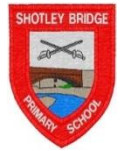




# Summer Term 2019 Newsletter 1

## May June 2019



This Summer half-term has been a particularly short and busy one. I would like to pass on my thanks to all the children for their fabulous attitudes and hard work this half-term with a special mention for Y2 and Y6 boys and girls. In amongst everything our children do in school, Y2 and Y6 children had to fit in their national SAT tests. As always in Shotley Bridge Primary School the children took them in their stride, showed no signs of worry and gave their very best to show everyone how hard they work and how much they have progressed. You all make your teachers and your governors who visited during SATs week very proud.

Next half-term will go just as quickly. Enjoy your holidays and come back raring to go.

**Good News and Merit Assemblies.** We continue to have these on alternate Fridays. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June is KS2 Merit Assembly. Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June there will be no Merit or Good News assemblies as children are taking part in the Big Play music day. Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June YR/KS1 Good News Assembly. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July KS2 Merit Assembly. Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July YR/KS1 Good News assembly. Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July, last day, no Good News/Merit Assembly, Y6 Leavers Assembly.

**Class Assemblies** for Class 10 (May 22<sup>nd</sup>), Class 7 (June 12<sup>th</sup>), Class 4 (June 19<sup>th</sup>) and Reception (June 26<sup>th</sup>) are still to take place this term. Each one will start at approximately 9:10am. Please do attend if you can to enjoy the performance and share in their learning.

### Curriculum Enhancement

The Reception children went to Whitehouse Farm. Apart from seeing usual farm animals, they fed lambs, lamas and goats, stroked kids, horses, rabbits and chicks. They also saw wallabies, deer, emu and a snake amongst other creatures! It was a fantastic learning opportunity and the children made the most of it.

Year One children went to the Blue Reef Aquarium at Tynemouth. They were able to see for themselves the many creatures that they have been learning about in their 'Under the sea' topic. They also had lunch on the beach. Y6 children visited Nissan to take part in a workshop exploring the exciting world of manufacturing through the use of a Lego production line.

**Transition Opportunities.** The Year 5 'Taster Day' at Consett Academy was a huge success. In the words of one child who attended, 'It was mint!' Chaperoned by Year 7's, our children made and launched rockets in DT, took part in an RE lesson and a Science lesson and thoroughly enjoyed their lunch in the huge canteen. The Year 5 Parents also attended a meeting at Consett Academy during the evening. Here is a reminder of all our transition arrangements that take place in Summer term.

- In spring term the parents of our September 2018 Reception children are informed if they have a place at school. We are informed who our new starters are once parents have accepted their place with the Local Authority.
- Our new September 2019 Reception Parents are invited to a meeting in school to learn everything they need to know for September.
- New starter Reception children spend two sessions in school.
- All other classes move up to meet their new teachers and to work with their September 2019 class on two afternoons.
- Year 2 have increased, extra opportunities to spend time in their Snows Green Road site throughout summer term.
- Year 2 children will have lunch in their Benfieldside Road dining hall as usual on move up afternoons then be walked down to Snows Green Road for their move up afternoons. Parents/child care providers will collect from the Snows Green Road yard on each of these days.
- Y2 parents and children are invited to a meeting at 3:30 on July 2<sup>nd</sup> to learn about differences to the school day in the Snows Green Road site.
- Y3 and Y5 children will be visit Consett Academy this term to learn all about school life after Y6.
- Y5 parents are invited to a presentation evening at Consett Academy.
- Y6 move up day to Consett Academy is confirmed for July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Y 6 children will start and end this day as usual in their Snows Green Road site. They will need packed lunch for the day. They will meet their new teachers and some of their new classmates.
- Extra transition dates for Y6 children who will benefit from them will also be organized.

**Competitive Sport** Our year 3/4 tennis players won the local schools tennis competition - well done to all of the children who were involved. Recently there have been two football matches. The Year 3/4 team played Lanchester and drew 0 - 0, in the second game they played Leadgate Primary School and won 4 - 0. Well done to all players for their effort and sportsmanship and thank you to Mr Murphy who organises the teams.

**Keith's Kindness Awards** Congratulations to the children who were awarded a kindness awards from our retired lollipop man. James, Fraser, Lily, Harry, Molly, Henry, Nieve, Austin, Olivia, Oliver, Ava, Noah, Zaara and Thomas have all shown a kind and caring attitude in their day to day school life. Their teachers have been extremely complimentary about their actions.

**Crossing the road at Benfieldside Road site.** Allan the lollipop man has asked that parents cross safely with him. He is concerned that some parents with children cross behind his back. He told me that he walks back to the kerb after his party has crossed but often parents are crossing behind him out of his sight. He has also asked that parents do not cross into the vehicle entrance below him or onto the grass below him. He can only keep children safe if they cross in his safe zone. We can only educate all children to cross safely if parents set a safe example.

**Parking at pick up and drop off times.** Mrs Lamb and I recently met with Peter Broxton from the Highways Agency and Stephen Robinson our local councilor to discuss this ongoing issue. Peter and Stephen are going to look into the possibility of extending the zig-zag lines near the Benfieldside Road entrance. Peter asked me to pass on this message. Concerned parents/citizens should contact the police on 111 if:-

Cars parked are blocking the footway - must have minimum of 1.2m access between the parked car and any garden walls, hedges, telegraph posts, bins etc...

Obstruction - parking on dropped kerb access points.

Parking close to junction - minimum 10m.

Obstructing visibility on a corner.

Councillor Robinson invited any concerned parents/residents to attend PACT meetings with residents, councillors and police representatives on the 1st Thursday of every month, 7pm - Baptist Church Hall.

DCC are looking at marking the Bus Stop and putting 'Keep Clears' opposite school.

Peter Broxton was happy to pass on his contact details - Highways Agency – 03000 263986

## Calendar of Events

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

<b>May</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	15 <sup>th</sup> Class 11 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 11 Parents
	22 <sup>nd</sup> Class 10 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 10 Parents
	Half-term holiday Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
<b>June</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting for parents of September 2019 Intake	BR Site	
	12 <sup>th</sup> Class 7 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 7 Parents
	14 <sup>th</sup> KS2 Merit assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Parents of children with awards
	14 <sup>th</sup> Fathers' Day Activities Afternoon	Both Sites	Children and Parents
	19 <sup>th</sup> Class 4 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 4 Parents
	21 <sup>st</sup> Big Play music day (No Good News/Merit assemblies)	Both sites	All children
	26 <sup>th</sup> Year R Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R Parents
	28 <sup>th</sup> YR/KS1 Good News assembly.	Benfieldside Road Site	Parents of children with awards
	28 <sup>th</sup> Non-uniform Day in lieu of prizes for Summer Fair Raffle	Both sites	All children
<b>July</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Y6 Induction Day Consett Academy	Consett Academy	Year 6
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Move up afternoon	Both sites	All children
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting for parents of current Y2 children 3.30 – 4.30	Snows Green Road Site	Current Y2 parents/children
	5 <sup>th</sup> KS2 Merit assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Parents of children with awards
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sports Day (8 <sup>th</sup> Sports Day Reserve)	Snows Green Road Site	All children and parents
	9 <sup>th</sup> Move up afternoon	Both sites	All children
	12 <sup>th</sup> YR/KS1 Good News assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Parents of children with awards
	12 <sup>th</sup> Summer Fair 4:00 to 5:30	Snows Green Road Site	All children and parents
	17 <sup>th</sup> Whole School Trip	TBC	All children and Staff
	19 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 Leavers Assembly (No Good News or Merit assemblies)	Snows Green Road Site	Year 6 Parents
	19 <sup>th</sup> Last day of Summer Term	<b>School returns Weds 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>	