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You may contact any governor via the school. **Complaints in the first instance are to be communicated to the head teacher Mrs Boyd.**

Autumn Term 2B week 4
News
Week beginning 15.3.21

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
94.92%
Well done everyone!

Shotton Hall Primary School
Working together to
SHINE
Successful, Happy, Inspired
and Nurtured towards
Excellence

Headteacher: Mrs A.M. Boyd
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs J Bowmaker
Assistant Headteachers: Mrs S. Sands, Ms E. Metcalfe
Behaviour, Attendance and Safeguarding Officer: Mr K. Morgan
SENCO/Pastoral: Mrs J. Bowmaker
Site Manager: Mrs W. Fickling
School Business Manager: Mrs J. Johnson

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of our second week back after lockdown and I am delighted that teachers are reporting to me the great work and excellent attitude of our children in all the classes. As we all know, they have had to cope with a great deal of change over this time and have shown absolute resilience and determination throughout whilst keeping up beat and happy. All credit to you as parents and carers working together with teachers to support children.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The gaps in learning are being identified and dealt with but staff are reporting that the majority of children have done very well learning at home and they can therefore continue with their curriculum as normal. This is a testament to the hard work from everyone during lockdown- thank you so much. I know many of you have been doing home learning whilst managing all your other commitments and this has been a really hard time. Some teachers are now working on delivering some catch up learning which did not lend itself to being done at home and is better done in school.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Our children are really enjoying being back with their friends and are coping well being in their bubbles with their classes. We have shared bubbles in early years and across year 6. The children have picked up the routines we set before this last lockdown and this seems almost 'normal' to us now. We have noticed how grown up they seem and they have certainly developed greater independence.

RED NOSE DAY

We have thoroughly enjoyed our day today for red nose day and we have 370 Superheroes in our school including all our staff! I am amazed at the creative outfits and particularly loved the doctors and nurses and even Captain Tom! Take a look at our facebook page for photos of this special day. Thank you to those who have made a donation to Red Nose Day through parent pay.

WELCOME BACK

We look forward to welcoming back our year 6 pupils on Monday 22nd March and the related staff- Mr Morgan, Ms Metcalfe, Mrs Gilmour and Mrs Carr. Our class 10 pupils will continue to work from home with online learning with Mr Johnson and Mrs Scollen and we will see them after the Easter break though their isolation period will end on the last day of term so at least they can enjoy the holiday.

NEW STAFF

We are working so hard here in school to cover for our absent colleagues and have brought in some supply staff to help us so you may see some new faces around. We welcome three teaching students into school and they will be working with classes alongside the class teachers who are their mentors. We have Ms Timmis in class 3,

Ms Mutch in class 4 and Ms Dyson in class 5. They are on their last teaching practice and will become fully fledged teachers after this practice. The children have made them so welcome and they are very happy to be here! They are following our covid guidance in line with the rest of the school.

DINING EXPERIENCE

This week we have reviewed and altered our dining experience to make it even safer than before in response to the guidance. All children take their lunch in the dining hall. It is certainly a challenge to get all our 350 children through the lunch service in the short space of time we have in the middle of the school day! We now offer all pupils front facing dining so they can chat to their friends next to them and still be as safe as we can make them. We are encouraging good manners as always and low level noise and the children are doing very well with this now. We are hoping to offer outdoor dining soon weather permitting for some pupils. Lunchtime supervisors are working within their bubbles and a senior member of staff is on lunch duty.

DOJO

Please be aware we never remove dojo points from children, once earned they are theirs to keep. The dojo system is working well and thank you to parents who have communicated to us through this. You can also talk to us through our website contacts page.

As we are working with new staff we may take longer to get back to you than usual at this time. Your children are our priority in school time so please bear with us. You may receive phone calls from withheld numbers whilst some staff are working from home- we will make every effort to contact you and may leave a message for you. Thank you so much for your continued support and the kind messages you are sending to the team and myself. They really are wonderful and give us a lift in these extremely difficult times. Thank you also for your comments which help us to improve our service to our families.

COVID UPDATE

1. Parents are now able to get lateral flow testing kits for their families from local collection points (Hartlepool, Durham, Sunderland) these centres are open from 1.30 -7 pm. You can also order test kits online through through the gov.uk site.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

If you receive a positive lateral flow test result you must confirm this with a PCR test from a centre. If you need advice or guidance please let us know and we will do all we can to help.

2. Out of school hours please report test results to us via comments on our web page also through class dojo. teachers do not always check dojo late in the evening so please do not rely on this to inform us.
3. If your child has symptoms of covid please keep them at home until they have had a full PCR test at a centre.

GOVERNOR VACANCY: Would you like to be involved in decision making in our school? We are delighted to have **two parent governor vacancies**. If you would like to be involved and help to make a difference please contact Mrs Johnson our school business manager for more information. All our meetings are held by teams during the covid pandemic and governors are not coming onto the school site for safety reasons.

ATTENDANCE: Please inform the office of non-attendance so it can be added to our online system. Do not send a message through class dojo as it will not get to the Admin team.

Gates open at 8.35 am and close at 9 am after which time the day gate is used. This enables the site to be safely used for learning in the first lesson.

Pre school entry 8.50 am, gate opens for collection 11.45 am.

Gates open at 3 pm and close at 3.25pm.

SAFEGUARDING: FIRST CONTACT: If you have a concern about a child or young person at any time First Contact has made it easy for you to get in touch with them. You can contact them using the following: Telephone: 03000 26 79 79, E-mail: scd@durham.gov.uk. Website: www.durham.gov.uk/.../firstcontact

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
26.3.21	FRIDAY	ALL	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	EASTER CLOSURE

Holiday dates

Friday 26th March 2021	Last day of school before Easter holidays
Monday 12 th April 2021	School reopens for term 3a
Monday 3rd May 2021	School closed for Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 28 th May 2021	Last day of school before half term week
Monday 7th June 2021	School reopens for term 3b
Tuesday 20 th July 2021	Last day of school before Summer holidays



Attendance

Yellow – STM 94.47%

Blue – NA 94.95%

Green – SDA 90.97%

Red – QEII 96.25%

CLASS 1 92.00%	CLASS 2 92.49%	CLASS 3 98.83% WINNERS!	CLASS 4 97.31%	CLASS 5 95.90%	CLASS 6 94.14%	CLASS 7 94.07%	CLASS 8 94.54%	CLASS 9 98.26% WINNERS!	CLASS 10 93.22%	CLASS 11 Home learning	CLASS 12 Home learning
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Certificates

RESILIENT: Berty H C2, Ethan S C10, Ruby A C11, Eli R C8

REFLECTIVE: Billie R C3, Maisie A C4, Abigail M C12, Isla S C1

RESOURCEFUL: Sophia N C5, Thomas C C9,

RECIPROCAL: Poppy D C7, Joshua P C6

RESPECTFUL: none this week

Pen Licence

Heidi S C5, Joshua L C5, Poppie R C7, Zac W C7 Well done everyone!



Birthdays

CLASS 1 GALEN W,

CLASS 3 RUBY L,

CLASS 4-MONROE B,

CLASS 6 LOUIE S

CLASS 7 LUKAS I

CLASS 9 OLIVIA C

CLASS 10 CHARLIE O

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!

