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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.**

Summer Term 3b Week 2
News
Week beginning 14.06.21

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
96.08%
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,

TRANSITION: Due to the covid regulations we will not be doing our new class visits this year as we need to maintain the bubble system. Children will meet their new teacher and assistant outside for an activity later in the term. DfE guidance states “traditional transition and open days are unlikely to be feasible this academic year”. As always your child's safety is our top priority.

SEPTEMBER INDUCTION SESSIONS: There is a company who are charging parents to attend an online induction session with them regarding school start without permission of the schools. This company is not endorsed by the school and is a private enterprise giving only general information. I urge you not to spend money on it and we will give you all the information you need for your child to join us successfully. Look out on Facebook and the website for our welcome video from our reception teachers!

DRIVEWAY: Please if you have been granted the privilege of using our car park, drive at a very low speed up our drive – we expect 5 mph. We have had some serious near misses recently including delivery lorries. I am extremely concerned and will monitor this.

PARKING AROUND WAVENEY ROAD: Thank you to all parents and carers who are showing respect for our neighbours and parking respectfully and lowering their car music. It is very important to us that we maintain good relationships with our neighbours as they look out for our school when we are not here – we do not want to upset them. We teach our children how to be respectful and a good neighbour as part of our curriculum and need parents and carers to set the example. Remember some of our neighbours work night shift and sleep during the day.

FACE COVERINGS: Following the government announcement to pause at step 3 of the reopening post covid lockdown, please could all visitors to site **please continue to wear face coverings**. If you do not wish to wear one please remain offsite and arrange for your child to be brought to the gates. This excludes those who are exempt but we then require you also to maintain at least a 2m distance from others. Please leave the site promptly once you have collected. Thank you.

REPORTS: Reports will come out to you on FRIDAY 9TH JULY followed by parental phone consultations week beginning 12th July. Please book a parent consultation through class dojo. If you do not require a consultation that is fine, our teachers will make contact with you if they need to. Because of the lockdowns we have gone through this year please do not be surprised that your child may not have made as much progress as you expected. We are still in our catchup period and will continue this in September. Teachers will hand over to the new teacher so all children will begin their new class from their starting points in the summer term. We are making some new appointments in school so will let you know of your child's new class in early July.

WELL DONE: A big "Well Done" to Ella C C10 who has had her hair cut and donated it to "The Little Princess Trust", so they can make wigs for cancer patients. We are all very proud of you!

A Special "Well Done" to Will C-W C3 who called for help when his mummy was taken poorly! We are all very proud of you.

TOYS: Thank you but we do not allow children to bring toys from home to school. We have had some incidents of children bringing in their toys to give to others. Please could you make sure home toys stay at home to help us keep everyone safe.

SUNCREAM/HATS: Please remember to send your child into school with a hat and make sure they have suncream applied before they come to school as the weather is warming up.

POLITE REMINDER: We would like to remind you that as a DCC School there is a **NO SMOKING** policy in place for in or around the school site, this includes E-cigarettes. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL MEALS: The cost of school meals will increase as of Sept 2nd 2021. The cost per day will be £2.15 and per week £10.75. To those parents who pay for school meals please continue to do so via Parent pay. Thank you.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Please remember to complete a leave of absence form for any time taken out of school time. Thank you.

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. This applies to jewellery in general, a small stud earring can be worn in the ear but necklaces, bracelets and other hooped or dangle earrings are prohibited in school. **Earrings should be removed for P.E or plasters provided from home to cover them. Thank you.**

WATER BOTTLES: Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle every day to use in class, especially as the weather is hopefully going to get warmer. We have water dispensers in school which children have access to.

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 8.50am at the Passfield Way entrance and close at 9am at the Waveney Road entrance **after which time the day gate on Waveney Road is used.** This enables the site to be safely used for learning in the first lesson.

Preschool 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

Testing reminder for parents and carers.

Have coronavirus symptoms and need a test?

If anyone in your household has symptoms you need to book a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test as soon as possible. For more information and to book a PCR test visit www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call NHS test and trace free on 119

As coronavirus symptoms in children can vary it is advised that children who are unwell should not attend school until they are well again.

Alternatively Durham County Council offers support to people seeking further advice about coronavirus through the County Durham Together Community Hub, details of which can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/covid19help or by phoning 03000 260 260.

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
24.06.21	Thursday	Y5 children in C9	Seaham Harbour Marina Water Sports Adventure	See class letter for info.
13.07.21	Tuesday	Classes 1&2	Ed. Visit to Hardwick Park	More info to follow.
15.07.21	Thursday	Y5 children in C10	Seaham Harbour Marina Water Sports Adventure	See class letter for info.
15.07.21 am	Thursday	Preschool	Sports Day	More info to follow.
16.07.21	Friday	Y6	Moor House Adventure Centre	See class letter for info.
19.07.21	Monday	Classes 1-5	KS1 Sports Day	More info to follow.
20.07.21	Tuesday	Classes 6-12	KS2 Sports Day	More info to follow.

Young Children's use of Social Media (Follow up letter)

Dear Parent / Carer

We have become aware that some of our younger children appear to have access to social media. Durham County Council's online safety lead has been made aware of numerous issues caused by adults and young people behaving badly on various apps resulting in bullying, exposure to inappropriate material and children being coerced into producing child abuse images.

As a school we take this very seriously and children are taught about online safety throughout their time in school, so they develop the skills needed to keep themselves safe online.

Younger children do not have the developmental awareness to be able to protect themselves online and need adult support to navigate safely, hence our concern.

There is some excellent advice on internetmatters.org which explains risks and setting up parental controls.

The NSPCC run a website called net-aware.org which explains the functionality and safety settings on many apps.

Because of our duty to all of the children in our school, we will take action (which may involve logging a call with first contact which are part of social services) if we subsequently become aware that children are still unsupervised when accessing inappropriate content.

Parents and carers are welcome to contact the school for support and advice.

Key websites are listed below.

Website	Comment
www.internetmatters.org	Really useful website covering parental controls, apps and all aspects of supporting parents with technology.
www.net-aware.org.uk	Great website for parents, written by the NSPCC that explains about individual apps and the safety measures they have in place for children
https://www.childline.org.uk	The website for children to get support themselves
https://www.ltai.info	Support with radicalisation
https://www.getsafeonline.org	More for parents – this site explains how to protect yourself against online fraud – which is an increasing problem.

Holiday dates

Tuesday 20 th July 2021	Last day of school before Summer holidays
Wednesday 1 st Sept 2021	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Thursday 2nd Sept 2021	School reopens for term 1a
Thursday 21 st October 2021	Last day of school before half term week
Friday 22 nd October 2021	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Monday 1st November 2021	School reopens for term 1b
Friday 17 th December 2021	School closes for Xmas holidays
Tuesday 4 th & Wednesday 5 th January 2022	CPD Days school will be closed to pupils
Thursday 6th January 2022	School reopens for term 2a



Attendance

Yellow – STM 99.04% Blue – NA 91.97% Green – SDA 96.80% Red – QEII 96.47%

CLASS 1 97.33%	CLASS 2 97.78%	CLASS 3 94.07%	CLASS 4 98.52% WINNERS!	CLASS 5 97.41%	CLASS 6 88.57%	CLASS 7 97.01%	CLASS 8 93.77%	CLASS 9 99.29%	CLASS 10 97.07%	CLASS 11 92.61%	CLASS 12 99.53% WINNERS!
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Certificates

RESILIENT: Eden R C1, Archie H C11.

REFLECTIVE: Callum K C5, Jaye M C9, Leo B C10.

RESOURCEFUL: Sofia K C3.

RECIPROCAL: Olivia T C2, Charlie S C4, Sophia H C7, Imogen R C8, Adam J C12.

RESPECTFUL: Jake F C6.

Pen Licence

Billie R C3, Ava P C5, Talia S C6, Louie S C6, John W C6, Isla W 6, Dexter M C7. Well done to you all!



Birthdays

CLASS 1 MADELINE R, PEYTON J.

CLASS 4 AMELIA G, EUGENE L.

CLASS 5 JOSHUA L.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!

