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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 .**

Spring Term 1 Week 1

News

Week beginning 09.01.23

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

ATTENDANCE
WHOLE SCHOOL
94.74%

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,

Welcome back to our Spring Term!

We hope you all enjoyed a restful Christmas break and we wish you all a very healthy and happy New Year!

The children have settled back into their routines very well and are working very hard in class. We are looking forward to welcoming Adam Bushnell into school on Monday 16th January to inspire our budding authors! We also have illustrator Liz Million visiting school on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February, she was very popular on her last visit and the children are really looking forward to seeing her again.

We have a non-uniform day on Friday 27th January to support our local food bank charity. We would ask children to donate a "tin of food" or any shower gel, soap, or unwanted Christmas gift sets would also be greatly appreciated.

Durham Cathedral Choir are looking for the next generation of Boy and Girl Choristers! They would like to invite children from our school and parents/carers, to attend the free Chorister Experience event on Saturday 4th February at Durham Cathedral. This is an opportunity for any child in school Years 2-6 to sing with the Choristers in the Cathedral. If you would like to take part in this event please contact – Jasmine Oakes at jasmine.oakes@durhamcathedral.co.uk to register or ring 0191 374 4066.

We will be posting more dates for your diary in the coming weeks as we arrange our educational visits.

Have a lovely weekend,

Joanne Bowmaker

Acting Head teacher

Certificates

Resilient: Jax B C2, Natassia L C3, Erin S C5, Will G C7.

Reflective: Alice C-W C9, Dylan L C11.

Resourceful: Oliver C C1, Oscar M C4, Isabelle B C12M, Patrick C C12M, Daniel W C12M, Isla-Rose M C12G.

Reciprocal: Cole W C10.

Respectful: Jack B C6, Aaron W C8.

Pen Licence: Emily Ha C7, Lucas L C7 & Oliver S C8, Imogen B C8.

Well done to you all!



Birthdays

CLASS 4 MADDIE L & MASON E.

CLASS 5 DAISY S.

CLASS 6 GRACE A & WILLIAM B.

CLASS 7 THEA W & CHARLOTTE P.

CLASS 9 AVA P.

CLASS 10 GEORGIA T.

CLASS 12G LAINIE-RAE D.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY- we hope you enjoy your special day!

AIR-UP BOTTLES: We have noticed in KS2 a lot of children are bringing “Air-Up” water bottles to school. (Fancy water bottles which have a scented pod at the top to trick you into thinking you are drinking flavoured water). They are very trendy at the moment and popular on TikTok. However, these bottles start at £39.95 – and therefore as a school **we will not accept any liability** in the event your child’s bottle is lost or broken.

CLASS DOJO: We understand a small number of parents have been experiencing problems using Class Dojo recently. If you are experiencing difficulties, please check that you have downloaded and updated the most recent version of the app, as this will resolve most problems. Please could parents also ensure they have the notifications turned on so that you do not miss any messages or posts from class teachers.

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.

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.

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. 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. We ask children to take their rubbish or leftovers home for parents/carers to see what they have eaten.

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 8.55 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 8.55am - 3.15 pm

Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12G, 12M 8.55am-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
16.01.23	Monday	Whole School	Adam Bushnell	Story writing activities
07.02.23	Tuesday	Whole School	Liz Million (Illustrator)	Workshops within school
08.02.23	Wednesday	Whole School	Liz Million (Illustrator)	Workshops within school
02.03.23	Thursday	Class 9	Beamish Museum	Please see class letter
07.03.23	Tuesday	Class 5	National Glass Centre	Please see class letter
08.03.23	Wednesday	Class 6	National Glass Centre	Please see class letter
07.06.23	Wednesday	Year 2-5	Hoopstarz Day	More info to follow

Holiday dates

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 – 97.02% STM

Blue – 95.29% NA

Green – 92.96% SDA

Red – 94.05% 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
93.75%	91.30%	98.56% WINNERS!	98.00%	94.79%	97.12%	95.97%	93.75%	97.08% WINNERS!	90.42%	95.16%	91.67%	94.05%

