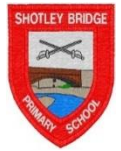




Spring Term 2019 Newsletter 1

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Term's End 2018

The final weeks of Autumn term were very busy. Thank you to all the staff and children for their hard work in preparing for and performing in our **YR/KS1 Christmas plays** and our **KS2 performance of Bah Humbug**. The singing, acting, presenting, narrating and performing of all children helped us to end the term on a high and showcased the talents of our children and the importance we place on these vital skills. Also, well done to our Y6 children who sang carols for the residents of Shotley Park Care Home. Thank you to all of our brass instrument players for entertaining us in the annual Christmas brass performance. Every year group enjoyed a lovely **Christmas party** and behaved exceptionally. Our **school readathon** was a great success raising £2071 for new books in each building. Thank you for all the donations to our **Christmas chocolate hamper raffle**. This raised a huge £970 which the pupil council will use to pay for equipment or facilities for playtimes.

Coming up this term

Class Assemblies for Classes 12, 5, 9, 3, 13, 8 and 6 take place this term. Each takes place at approximately 9:10 on a Wednesday morning. Please do attend if you can to enjoy your classes performance and share in their learning.

Valentine's Disco letters will go home with full details nearer to the time. Discos take place on February 14th in each building. YR,KS1 3:15 till 4:30. KS2 3:20 till 5:00. All children are to bring their disco clothes to school and change out of uniform at the end of the school day. School policy on jewelry and makeup is to be followed at discos too. No makeup and no jewelry please.

World Book Day Thursday 7th March details will follow in a letter to parents closer to the time. We will dress up as book characters, celebrate World Book Day and there will be lots of fun activities.

Parents Evenings 20th and 21st March will take place in your child's own site this time. Teachers will organise meeting times closer to the date.

Mothers' Day Activities 29th March. Mothers, or significant ladies in our children's lives, will be able to visit their child's/children's classrooms at any time from 2:00 for as long as you wish up until the end of the school day to join in with Mother's day activities. This afternoon will not require tickets or reply slips.

School Ski Trip 9th to 16th March

20 Y5,6 children travel to Les Menuires, French Alps for a week's skiing and cultural education. Y5,6 children not travelling to France will be participating in sports/fun activities all week in and around school.

Comic Relief Day 15th March. The children will enjoy activities in their own sites. More information will follow.

Some news, reminders and changes

Friday Good News and Merit Assemblies are changing. Good News Assemblies and Merit Assemblies will now BOTH take place on alternate Friday **MORNINGS** at approximately 9:00 once the children are registered. YR/KS1 will no longer take place at 2:45 on a Friday. This week's assembly is a Merit Assembly for KS2, next week's will be a Good News Assembly for YR/KS1. You will, of course, still be told by staff or by text if your child is getting a certificate in the next assembly.

Backpacks in school. Please do not bring backpacks in to YR/KS1. There is no room for them in cloakrooms. All children need their book-bag and their water-bottle only. PE kits stay in school in their string PE kit bag. If children have to bring in extra clothes for something outside of school please bring these in a carrier bag which will fit easily on coat pegs. There is slightly more room in KS2 cloak rooms but if KS2 children do not need a backpack then please just use the school book-bag.

Presents to friends in school. Please can children not give birthday/Christmas presents to their friends in school. If they plan to give their friends presents then please can that happen at parties, in friends' houses etc...

Parent concerns about school. Thank you to the two parents who contacted school recently to share concerns about lunchtimes. In this instance, I was able to try to allay any fears and to address the concerns with lunch staff. If parents have concerns about school please can they share these with school.

Calendar of Events

Please note that some dates may have had to change since Autumn 3 Newsletter

| | Event | Venue | Involving |
|-----------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| January | 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 |
| | Feb 18 th – 22 nd inclusive. Term starts Feb 25 th . | SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN | |
| | 27 th Class 8 Assembly | Snows Green Road Site | Class 8 Parents |
| March | 7 th World Book Day 2019 | Both sites | All children |
| | 9 th Y5/6 ski trip and activities week | Snows Green Road | Y5/6 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 Hol 8 th – 22 nd inclusive. Term starts Tues 23 rd . | 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 4th September 2019 | |