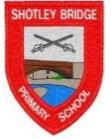




Beginning of Autumn Term Newsletter 6th October 2018



Welcome to the beginning of academic year 2018 2019. Staff have been so impressed by the attitude, behaviour, work ethic, enthusiasm and friendliness of all of our children. Our new Reception children have made a great start and all year groups have made the transition to their new classes look effortless.

School/Parent communication School will continue to use the newsletter to: celebrate successes in school, share news and inform you of up-coming events. Important dates will be added to the calendar once confirmed. School will also communicate a wealth of information via the school's website and regularly keep you informed by letter. School will sometimes contact you by text as a reminder of certain events or if we have to give you information at short notice. Teachers will communicate with you by talking to you on the yard, writing a note in your reading diary or telephoning you where necessary. To discuss anything about your child please in the first instance communicate with your class teacher. Parents can communicate with teachers in many ways: by chatting to your teacher on the yard at the start and end of the day, by writing a note in your reading diary, by ringing, emailing or visiting the school office to arrange a time to meet with your class teacher. If communicating with your class teacher does not resolve your needs then in the next instance communicate with Deputy Head, Mrs Lamb regarding Reception, Y1 or Y2 or Assistant Head, Mr Patterson regarding Y3 to Y6. If this does not resolve your needs then of course contact Mr Bell after this. Parents can email shotleybridgeprimary@durhamlearning.net or leave a message via the school website. School's telephone number is 01207 260444. You can of course communicate by visiting either office.

Timings of the school day The school day starts at 8:55 for all children and ends at 3:15 for YR to Y2 and 3:20 for Y3 to Y6. Staff are on duty on the Benfieldside Road yard from 8:50 am and from 8:40 on the Snows Green Road yard to allow parents to leave children in their care. Prior to these times the care of children is the responsibility of parents. Please can parents keep children away from the KS1 wooden play area at the start of the day as we encourage a calm, ready to work atmosphere.

School Events We will continue to hold most events for children in their own site and we will also provide lots of opportunities where our younger and older children will come together. Children are expertly supervised by staff whenever walking between sites and whole school events take place on the most suitable site for each activity. We will inform you of confirmed dates for events that you can attend in newsletters, on the website and in letters.

Merit, Good News and Class Assemblies Merit assemblies take place on Fridays at 9:00 for Y3 to Y6 and Good News assemblies take place at 2:45 for YR to Y2. Parents of children receiving awards will be invited to attend by text or by your teacher. Parents of children bringing in awards from home are also welcome to attend. Each class will present one Class Assembly per year in addition to whole school productions and events. Class assemblies will take place in your child's building. Please can no more than two adults attend their child's class assembly.

Parents' Evenings This term's parents' evenings for all children take place on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th October from 3:30 to 6:00. Reception, Y1 and Y2 teachers in the Benfieldside Road hall. Y3 to Y6 teachers in the Snows Green Road school hall. Please also visit your classrooms on that evening for your children to show you their classroom, their work and their targets. Please see teachers on each yard or ring your children's office to arrange appointments closer to the time.

Charities and other fundraising events This term we will support Children in Need. In Spring we will support Comic Relief and in Summer we will support a different charity, which is to be confirmed.

Friends of Shotley Bridge Primary School Parents who are able to give any time at any point in the year are a vital part of school life, helping to organize and give support to events such as; school discos, charity and fundraising events, raffles, sports days, the Summer Fair etc... The next meeting for anyone able to attend is at 9:30 on Friday October 12th in the Benfieldside Road site with Mrs Wolstenholme.

Uniform Thank you to every child in school for beginning the year in smart, school uniform and adhering to policy on ear rings, jewelry and school shoes. Please ensure items of clothing are labelled with your child's name, regardless of what age they are, to aid lost items being returned to rightful owners.

Reading Diaries These are used to record reading comments and also for some home school communication. Children need to bring reading diaries and reading book in to school every day even if they have not finished their book.

Congratulations to Miss Hirst Miss Hirst had a baby boy, called Archie, in July.

Welcome to new staff We are pleased to welcome Miss Hunter, Miss Quinn, Miss Milburn and Miss Newbould to our teaching team.

	Event	Venue	Involving
September	11 th Y1 Parents Transition Meeting	Benfieldside Road Site	
	26 th Y6 Taster Day at Consett Academy	Begin and end day at S G R	Year 6
	26 th Y6 Open Evening Consett Academy	Consett Academy	Year 6 parents
	27 th Early Years Curriculum Evening 5:00	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R parents
October	17 th Parents Evening	Both Sites	All parents
	18 th Parents Evening	Both Sites	All parents
	19 th INSET School CLOSED to children	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	Half-term Holiday 22 nd – 27 th inclusive		
	29 th INSET School CLOSED to children		
	30 th Hallowe'en Disco	Both Sites	
	31 st Y6 to Robinwood		
November	1 st /2 nd Y6 Robinwood		
	16 th Children in Need Dress Up Day	Both sites	All children
	26 th School Photographer	Both sites	All children
December	13 th YR and KS1 Christmas Plays (1.30 and 2.15pm)	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R,1,2 plus parents
	14 th YR and KS1 Christmas Plays (1.30 and 2.15pm)	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R,1,2 plus parents
	17 th TBC KS2 Christmas Performance TBC	St Cuthbert's Church TBC	KS2 children plus parents.
	18 th School Christmas Lunch	Both sites	All children
	19 th pm YR Christmas Party	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R children
	20 th pm Y1,Y3/4 Christmas Party	Both Sites	Year 1,3,4 children
	21 st pm Y2,Y5 and 6 Christmas Party	Both Sites	Year 2,5,6 children
January 2019	Dec 24 th – Jan 4 th Holiday. Term starts Jan 7 th 2019	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	16 th Class 12 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 12 Parents
	23 rd Class 5 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 5 Parents
	30 th Class 9 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 9 Parents
February	6 th Class 3 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 3 Parents
	13 th Class 13 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 13 Parents
	14 th Valentine's Discos	Both Sites	All children
	Half-term Holiday 18 th – 22 nd inclusive	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	27 th Class 8 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 8 Parents
March	6 th World Book Day 2019	Both sites	All children
	15 th COMIC Relief Day	Both sites	All children
	20 th Parents Evening	Both sites	All parents
	21 st Parents Evening	Both sites	All parents
	27 th Class 6 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 6 Parents
	29 th Mothers' Day Activities Afternoon	Both Sites	Children and Parents
April	3 rd Class 14 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	
	Easter Holiday April 8 th – Mon April 22 nd inclusive	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
May	6 th Bank Holiday	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	15 th Class 11 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 11 Parents
	22 nd Class 10 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 10 Parents
	Half-term holiday Mon 27 th May – Fri 31 st May	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
June	12 th Class 7 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 7 Parents
	14 th Fathers' Day Activities Afternoon	Both Sites	Children and Parents
	19 th Class 4 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 4 Parents
	26 th Year R Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R Parents
July	2 nd Y6 Induction Day Consett Academy	Consett Academy	Year 6
	5 th Sports Day (8 th Sports Day Reserve)	Snows Green Road Site	All children and parents
	12 th Summer Fair 4:00 to 5:30	Snows Green Road Site	All children and parents
	17 th Whole School Trip	TBC	All children and Staff
	19 th Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Year 6 Parents
	19 th Last day of Summer Term	School returns Weds 4 th September 2019	

