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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**

### Spring Term 1a Week 1

#### News

Week beginning 10.1.22

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

ATTENDANCE  
WHOLE SCHOOL

**93.33%**

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 Headteacher: 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



**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](mailto:scd@durham.gov.uk).

[www.durham.gov.uk/firstcontact](http://www.durham.gov.uk/firstcontact) **Thank you so much for your vigilance.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, can I wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR and hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break.

I know that many families have been affected by COVID in the last few weeks and I am sure, like me, you have been watching the news to see if further restrictions would be put in place and if schools would be affected.

Our school is running well though we have had a number of staff absences. We are employing additional staff to manage this and ensure your children are receiving the best provision we can offer.

The new variant seems to have been more transmissible and whilst it is not a nice experience at all for those who have it, it seems to be less severe. We are not complacent; we remain vigilant and continue to follow our risk assessment and safety measures to try and help reduce infections at the same time as giving children a near normal school experience. We are very fortunate to have an excellent school team who are flexible and versatile in their way of working and are adapting as we go to make sure our children have top rate provision. Sadly we are not permitted to have visitors into school at the moment or go on visits out of school though we do look for ways to do this locally and safely.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 please ensure you **contact the office** as soon as possible giving the following information: name, class, date your child was last in school, date of positive LFD or PCR, also your child's symptoms if any. Please also let your **class teacher know via dojo**.

Please ensure only one member of a family comes on site to drop off and collect our younger children. If you come onto the school site we appreciate you wearing a face covering.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding through these very challenging times.

Regards

Anita Boyd

Headteacher.

**VIRTUAL CLASS ASSEMBLIES:** Starting in February we will be posting to Facebook/Dojo our class assemblies, these will be held either in class or in the hall and will be recorded and posted on the morning for you to be able to view online.

**Pre-school** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**Classes 1 & 2** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February

**Classes 3 & 4** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

**Classes 5 & 6** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Classes 7 & 8** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

**Classes 9 & 10** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Classes 11 & 12** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Please note these will not be in school events for parents/carers to attend but rather available on Facebook/Dojo. Thank you.

**PARKING:** Following a recent complaint from one of our neighbours could we kindly remind you not to block kerbs or driveways and to please take any litter home with you. Thank you

**LUNCHES:** Please inform the school office if you would like to change your child to either packed lunch or school dinners, we would need 2 weeks notice to make the necessary changes. 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.

**JEWELLERY:** Small stud earrings can be worn but necklaces, bracelets and other hooped or dangle earrings are not allowed for safety reasons. Earrings must be removed for P.E or plasters provided from home to cover them.

**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 and paid for 1 week in advance via Parentpay and we are unable to accept last minute bookings. Requests for emergency care for children must be discussed and approved by Mrs Boyd or the senior lead in school. 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.**

**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. Please see the food policy on our website for more information. Children with sweets and chocolates will not be able to eat them at lunchtime so please do not put them in their lunch boxes. A small cake or biscuit bar is acceptable.

**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.

**ADDITIONAL DAYS HOLIDAY:** as advised by DCC we have identified an additional days holiday as Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Children will return to school Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**SCHOOL TIMES:**

Gates open 8.40 am and close at 9 am, reopen at 3 pm and close at 3.30 pm.

Preschool entry 8.50 am, gate opens for collection 11.45 am.

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

Classes 5.6.7.8.9.10.11 and 12 9am-3.15 pm

**POLITE REMINDERS:**

Contact the office to report sickness as messages via Dojo do not come to the office.

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- they do not have access to Dojo.

Keep your dog on a lead and away from the entrances.

In line with DCC policy this is a non smoking site including vapes.

Our admin staff do not have access to Dojo so please ring them to report absence.

**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
4.2.2022	Friday	Whole School	NSPCC Number Day "Dress up for Digits"	Wear an item of clothing with a number on either top, cap, socks etc. £1 donation via Parentpay to NSPCC.

**Holiday dates**

Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Last day of school before half term week
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>School closed - Additional day holiday</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>CPD Day school will be closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	School reopens for term 2b
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	School closes for Easter Holidays
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>School opens for term 2b</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	School closed for May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022	School opens



## Attendance

Yellow – STM 96.28%

Blue – NA 92.44%

Green – SDA 91.76%

Red – QEII 93.38%

CLASS 1 90.22%	CLASS 2 92.71%	CLASS 3 90.50%	CLASS 4 96.35% WINNERS!	CLASS 5 96.25%	CLASS 6 95.69%	CLASS 7 91.38%	CLASS 8 89.29%	CLASS 9 95.00%	CLASS 10 91.92%	CLASS 11 94.53%	CLASS 12 96.07% WINNERS!
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## Certificates

**RESILIENT:** Alice F C1, Jenson H C8, Lainie-Rae D C10.

**REFLECTIVE:** Kai S C3, Joseph P C5, Cooper H-C C6.

**RESOURCEFUL:** Mason E C2, Amelia M C7, Lukas I'A C9, Tyler A C11.

**RECIPROCAL:**

**RESPECTFUL:** Ella T C4, Matthew B & Jaymes C both C12.

## Pen Licence

Well done to you both!



## Birthdays

CLASS 2 MASON E & MADDIE L.

CLASS 3 DAISY S.

CLASS 4 GRACE A & WILLIAM B.

CLASS 5 CHARLOTTE P & THEA W.

CLASS 6 UNA R

CLASS 7 AVA P.

CLASS 8 GEORGIA T.

CLASS 10 LAINIE-RAE D.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!

