

# Shotley Bridge Primary School Newsletter

## Summer Term 1

### A PACKED AND BUSY START TO SUMMER

With the Easter Holidays being so late this has been a particularly fast and busy Summer Half Term.

**Brass Assembly** Our Brass instrument players performed a super Spring Concert for their parents and all children from YR to Y6. Their progress has been quite amazing and everybody thoroughly enjoyed celebrating our children's performance. Thank you to Mel for such great teaching.

**Class Assemblies** Class 4 and Class 8 have performed their class assemblies for parents and the whole school. Class 4 taught us all about life in the oceans, Class 8 wowed us with their singing, dancing and rapping and Class 10 educated and entertained us with a wealth of Roman information. Class Assemblies are always first thing on a Wednesday morning. Thank you to all parents who are able to attend.

**School Sport** Sporting opportunities continue to increase in Shotley Bridge Primary School. We now have after school sports clubs provided by our school staff plus the extra clubs run by sports providers such as Fit 2 The Core, all of our Reevo Coaching clubs and Newcastle United Football who have commented on how our children are the best behaved of all the schools they visit.

**Year R Trip to Whitehouse Farm** Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their outing to the farm to support their learning. Many experienced handling a variety of animals, fed lambs and enjoyed a tractor ride.

**Drop in Sessions with our School Nurse** Katherine Guest, School Nurse, has held drop in sessions offering advice to any interested parents on Tuesday mornings, monthly. The next session is on 6<sup>th</sup> June in our Benfieldside Road site from 8:50 to 9:30

**Year One Trip to Blue Reef Aquarium** The children and staff visited the Blue Reef Aquarium to launch their 'Under the sea' topic. The children saw lots of sea creatures and listened to informative talks.

**Year Five Trip to Durham Cathedral** This trip took place inside the Cathedral and in the woodland nearby. Cathedral staff then visited Y5 in school to continue their work. Cathedral staff commented on how much they love working with Shotley Bridge children and staff.

**International Food Week** The children in KS2 had the opportunity to experience a variety of international foods this week.

**KS2 SATS and YEAR 2 Assessments** Year 6 and Year 2 children worked extremely hard in their SATs weeks. We are very proud of how Shotley Bridge Primary School children take tests in their stride and actually relish the opportunity to show how well they can do. The DFE will provide schools with results in July. We will inform parents of results as soon as we have them.

### EVENTS COMING UP

**NSPCC Assemblies** All children will be able to take part in a sponsored event. This is one of our chosen charities to support.

**Circus Day for Reception children** Marty returns for Reception children for a fun and educational day in school

**Meeting for September 2017 Reception Parents** A chance for our new starter parents to learn everything they need to know for September

**Street Band From Durham Brass Festival** Our annual event where the whole school gets to dance along to a great international band of street performers from the Durham International Brass Festival.

**Adam Bushnell** Adam is working with all of YR, Y1 and Y2 on another exciting writing day.

**Nekacheya** Mr Gillette, our link with our twinned school in Nekacheya is visiting to share with us lots of news from Nekacheya.

**Fathers' Day Assembly** Details to be confirmed but we will perform to the dads / important men in our children's lives at our Snows Green Road site.

**Y6 Move Up DAY Consett Academy** Our Y6 children will get to meet their new form tutors and have a whole day of learning at Consett Academy. Y6 children start and end the day at Shotley Bridge Primary School and transport is provided by Consett Academy.

**Move Up Afternoons and Transition Events** Our new Reception children spend a session in school on two occasions. All other classes move up to meet their new teachers. Year 2 children will have extra opportunities to spend time in their Snows Green Road site. Current Y2 parents and children are invited to a meeting at 3:30 on July 11<sup>th</sup> to learn about differences to the school day in the Snows Green Road site.

**Summer Fair** Takes place for the whole school at our Snows Green Road site. We start at 4:00 to allow staff to set up stalls and activities. There is no charge to attend but all events raise money for School Funds.

**Sports Day** Takes place at Snows Green Road for every class from 1:00 to 3:15. Parents and family members all welcome as we have lots of space.

**Whole School Trip to Beach** Following the success of our last 3 full school trips to Gibside and based on our experience of successful trips to the beach with all of YR, Y1 and Y2 the whole school trip will be to South Shields beach. Full details will follow.

## OTHER NEWS AND REMINDERS

**School Ski Trip** In March 2018 we will have our first ever Shotley Bridge Primary School ski trip to Les Menuires in the French Alps. So far 21 of next year's Y5 and Y6 children have paid their deposits for this fantastic opportunity. We will be joining up with Lanchester EP Primary School. Our next meeting will be early in the Autumn Term to begin preparing children and parents for the trip.

**Dogs on School Premises** Please do not bring dogs onto school premises, even puppies being carried.

**Sun Screen and Sun Hats** Children are encouraged to bring sun screen into school where they are allowed to apply it themselves. Please also apply to your children before they come to school. Hats should be worn also.

**'Sal's Shoes'** A parent has asked if we can support this charity at the end of the term. Parents are able to donate any children's shoes which will be collected by Sal's Shoes and sent to needy children in African countries.

## SHOTLEY BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	Event	Venue	Involving
	Half-term holiday Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		
<b>June</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> NSPCC Assemblies	Both sites	All children
	6 <sup>th</sup> School Nurse Drop In Session (also 4 <sup>th</sup> July)	Benfieldside Road Site 8:50	Any parent
	6 <sup>th</sup> Beamish staff visit Y6 in school	Snows Green Road Site	Y6
	7 <sup>th</sup> Circus Day for Reception children	Benfieldside Road Site	Reception children
	8 <sup>th</sup> Y2 Trip to Washington Wetlands		
	8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting for September 2017 Reception Parents	Benfieldside Road 5:00	New Reception parents
	12 <sup>th</sup> Adam Bushnell, Author, Writing Day	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R, Y1, Y2
	15 <sup>th</sup> Nekacheya Assemblies	Both sites	All children
	16 <sup>th</sup> Fathers' Day Assembly	Snows Green Road 9:10	All children and Men
	20 <sup>th</sup> Y6 Move Up DAY Consett Academy	From and returning to Snows Green Road Site	Y6 children and staff
	20 <sup>th</sup> Move Up AFTERNOON	Both sites	All children and new YR
	21 <sup>st</sup> Class 5 Assembly	Benfieldside Road 9:05	Class 5 Parents
	28 <sup>th</sup> Year R Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site 9:05	Year R Parents
	29 <sup>th</sup> Y5 Victorian Day in school	Snows Green Road Site	
<b>July</b>	10/11 th YR Parent Evenings	Benfieldside Road Site	Timings tbc
	11 <sup>th</sup> Meeting for Y2 parents about transition	Snows Green Road 3:30	Current Y2 parents
	11 <sup>th</sup> Street Band From Durham Brass Festival perform	Snows Green Road Site	All children
	12 <sup>th</sup> Move Up AFTERNOON	Both sites	All children and new YR
	14 <sup>th</sup> Summer Fair	SGR Site 3:30 to 5:30	All children and parents
	17 <sup>th</sup> Sports Day (18 <sup>th</sup> Sports Day Reserve)	SGR Site 1:00 to 3:15	All children and parents
	19 <sup>th</sup> Whole School Trip to Beach	South Shields	All children and Staff
	21 <sup>st</sup> Year 6 Leavers Assembly	SGR Site 2:45	Year 6 Parents
	21 <sup>st</sup> Last day of term		

