOL:** Ezra J, Finley C, George J, Jasper B.

**CLASS 1:** Max H.

**CLASS 2:** Nell B.

**CLASS 3:** Alfie S.

**CLASS 6:** Santi B, Tiffany D.

**CLASS 8:** Daisy S, Maddie L.

**CLASS 9:** Flynn W, Elliot O, Gracie B, Harper P, Grace A.

**CLASS 11:** Una R, Thea W.

**CLASS 12M:** Georgia T.

**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](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**

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



**Attendance**

Yellow – 96.55% STM

Blue – 97.54% NA

Green – 96.40% SDA

Red – 97.09% 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 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 96.15%  | 97.62%  | 100.00% | 96.67%  | 95.33%  | 97.83%  | 95.69%  | 98.86%  | 96.08%  | 100.00%  | 95.51%   | 92.95%    | 97.22%    |



Geoff the Chef Award has been given to Class 12M 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!

