

Shotley Bridge Primary School

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(Yr R to Yr 2) (Yr 3 to Yr 6)



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Spring Term 2016 Newsletter 2/12/2016

Thank you to all the children, parents and staff for making this half term an exciting, fun and very positive time in Shotley Bridge Primary School. The calendar attached will give you a flavour of some of the events that are planned for the second half of the school year and will enable children and families to plan ahead as well as look forward to some enriching curriculum events.

Book fair

Thank you to; Mrs Young and all the staff who organised Book Fair, the Y6 librarians for their hard work and innovation, Friends of The School for manning the fair and to all the children and parents who bought books. The Book Fair earned us **£960** in commission that we can spend on new books for school!

Valentines discos

This year's discos were great fun. Thanks again to staff and Friends of The School for organising both discos and thank you to all the dancers for having such fun and behaving impeccably.

Exemplary behaviour

I thought it was important to thank Y2 personally for representing Shotley Bridge Primary School recently at the Buddhist Centre and in Chinatown in Newcastle. 3 separate members of the public asked which school you came from to comment on how perfectly behaved you all were.

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day throughout school on Thursday 3rd March. This will be a dress up day where children and staff can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

School uniform orders, Border Embroideries

From February 22nd parents will be able to order all school uniforms directly from our supplier Border Embroideries. This can be done by telephoning Border Embroideries or by using their online service at www.beschoolwear.co.uk Attached to this newsletter is a leaflet from Border Embroideries. Parents will no longer be able to order uniforms from school.

Mothers' Day Assembly

This year's Mothers' Day Assembly will take place for the whole school in the Snows Green Road site on Friday 4th March at 9:15 to allow time for YR, 1 and 2 to walk down and set up. Please can only one special lady from each family attend due to space in the hall. Sadly Y6 children will not be in school as they have been invited to an event at Nissan that day.

Spring Term Parents' Evenings March 8th and 9th

Following last term's successful parents' evenings on one site this term's will take place on one site again, this time our Benfieldside Road site, for all year groups. Teachers will contact parents nearer the time to sign up for appointments. Dates have had to move to the 8th and 9th.

Easter celebrations

This term we will continue with our decorated egg competitions on each site. Easter celebrations will take place within Merit Assembly and Good News Assembly on each site on Thursday 24th March, the last day of term.

Lost property

Please can all children's school clothes be named with pen that does not wash out. We still have many items in lost property in each building with no names. Much of it is brand new school uniform. Named clothing also avoids any confusion and upset after getting changed for PE and especially after swimming sessions. Please come to either site to look at lost property if you know you are missing uniform.

Governors

We would like to say thank you to governors Mr Moore and Mrs Pears as their 4 year terms of office as parent governors come to an end. These vacancies have been advertised and will go to ballot after the half-term break for parents to choose two new parent governors.

Class organisation for September 2016

We have worked very hard over the past 6 years to increase the intake of Shotley Bridge Primary School from 35 to 45 to 60. We persuaded DCC to build a 6th classroom onto the Benfieldside Road site in 2013 in order to raise our intake number and remove the need to teach mixed age classes in YR, Y1 and Y2. Work will shortly commence on an 8th classroom at the Snows Green Road site giving us room for two classes per year group across the whole school. Currently we are teaching YR to Y4 in two classes each as shown on the tables below.

Key Stage 1 Total 176 at Feb 2016						
Classroom Number	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Year Group	YR	YR	Y1	Y1	Y2	Y2
No. of Children	30	30	29	29	29	29

Key Stage 2 total 170 at Feb 2016 School Total 346							
Classroom Number	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9	Class 10	Class 11	Class 12	Class 13
Year Group	Y3	Y3	Y4	Y4		Y5	Y6
No. of Children	24	25	28	27		34	32

At the end of Y4 we sadly lose a number of children to Corbridge Middle School which takes in children at Y5, 6, 7 and 8. This has historically been approximately 20 to 30% of our Y4 children. This impacts on our ability to have 2 classes of Y5 and Y6 children as numbers and funding for teaching

staff drop due to this drop in pupil numbers. Mrs Coombe has contacted Corbridge Middle School to ask how many pupils have applied for a place and we have been informed that the number is 11. Based on these figures our 55 Y4 children will become 44 Y5 in September 2016. I will contact Corbridge Middle School and the parents of all of our Y4 children in March when they will be in a position to inform us of exactly how many Y4 children we will lose. Once this number is established the Governing Body will be in a position to discuss how to organise and staff our school above Year 4. We will continue teaching YR to Y4 in two classes per year group and will endeavour to do the same with Y5 and ultimately Y6 if this is at all possible. We would strongly encourage parents of Y4 children to remain in Shotley Bridge Primary School where they have been for 5 out of 7 of their primary school years. We have faith in Consett Academy as an excellent school for our children to progress to but we recognise that some parents may wish for their children to attend the Northumberland system and ultimately, high school in Hexham. If this is the case then we encourage these parents to remain at Shotley Bridge Primary School and to join Corbridge Middle School at the start of Year 7. This is the norm for some Newcastle primary school children who remain at their school until the end of Y6 but then join one of the three Gosforth middle schools for Y7 and Y8. We will inform parents of class and staff organisation once we have more accurate figures in March.

Farewell to Mrs Storey

We wish Mrs Storey all the very best as she retires today from Shotley Bridge Primary School after 19 years. We will all miss her dearly. From all of the children, all of the staff and all of the parents past and present, good luck in the next chapter of your life Hilary.

Mr M C Bell

Headteacher

Shotley Bridge Primary School Events

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When?	What?	Where?	Who?
February	1 st -5 th Travelling Book Fair`	Both sites	Children and parents
	8 th MFL/Humanities Event	Consett Academy	Y5
	9 th Class 12/13 CA to see Wizard of Oz	Consett Academy	Y5/6
	10 th Class 3 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 3 Parents
	11 th Valentines Disco	Both sites	All children
	12 th Image Theatre Company production	Snows Green Road site	Y3-6
Half-term Holiday 15th – 19th inclusive			
	22 nd Class 9 and 10 visit to Centre for Life	Centre for Life	Y4
	25 th Class 13 Safety Carousel	Newton Aycliffe	Y6
March	3 rd World Book Day	Both Sites	YR – Y6
	4 th Year 1 Bake Sale	Benfieldside Road Site	Year 1 Parents
	4 th Mother's Day Assembly	Snows Green Road site	YR – Y5 One lady per family
	4 th Class 13 visit to Nissan Sunderland	Nissan Sunderland	Y6
	8-9 th Parents Evening	Benfieldside Road site	YR – Y6
	16 th Science Day	Both sites	YR – Y6
	16 th Class 13 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 13 Parents
	17 th Maths Challenge Year 6	Mowden Hall School	4 pupils Y6
	18 th Maths Challenge Year 5	Newcastle School	4 pupils Y5
	18 th Sport Relief	Both Sites	YR – Y6
	21 st Decorated eggs into scgool to be judged	Both sites	YR to Y6
	23 rd Year 4 Rugby Tournament	Consett Rugby club	Y4
	24 th Easter themed Merit and Good News Assembly	Both sites	YR – YR 6
	23 rd Class 6 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 6 Parents
Easter Holiday Friday 25th March – Friday 8th April inclusive			
April	YR21 st Visit to Whitehouse Farm	Whitehouse Farm	YR
May	5 th Snows Green Road site closed due to use as Polling Station	Snows Green Road Site	Y3-6 no school
	6 th Adam Bushnell visits YR to Y2	Benfieldside Road site	YR to Y2
	9 th – 12 th Y6 SATs Week	Snows Green Road site	Y6
	11 th Class 8 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 8 Parents
	16 th – 20 th Y2 SATs Week	Benfieldside Road site	Y2
	18 th Class 4 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 4 Parents
	25 th Class 10 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 10 Parents
	26 th Year 3 Rugby Tournament	Consett Rugby Club	Y3
	27 th Year R Bake Sale	Benfieldside Road Site	YR Parents
Half-term holiday Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June inclusive			
June	22 nd Year R Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	YR Parents
July	1 st INSET	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	8 th Summer Fair	Snows Green Road site	YR – Y6
	18 th Sports Day	Snows Green Road site	YR – Y6
	20 th Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	Snows Green Road site	Y6
20th Last day of Summer Term			