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Summer Term 3b Week 6

News

Week beginning 12.07.21

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL

92.76%

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

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Site Manager: Mrs W. Fickling

School Business Manager: Mrs J. Johnson

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this school year I would like to thank all parents, carers and families for your unswerving support over what has been the most challenging year we have ever experienced in education. However, together we have managed our school well and complied with all the regulations and look forward to happier times ahead with a full compliment of children and staff in school next year - fingers crossed!

Our children have been amazing and despite the covid regulations we have continued to learn through innovative and exciting themed learning both at home and in school. On Wednesday I attended the whole school team's assembly 'celebrating community' and was very impressed at the knowledge the children have about both our own community and the national and global community. Our children, even at the youngest age, are so in touch with wider issues and can discuss these with age appropriate confidence and knowledge. This was demonstrated in our re accreditation for Gold level (highest level) Rights Respecting Schools Award. We are leaders in this area and support other schools to achieve the same.

Our year 6 now leave us to move onto new challenges and more exciting learning ahead. We will miss them all and look forward to meeting with them and seeing how they are getting along next year. They really have been an excellent year group and deserve to do well in future- incidentally, these were my first group of children in reception when I first came to this school in 2015! We are very proud that so many of our past pupils still come to see us so encourage your children to do so.

Please have a fabulous summer break and enjoy your family time. Hopefully the weather will be good to us and covid will behave itself!

See you on Thursday 2nd September in full uniform please.

Best wishes

Anita Boyd

Headteacher

Start and end times to the school day

Now that we are no longer required to work in bubbles from September these will be the start time for lessons. Gates will open at 8.40 am and close at 9 am, reopen at 3 pm and close at 3.30 pm.

Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 8.55am - 3.10pm

classes 5.6.7.8.9.10.11 and 12 9am-3.15 pm

This ensures all pupils receive 5 hours learning time throughout the school day.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: We will be starting our Before & After School Club's in September. Breakfast Club will be open to Reception children upto Year 6, this will not need to be booked in advance but will need to be paid for in advance please though Parentpay. The cost per day is £2 for the first child and £1 for any siblings. After School Club will be open to Year 1 children upto Year 6 children. This **MUST** be booked in advance and paid for in advance via Parentpay please. Please contact the school office to reserve a place for your child. If you would like your child to attend the first week back to school the place needs to be reserved Monday at the latest. The cost per day is £4 for the first child and £3.50 for any siblings.

END OF TERM GIFTS: We have had some parents and carers asking us if they may send in end of year gifts for staff. You may recall last year we asked for donations to the class charity due to covid regulations. Whilst the teaching team absolutely do not expect any gifts for the work we do, it is understood that parents and carers may want to show their appreciation so we are allowing this to take place this year. Staff have asked that parents do not feel obliged to take part and we ask that gifts are not excessive please. Please do not send in gifts on Monday or Tuesday as they cannot be taken home as they need to be quarantined. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

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.

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.

FAIRTRADE: Class 12 raised £137 from their Awareness Day and Fair Trade hamper raffle. A big thank you to all who made donations. Message from The Fair Trade Foundation “ Thank you so much to your two classes for arranging and setting up this event in support of Fairtrades’ work. That’s amazing! Your donation will not only support projects to bring Fairtrade to more farmers and workers but also help them improve their farms, build demand for their produce and help strengthen their voices to negotiate a fairer deal – so they can truly trade their way out of poverty.”

CLASS 6: Class 6 raised £204.59 for their class charity Durham Wildlife Trust, money was raised doing a sponsored litter pick. Well done to all!

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.

P.E Policy: Reminder of our P.E Policy. Pupils should be appropriately dressed for P.E. in either school kit (red t-shirt, black shorts/leggings/trousers), or other suitable clothes including t-shirt, shorts or tracksuit bottoms that follow PE kit guidelines. Footwear can include plimsols, trainers or barefoot (depending on the suitability of the activity).

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

HOMETIME ARRANGEMENTS: Please contact the office Monday at the latest to let us know which exit you wish your child to leave from in September this only applies to Classes 5-12. Thank you.

Message from Peterlee Leisure Centre: [Holiday activities and food programme - Summer 2021](#)

Durham County Council has received central government funding to deliver a series of sports and top up swimming lesson camps with food programmes FREE throughout County Durham this summer.

As a result of the holiday activities with food programme funding we want children who attend this provision to:

- Eat more healthily over the school holidays
- Be more active during the school holidays
- Take part in engaging and enriching activities which support the development of resilience, character, and wellbeing along with their wider educational attainment.

Our sports camps are available for your child / children FREE of charge and will include a packed lunch including a freshly made sandwich, fruit, water and a snack. Sessions will be delivered by fully qualified sports coaches. The dates and times are below for your area:

Peterlee Leisure Centre – Multi Sport Camp

Dates: Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th August

Times: 10am to 2pm each day

Ages: 8 to 12 years' old

You can book for a full week or individual days by following the below instructions:

Please call Peterlee Leisure Centre on **03000 261084** to book places

Holiday Activities with Food – Summer 2021

Whether it's finding fun things for the kids to do, paying for extra childcare, or even just all that extra food they seem to eat, the school holidays can be a struggle for many families. Covid-19 has meant that many people's incomes have been reduced and children and young people are keen to get out and spend time with their friends.

This Summer our Fun and Food programme is providing fun activities with healthy food for children and young people. Activities are provided by range of partners including schools, voluntary and community sector groups and sport and leisure services.

For information on Fun and Food activities during the Summer holidays check out www.durham.gov.uk/FunAndFood

We will be adding activities to the list throughout the holidays so please keep checking back to find out more about the fabulous opportunities in our community.

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
16.07.21	Monday	Yr6 Class 12	Moorhouse Adventure	Please see class letter.
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 91.94%

Blue – NA 85.14%

Green – SDA 93.39%

Red – QEII 92.10%

CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	CLASS 5	CLASS 6	CLASS 7	CLASS 8	CLASS 9	CLASS 10	CLASS 11	CLASS 12
96.68%	86.92%	97.66% WINNERS!	94.57%	91.80%	86.58%	86.97%	92.89%	94.81%	98.72% WINNERS!	%	%



Certificates

RESILIENT: John M C4,

REFLECTIVE: Nathaniel B C 11,

RESOURCEFUL: Ella T C2,

RECIPROCAL: Kai S C1, Brooke W C7, Finn T C9,

RESPECTFUL: Anya B-W C3, Saba B C5, Bobby M C6, Rose C C8, Rowan B C10,

Pen Licence

Jake F C6, Well done to you all!



Birthdays (including through the holidays)

CLASS 1 ARIA J.

CLASS 2 OLIVIA T, FLEUR L, OSCAR H.

CLASS 3 ARCHIE K, LINCOLN B, EMILY H, WILL C-W.

CLASS 4 JAMES H, COOPER H-C, EMILY C, JESSICA J, IMOGEN B.

CLASS 5 ALICE C-W.

CLASS 6 ISLA D, TALIA S.

CLASS 7 ALEX D, ISLA S.

CLASS 8 AMELIA H, LUCAS J, LEWIS J, SOFIA M, DANTE P.

CLASS 9 MATTHEW W, CHARLOTTE S, CAITLIN W, OWEN H, JAYE M, FINN T, LEWIS P, IESTYN R, LOGAN C, BROOKE H.

CLASS 10 CHARLIE G, JOEL J, ALEXANDER K, MYA L, ALICE R, ARTIE R, CHARLOTTE S, ZAC W.

CLASS 11 SKYE A, MADISON C, POPPY S, HONOUR S.

CLASS 12 JAIDEN A, ARRYN M, LUCAS L,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!

