

## **Shotley Bridge Primary School**

Benfieldside Road Site	Snows Green Road Site
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County Durham	County Durham
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(Yr R to Yr 2)	(Yr 3 to Yr 6)



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## **Spring Term 2016 Newsletter 1**

Happy New Year and welcome back.

Thank you to all Y6 children for adjusting so well to being all together with Mr Patterson and to all Y5 children for the same with Mrs Dempsey. It is a mark of your independence and maturity that you take change in your stride. Thank you to all children for coming back to school with such a positive attitude. Your teachers and I have loved catching up with you all and hearing all your news and stories from the holidays.

This term we will continue to try out new curriculum enrichment opportunities that are now possible from being one primary school. Certain events will remain on separate sites for children and for parents and we will trial some on one site. Parents' evenings this term, for all parents, will take place in the Benfieldside Road site. Mothers' Day Assembly for all children this term will take place in the Snows Green Road site. Please bear with us as we discover what works best for our children and families and we welcome all ideas and suggestions from children and parents on how to enhance school.

### **Some reminders and news items**

#### **Names in school clothes**

Please can all children's school clothes be named. Biro does not work, it washes out after a few washes. We have many items in lost property in each building with no names. Named clothing also avoids any confusion and upset after getting changed for PE and especially after swimming sessions.

#### **Book bags and backpacks**

Please can children from YR, 1 and 2 bring book bags and not back packs to school. Book bags are the perfect size for books, reading diary, letters and one or two items of homework. School system is for book bags to come into the classroom each day for staff to check. There is no room for backpacks in classrooms and no room for them on small school pegs.

If Y3, 4, 5 and 6 children are using backpacks because their book bags are not adequate for carrying equipment please can these be small backpacks that will fit on a school peg with a school coat.

#### **PE Kits**

We encourage all children to have full PE kit in their PE kit bags which stay in school. We ask that these kits are taken home at the end of each half term to be washed and returned at the start of each new half term. Please can parents ensure that full PE kits are in school for this term. PE lessons, especially with Y3, 4, 5 and 6, are becoming increasingly disrupted by children who do not have PE kit with them in school.

#### **Breakfast club for YR, 1 and 2**

Please remember that children must arrive at Breakfast Club before 8:30 if they require breakfast.

### **Mrs Storey's retirement**

Mrs Storey leaves us to begin her retirement after 19 years of service and smiles. She will be greatly missed but we are all so pleased for her and we wish her all the best.

### **Mrs Dipper's maternity leave**

Mrs Dipper will begin her maternity leave imminently. We wish her all the best and will look forward to her return, again. We have reorganised current staff in the best interests of the children. Miss Stoker will teach Mrs Dipper's class and Mrs Ross, who works closely with all Y1 children, will teach Miss Stoker's class. These teachers have been liaising in preparation.

### **Thank you from Mrs Brett**

Mrs Brett has asked me to say thank you to all of the children and parents for your kind words, cards and gifts at the end of last term. She has asked me to say she is settling in to her new, very busy and very rewarding role and I am sure she is revelling in the challenge.

## **Some Upcoming Events**

### **Maths Information Evening for Y2 parents Jan 13<sup>th</sup>**

Y2 parents are invited to a maths information evening 5:00 to 6:00 on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Info evenings for other subjects and year groups / key stages will be arranged.

### **Mothers' Day Assembly**

This year's Mothers' day Assembly will take place for the whole school in the Snows Green Road site on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15 to allow time for YR, 1 and 2 to walk down and set up. We expect the assembly to last 30 minutes.

### **Spring Term Parents' Evenings March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

Following last term's successful parents' evenings on one site, this term's will take place on the Benfieldside Road site for **all** year groups. Teachers will contact parents nearer the time to sign up for appointments.

### **Easter celebrations**

This term we will continue with our decorated egg competitions on each site. YR, 1 and 2 will not perform in St. Cuthbert's church. Easter celebrations will take place within Merit Assembly at 9:00 and Good News Assembly at 2:45 on respective sites on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, the last day of term.



## Dates for diaries.

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Extra information and events will be added as term proceeds. Full details of events will be communicated in letters and / or texts.

When	What	Where	Who
January	4 <sup>th</sup> INSET	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	13 <sup>th</sup> Mathematics Information Evening 5pm	Benfieldside Road Site	Y2 parents
	20 <sup>th</sup> Class 9 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 9 Parents
	27 <sup>th</sup> Class 5 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 5 Parents
February	1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Travelling Book Fair	Both Sites	All invited
	5 <sup>th</sup> Y2 Trip	Chinatown and Buddhist Centre	Year 2
	10 <sup>th</sup> Class 3 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 3 Parents
	11 <sup>th</sup> Valentine Disco	Both Sites	All children
	Half-term Holiday 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> inclusive		
	22 <sup>nd</sup> Year 4 visit to Centre for Life	Centre for Life	Year 4
	25 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 Safety Carousel	Newton Aycliffe	Year 6
March	3 <sup>rd</sup> World Book Day. Dress up day.	Both Sites	All children
	4 <sup>th</sup> Year 1 Bake Sale	Benfieldside Road Site	Year 1 Parents
	4 <sup>th</sup> Whole school Mothers' Day Assembly 9:15	Snows Green Road Site	All children + 1 female member of family
	4 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 Visit to Nissan (Sunderland) Y6 not in Mothers' Day Assembly sadly	Nissan (Sunderland)	Year 6
	8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> Parents Evenings	Snows Green Road Site	All parents YR to Y6
	16 <sup>th</sup> Class 13 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 13 Parents
	21 <sup>st</sup> Decorated eggs in to be judged	Both Sites	All children
	23 <sup>rd</sup> Class 6 Assembly Year 4 Rugby Tournament	Benfieldside Road Site Consett Rugby Club	Class 6 Parents Year 4
	24 <sup>th</sup> Easter themed Merit Assembly and Good News Assembly Decorated eggs winners announced	Both Sites	All children
	Easter Holiday Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April inclusive		
April			
May	5 <sup>th</sup> Snows Green Road site CLOSED due to Polling Station use	Snows Green Road site	Year 3-6
	11 <sup>th</sup> Class 8 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 8 Parents
	18 <sup>th</sup> Class 4 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 4 Parents
	25 <sup>th</sup> Class 10 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 10 Parents
	26 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 Rugby Tournament	Consett Rugby Club	Year 3
	27 <sup>th</sup> Year R Bake Sale	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R Parents
	Half-term holiday Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June inclusive		
June	Year 6 Transition Day (to be confirmed)	Consett Academy	Year 6
	22 <sup>nd</sup> Year R Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R Parents
	23 <sup>rd</sup> Year 6 Parent Information Evening (TBC)	Consett Academy – Year 6 Parents	
July	1 <sup>st</sup> INSET	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	7 <sup>th</sup> Year 5 Information Evening (TBC)	Consett Academy – Year 5 Parents	
	20 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 Leavers Assembly Last day of Summer Term	Snows Green Road Site	Year 6 Parents

