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Parent: 2 x vacancies.
Staff: Mrs J Henry
You may contact any governor via the school. **Complaints in the first instance are to be communicated to the Head Teacher Mrs J L Morgan.**

Summer Term 2 Week 6
News
Week beginning 07/07/25
News is through e mail, Facebook and website – please make sure we have your e mail address.

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
96.31%

Shotton Hall Primary School
Working together to
SHINE
Successful, Happy, Inspired
and Nurtured towards
Excellence
Head Teacher: Mrs J L Morgan
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,

We are delighted to share with you that our SATs results this year are well above the national average in every single subject! We are also delighted that our 'greater depth' percentages have exceeded our expectations too! A HUGE well done to the whole team who have worked so hard, and of course our fabulous children for their resilience and determination – we are so proud of you all.

Today, 31 of our Year 6 children have taken part in Tommy's Trek. They have walked the whole route from Seaham back to school to raise money for East Durham Veterans. It was a very warm day and the children didn't complain once! A big THANK YOU to the staff who accompanied the children on the 9-mile trek....well done to Mr Morgan, Mr Scorer, Mrs Hext, Mr Sumby, Mrs Carr and Mr Hagan and two veterans Andy and Chris, you can certainly put your feet up and have a well-deserved rest this weekend! The rest of school did their 'virtual walk' around the school field and welcomed the Year 6 expedition back with a guard of honour on the school field. Thank you to all of our parents, grandparents and friends for your kind donations - which I know will be gratefully received.

What a difference in the weather compared to this time last year when we had to cancel Sports Day due to a water-logged field! We are glad that everyone had a great time this year, and it was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents attending. The parent's races were as competitive as ever – well done to you all.

On Monday, our Year 6 children enjoyed a silent disco, which they loved! Also, on Wednesday, they became DJ's for the day, and worked with Durham Music Service to produce their own songs. The children tested out beats, arranged melody's and created different genres.

Yesterday, we had our 'move up' afternoon. The children met their new teacher and completed some fun activities. We know that they will settle really quickly into their routines in September. We will be hosting our 'meet the teacher' evenings again early in the new term. We will send out details for each class nearer the time.

Yesterday, our pre-school children enjoyed their celebration in the hall. They were thrilled that their grown-ups came to visit them! We also had a special visit yesterday from our Early Years Leader Mrs Hutchinson! She came into school with her brand-new baby 'Paddy' who is absolutely adorable. We miss her, but we know she will be enjoying her maternity leave.

Next week we will wave goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. We will be holding two performances on Tuesday and Wednesday of 'Treachery at Traitors' Quay' set in 1939, the beginning of World War II..... you may need to bring your handkerchiefs!

Just a reminder that school will close on **Friday 18th July** and reopen to children on **Tuesday 2nd September**.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Kind regards,

Joanne Leah Morgan

Head teacher

Certificates:

Resilient: Ezra J PS, Tommy P C4.

Reflective: James S C3, Noah C C8, Alisha-Mae S C8, Emily H C10, Jamie-Leigh R C12M.

Resourceful: Gracie O'G C11, Thea W C11, Alex O C6.

Reciprocal: Noah R C2.

Respectful: Halle E C1, Flynn W C9, Emily W C7, Toby M C7, James W C5.

HEADTEACHERS AWARD: KS1: George J PS, Ada R C2. KS2: Aria C C9, Oliver C C10, Josh L C12M, Cara C C12C.

Pen Licence:

Well done to you all!



BIRTHDAYS:

CLASS 1: Halle E, Luka A-N, Darcie D.

CLASS 3: Natalia B

CLASS 9: Aria C, Olivia T, Fleur L

CLASS 11: Joseph P

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 31st March 2025 school meals have increased to £2.95 per day (£14.75 per week). **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: Earrings need to be removed for PE and swimming. Your child is fine to do this in school, however if they struggle with this then can they be removed at home. Unfortunately, taping them up isn’t a safe option. If for whatever reason they cannot be removed, then there will be parts of the lesson that they are unable to participate in for their own safety.

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.

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.

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
14.07.25	Monday	Classes 5 & 6	Raby Castle & Deer Park	Please see class letter.
15.07.25	Tuesday	Classes 12C & 12M	Year 6 Leavers Concert	Please see class letter.
16.07.25	Wednesday	Classes 12C & 12M	Year 6 Leavers Concert	Please see class letter.
17.07.25	Thursday	Classes 1 & 2	South Shields Beach visit	Please see class letter.

Holiday dates

Friday 18 th July 2025	School closes for Summer holidays
Tuesday 2 nd September	School opens



Attendance Yellow – 96.08% STM Blue – 95.60% NA Green – 96.02% SDA Red – 97.84% 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
97.12%	100.00% WINNERS!	96.20%	93.00%	96.15%	95.83%	95.83%	97.66%	96.69%	99.00% WINNERS!	95.19%	97.12%	92.19%

