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Chair: Mr T Watson

Vice Chair: Mrs J Winn

Local Authority: **Vacancy**

Co-opted: Mrs C Williams

Parent: Mrs K Bailey, Mrs R Cammiss & Ms A Marshall

Staff: Mrs J Henry,

You may contact any governor via the

school. **Complaints in the first instance are to be communicated to the Acting Head teacher Mrs J Bowmaker .**

Autumn Term Week 5

News

Week beginning 03.10.22

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
95.77%

Shotton Hall Primary School

Working together to

S H I N E

**Successful, Happy, Inspired
and Nurtured towards
Excellence**

Acting Headteacher: Mrs J Bowmaker

Acting Deputy Headteacher: Mrs R Hext

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have seen some super lessons in school this week, and children have been working really hard. Our outdoor learning sessions with Forest Schools are proving to be a great success!

Our Year 6 children visited Shotton Hall Academy on Monday, where they met staff and had a tour of the school which they found really helpful.

Classes 5 and 6 had a great time (despite the weather) at Raby Castle last Friday, the children were amazed at the size of the castle and were able to have a tour inside which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Also, some of our children took part in a Cross Country competition on Thursday this week at East Durham College. Over 1000 runners took part and we are proud to announce that Leo K in Class 8 came 2nd and Charlotte S in Class 12M came 3rd, which means they both qualify for Regional Competitions that will be held in March 2023. Well done to you both!

We have held auditions in school and have chosen 30 KS2 children to be part of our school choir, these children will compete with other schools in the area to be named Durham Music Service Choir of the Year. Good Luck!

It was lovely to welcome our Preschool parents/carers into school on Thursday to enjoy some soup and bread which was handmade by our children in class (with a little help from Mrs' Hoyland). It smelt absolutely delicious, I hope you all enjoyed the experience.

Can we please remind you that it is Class 7's assembly next Thursday at 9.10am, it will be lovely to see as many of you as possible there.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Joanne Bowmaker
Acting Head teacher.

Certificates

Resilient: Sonny R C1, Liam P C4, Freddie A C8, Isabelle B C12M.

Reflective: Oliver K C3, Sophia N C9, Ryan C C11.

Resourceful: Louie S C10, Tilly T C12G, Sophia M C12G.

Reciprocal: Mila F C2, Eden R C5.

Respectful: Aria C C6, Ava H C7,

Head teacher Awards: KS1 Elliot O, Ivy J and Cole D. KS2 Harrison W, Riley D and Thomas P.

Pen Licence: Freddie A C8, Fearne C C8, Jasper R C9, Gracie C C9.

Well done to you all!



Birthdays

CLASS 1 ARCHIE C & OLIVER C.

CLASS 3 ALICE C.

CLASS 7 MADISON O.

CLASS 9 LILAH P & CALLUM K.

CLASS 11 DYLAN L & POPPIE R.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!



We are delighted to inform you that this year we will be celebrating Halloween with our children in school on Monday 31st October. Children are welcome to come to school in fancy dress or non-uniform. Face paint is welcome too! We will be having a day full of lots of spooky fun including: a disco in the hall, stories outside in the hobbit houses with hot chocolate and marshmallows and lots of lovely activities in classrooms. We are hoping that this will be a very memorable and exciting day for all of our children!

ASSEMBLIES: Our “Celebration Assemblies” are continuing along with our “Citizenship Assemblies”. The “Citizenship Assemblies” are designed to help our children become responsible and informed members of our local, national and international communities. Every Monday, children in KS1 and KS2 will attend a Citizenship Assembly. In these assemblies, children come together in the Key Stages to reflect upon and learn about a diverse range of issues. Citizenship Assemblies are always age-appropriate. They cover topics such as:

British Values

UNICEF Rights of the Child

News Items (such as elections or the jubilee)

Stories about inspirational people

Special days or months (Black History Month, International Womens Day)

Religious festivals

Personal safety (anti-bullying week and internet safety)

DAY GATE: The “Day Gate” will continue to be locked between 3.00-3.25pm for safeguarding reasons.

GOVERNOR VACANCIES: We have vacancies for 2 governors within our school, if you are interested in applying please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mr T Watson.

THEATRE SCHOOL PLACES: The Academy at Shotton Hall are proud to offer each primary school 2 free places (4-11 yrs.) Theatre School runs Saturday term times 10am -1pm. Please contact the Academy direct if interested.



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. www.durham.gov.uk/firstcontact **Thank you so much for your vigilance.**

ONLINE SAFETY: A number of our younger children have been talking about and drawing characters from the PG Game “Poppy’s Playtime”, these characters include, Huggy Wuggy, Kissy Missy, Poppy Playtime and Mommy Long Legs. The game is a **PC Horror puzzle game which is PEGI rated 12+** and is not suitable for younger children. However, the game is being imitated on the popular game **Roblox** and it is also very popular on **Youtube**. Because of the innocent name of the game many videos are not being picked up by YouTube’s filters. We urge parents to be vigilant in what their children are playing and watching online.

BREAKFAST CLUB TIMES: Please can we remind you that entry to Breakfast Club should **NOT** be before 7.45am and that entry is via the **DAY GATE** and **NOT** through the staff car park.

SCOOTERS/BIKES: Can we kindly remind parents that children’s scooters/bikes are not to be used inside school grounds. There have been some near misses lately and we want to keep everyone safe whilst on site.

SAFETY: Please can we remind parents not to use the entrance to the school in Waveney Rd as a turning circle, as there has been damage done to the fence. Thank you.

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

SCHOOL MEAL CHARGES: As of Tuesday 6th Sept 2022 school meal charges will be increasing to £2.25 per day (£11.25 per week).

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 via the office (NOT on Class Dojo) 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 Bowmaker 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. Children with sweets and chocolates will not be able to eat them at lunchtime so please do not put them in their lunch boxes.

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.

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, 4, 5, 6 9am - 3.15pm

Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12G, 12M 9am-3.20 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.

Please do not play loud music in your car whilst waiting for your child, as this can be disruptive for our neighbours. Thank you.

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

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
13.10.22	Thursday	Class 7	Class Assembly	9.10am large hall parents/carers welcome
20.10.22	Thursday	Class 8	Class Assembly	9.10am large hall parents/carers welcome
20.10.22	Thursday	Selected pupils from Years 5/6	Netball	More details to follow
31.10.22	Monday	Reception to Year 6	Influenza Immunisation	Letter to follow
31.10.22	Monday	Whole School	Halloween Celebration	See above
01.11.22	Tuesday	Whole School	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5pm	Details about when to book appts will be given soon
02.11.22	Wednesday	Whole School	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5pm	Details about when to book appts will be given soon
02.11.22	Wednesday	Selected pupils from Years 5/6	Tag Rugby	More details to follow
09.11.22	Wednesday	Selected pupils from Years 5/6	Girls football	More details to follow
09.11.22	Wednesday	Class 12M	Class Assembly	9.10am large hall parents/carers welcome
09.11.22	Wednesday	Class 12G	Class Assembly	2.30pm large hall parents/carers welcome
16.11.22	Wednesday	Selected pupils from Years 5/6	Sports Hall Athletics	More details to follow
17.11.22.	Thursday	Class 9	Class Assembly	9.10am large hall parents/carers welcome
24.11.22	Thursday	Class 10	Class Assembly	9.10am large hall parents/carers welcome
01.12.22	Thursday	Class 11	Class Assembly	9.10am large hall parents/carers welcome
16.12.22	Friday	Whole School	Short Reports	More details to follow

Holiday dates

Friday 21 st Oct 2022	Last day of school before half term
Monday 31st Oct 2022	School opens for term 1b
Tuesday 20 th Dec 2022	Last day of school before Xmas holidays
Wednesday 4th Jan 2023	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Thursday 5 th Jan 2023	School opens for term 2a
Friday 17 th Feb 2023	Last day of school before half term
Monday 27th Feb 2023	School opens for term 2b
Friday 31 st Mar 2023	Last day of school before Easter holidays
Monday 17th Apr 2023	School opens for term 3a
Friday 28 th Apr 2023	Last day of school before May Bank Holiday
Monday 1 st May 2023	School closed May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May 2023	School opens 3b
Thursday 25 th May 2023	Last day of school before half term
Friday 26th May 2023	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Monday 5th June 2023	School opens for term 1a
Thursday 20 th July 2023	Last day of school before Summer Holidays
Friday 21st July 2023	CPD Day school will be closed to pupils
Monday 4th Sept 2023	School opens for term 3a



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 12G	CLASS 12M
96.59%	95.65%	95.00%	91.00%	96.88% Winners!	96.00%	98.57% Winners!	96.67%	93.97%	96.67%	96.37%	95.26%	96.43%

