

Shotley Bridge Primary School

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We are coming to the end of our first, very successful term as Shotley Bridge Primary School. A lot has happened as a result of becoming one primary school that has been incredibly beneficial to the children, families and staff of our school. We now have one very smart Shotley Bridge Primary School uniform. We have one school badge. We have one telephone system on 01207 260444. We have one, linked computer system where any member of staff and any child can access Primary School software and data, appropriate to them, in either building. We have one, new, Shotley Bridge Primary School website. We are working towards one set of policies. We have one governing body made up of governors from both original bodies.

Some highlights of this first term as Shotley Bridge Primary School have been our increased opportunities for learning and curriculum enrichment. These include: Our MacMillan fundraising coffee events in each building. Our Children in Need day where each class from Reception to Year 5 were treated to games and activities and looked after fantastically by our Year 6 children. Our all day Sports For Schools event where Year 2 to Year 6 children got to train with and be inspired by Olympic athlete Chris Tomlinson. Our termly singing in the community at Golden Acre where Year 4 children joined Year 2 children for the first time. Our whole school parents evening where parents were able to meet teachers in one building in one week. Our brass instrument players' performance to the whole school. Our whole school trip to the pantomime at Conssett Empire.

These events are in addition to all of the trips, events, clubs, competitions, football matches, visitors to classes, assemblies and all other curriculum enrichment opportunities that we hope your children tell you about or that you can see on our Primary School website.

Next term we hope to extend our whole school opportunities whilst keeping many events for particular classes and year groups as we always have. We welcome all ideas and suggestions from children and parents on how to extend and enhance our school.

Some reminders and news items

Money in envelopes please

Please can any money coming in to either office or class come in named, sealed envelopes.

Reception children need wellies

A reminder that all Reception children need wellies in school to stay in school to allow them to access the outdoors on a daily basis

School start times

A reminder for parents please.

Start time for Yr R, 1 and 2 is 8:55. Staff are on duty on the yard from 8:50 and all children line up at 8:55. All doors should be locked by 9:00 please.

The gate opens for Yr 3,4,5 and 6 at 8:45. Staff are on duty on the yard from 8:45 and all children line up at 8:55. The gate is locked by 9:00.

Videoing and photographing in assemblies

Please do not take photographs or videos in assemblies and at school events. We have many children who we do not have permission to photograph and video for safeguarding reasons. If you would like to take a photograph of your child receiving an award we can easily stage this for you at the end of any assembly or event.

Updating personal details with office staff

Please can you contact office staff if you need to update mobile phone numbers, addresses, medical details etc...

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 boys' football team for all of their effort and commitment this season.

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 girls' football team too for their excellent tournament

Huge congratulations to our Year 5 rugby teams especially our winning team that beat all local schools and to Sam Hamilton who was presented with a rugby ball by Steven Marshall from Consett Rugby Club for being player of the tournament.

Goodbye to Mrs Brett and Miss Thorpe

We are sad to say good bye to Mrs Brett and Miss Thorpe at the end of this term.

Mrs Brett leaves us after 15 years to take up her Headship at Slaley First School. She will be greatly missed but will be an asset to her new school.

Miss Thorpe leaves us after 4 years for her new challenges in Pelton Primary school. She too will be greatly missed and will be an asset to Pelton Primary.

Welcome to Mr Patterson

In January, Mr Patterson joins our team as Year 6 teacher and Assistant Head / Key Stage 2 leader. Mr Patterson is currently Year 6 teacher and Senior Leader at Burnside Primary School in Stanley. Our Year 6 children have already worked with him and are very enthusiastic about his appointment.

Upcoming events in school.

Please see the detailed calendar for December which details all of the forthcoming events up until the Christmas holidays

When?	What?	Where?	Who?
December	8 th KS2 Christmas Service 2.15pm	St Cuthbert's Church	Year 3,4,5,6 Parents welcome to take children home afterwards. No tickets needed room for all.
	10 th Year R and KS1 Christmas Plays Year R and Class 5 'Mary's Knitting' 1.30pm Year 1 and Class 6 'The Sleepy Shepherd' 2.15pm	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R,1,2 plus parents Please see Mrs Storey for tickets from Thursday 3 rd December.
	11 th Year R and KS1 Christmas Plays Year R and Class 5 'Mary's Knitting' 1.30pm Year 1 and Class 6 'The Sleepy Shepherd' 2.15pm	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R, 1, 2 plus parents. Please see Mrs Storey for tickets from Thursday 3 rd December.
TICKETS - Owing to the number of children involved in each Year R,1, 2 performance there are 2 tickets ONLY per child. Please tell Mrs Storey whether you want the two tickets for one performance or a ticket for each performance that your child is involved in.			
	14 th Whole school Pantomime 10.00 am Choir sing at Shotley Park 2.00pm	Consett Empire Shotley Park	ALL children Choir children
Christmas Parties – The Friends of Shotley Bridge Primary School are organising the food for the parties.			
	15 th am Year 2 Christmas Party	Benfieldside Road Site	Year 2 children Children to come to school dressed in party clothes.
	15 th pm Year 1 Christmas Party	Benfieldside Road Site	Year 1 children Children to bring party clothes in a named bag to change into at lunchtime.
	15 th pm Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party	Snows Green Road Site	Year 3,4 children Children to bring party clothes in a named bag to change into at lunchtime.
	16 th 9.30am Pupils learning Brass instruments to perform.	Snows Green Road Site	Parents of children learning brass

	School Christmas Lunch	Both sites	instruments invited. Children wear something festive if they wish.
	17 th am Yr 2, 3 and 4 Children sing at Golden Acre	Golden Acre	Year 2, 3 and 4 children
	17 th pm Year R Christmas Party	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R children Children to bring party clothes in a named bag to change into at lunchtime.
	17 th pm Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party	Snows Green Road Site	Year 5,6 children Children to bring party clothes in a named bag to change into at lunchtime.
	Holiday December 21 st – January 4th inclusive		
January	4 th INSET	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	13 th Mathematics Information Evening 5pm	Tbc	All Parents
	20 th Class 9 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 9 Parents
	27 th Class 5 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 5 Parents
February	1 st -5 th Travelling Book Fair	Snows Green Road Site	All invited
	10 th Class 3 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 3 Parents
	Half-term Holiday 15 th – 19 th inclusive		
March	4 th Year 1 Bake Sale	Benfieldside Road Site	Year 1 Parents
	16 th Class 13 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 13 Parents
	23 rd Class 6 Assembly Year 4 Rugby Tournament	Benfieldside Road Site Consett Rugby Club	Class 6 Parents Year 4
	Easter Holiday Friday 25th March – Friday 8 th April inclusive		
April			
May	11 th Class 8 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 8 Parents
	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	Year 3
	27 th Year R Bake Sale	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R Parents
	Half-term holiday Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June inclusive		
June	22 nd Year R Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R Parents
July	1 st INSET	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	20 th Year 6 Leavers Assembly Last day of Summer Term	Snows Green Road Site	Year 6 Parents

Have a wonderful holiday and we will see you all again in January.

Yours sincerely

Mr MC Bell
Headteacher