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Associate Governor: W Fickling  
Staff: Mrs J Henry, Mrs A M Boyd  
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 1a Week 1**  
**News**  
**Week beginning 6.09.21**

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

**ATTENDANCE**  
**WHOLE SCHOOL**  
**96.79%**  
**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**

I would like to send you a warm welcome back to a new school year at Shotton Hall Primary School. We are delighted to be back and working in our new classes. You have done a great job in kitting your children out in uniform - they really do look very smart! I am delighted that so many have come in full uniform including PE kit. This is excellent for our children to identify as a SHPS school family. As you know we are very proud of our school and this week I have enjoyed walking round the school looking in on a wide variety of lessons. Children have moved very smoothly into their new classes and are learning well. Teachers are reporting how fabulous the children are being and in particular our year 6 pupils who are in their last year. They are taking their new responsibilities very seriously. It has been good for the children to enjoy the nice weather and to get out to play and of course they can play with others now which has been very exciting- no more bubbles! Keep talking to your class staff through dojo. Of course, Mrs Bowmaker, Mr Morgan and myself are always here if you wish to contact us about matters involving your child or keeping others safe.  
Regards  
Mrs Boyd

**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.

**GOVERNOR VACANCY:** We have a vacancy for a governor on our body. This is a local authority governor vacancy therefore the successful candidate does not need to be a parent in the school. Expressions of interest to Mrs Boyd please.

**DOGS:** A polite request to please keep dogs away from the exit points of our school as some of our children are nervous of dogs and we have received concerns from some parents.

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** We have started our Before & After School Club's. Breakfast Club is 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 Reception children upto Year 6 children and is open on a Monday through to Thursday **NOT FRIDAY'S**. 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. The cost per day is £4 for the first child and £3.50 for any siblings.

**RIGHTS RESPECTING:** In the Summer we took part in our reaccreditation for our current GOLD Rights Respecting Award. We are delighted to let you all know that we were again awarded with the GOLD award. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school. Gold is the highest accolade given by UNICEF UK and shows a deep and thorough commitment to children's rights at all levels of school life. We will continue to sustain the rights respecting approach in school and develop children's knowledge and understanding of their rights which will support them to speak up and positively challenge injustice leading to change locally and globally. A huge well done to all of the children and staff in achieving Gold once again!

**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.

**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. 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](mailto:scd@durham.gov.uk). Website: [www.durham.gov.uk/.../firstcontact](http://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](http://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](http://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
13-17.09.21	Monday - Friday	9	Wear River Trust John Muir	See class letter

## Holiday dates

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



## Attendance

Yellow – STM %

Blue – NA %

Green – SDA %

Red – QEII %

CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	CLASS 5	CLASS 6	CLASS 7	CLASS 8	CLASS 9	CLASS 10	CLASS 11	CLASS 12
96.32%	98.98%	97.33%	99.11%	95.93%	96.64%	97.70%	93.70%	99.63%	93.13%	95.39%	97.57%
			WINNERS!					WINNERS!			



## Certificates

**RESILIENT:** Noah W C7, Scarlet Rose C C8,

**REFLECTIVE:** Oliver S C6, Poppy D C9,

**RESOURCEFUL:**

**RECIPROCAL:** Jessica B C3, Louie C C11,

**RESPECTFUL:** Alice C C1, Belle P C2, Lilah B C4, Jude L C5, Sofia M C10, Lexi E C12.

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Well done to you all!



## Birthdays

CLASS 3 KAI S

CLASS 6 OLIVER P

CLASS 7 IVY C

CLASS 10 MEADOW D

CLASS 12 MATTHEW B, LILY P.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!

