



Autumn Term Newsletter 2 November 2019



Huge improvement on children being on time for school Thank you to parents and children for being on time for school. Mrs Parker reports that late numbers (after school doors are locked at 8:55) have dropped from up to twenty down to five or six each day. K 2 children are also much better at getting in on time. Mrs Coombe reports that only two or three are late each morning. Thank you.

Friends of Shotley Bridge Primary School and Fund Raising for School Thank you to all of the parents who gave their time to make the Halloween discos so successful whether that was in shopping for food or helping cook and supervise. Over 300 children enjoyed the dancing, games and food. Private School Funds raised at Summer Fair and Halloween Disco are currently £2400. Pupil Council will make informed decisions as to what to buy this year.

Community Fundraising For New Defibrillator Installed at Shotley Bridge Primary School On October 16th all KS2 children took part in Restart a Heart Day, learning the importance of early CPR, defibrillation and gaining the necessary skills to help save a life. Parentpay section is still open for KS2 parents who would still like to donate. Donations on the 16th contributed to a huge amount of community fundraising coordinated by one of our parents and NHS Cardiologist Mrs Shearer. Mrs Shearer has written...

'The community of Shotley bridge has come together in efforts to raise funds for a community defibrillator. Efforts began at the end of the summer term, and continued throughout the school holidays, raising awareness and receiving kind donations from local families, residents and businesses within the village. Children at Big Hands, Little Hands Childcare have even taken part in a sponsored walk through the village, raising over £360. Great support and advice has been provided by Cardioproof, a charitable organisation who help put AED's into the community. In total, a huge amount has been raised which has secured the purchase of an automatic defibrillator and cabinet to house the unit, which is now sited externally at Shotley Bridge Primary School on the Snows Green Rd site. John Riley, a local electrician has kindly installed the unit for free.

This will be accessible to the whole community. Training is being organised in the use of an AED and community champions, Mark Woodhall, Andrea & Michael Neal, Michelle Cook and myself have been nominated to ensure the unit is always operational. The whole school community should be extremely proud with their involvement in contributing to the fund-raising efforts.'

Parking Following school's requests to a Local Councillor, Highways Department and the Police we are pleased to announce that parking restrictions have been introduced outside of our Benfieldside Road site. New yellow lines were painted in October half-term holiday. We ask that parents always park considerately at both sites, at the beginning and end of the school day.

Sporting Success Our sports teams continue to represent school well and have lots of success. The Y5/6 Girls football team have won the Derwentside School's girls football league this term. This is the third year running our girls have won the league. The Y5/6 boys football team are currently top of the league at the half-way point. They will represent Derwentside Schools in the County Champions League Cup in December. Thank you to all the boys and girls who have represented school so well and a special thankyou to Mr Murphy who trains the footballers, organises and supervises at each match.

Staff Keeping Parents Informed. Parents Keeping Staff Informed.

Parents' Evenings, Termly Reports, End of Year Reports. Autumn Term parents' evenings for all children took place on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October from 3:30 to 6:00. As always these were very well attended. They form a vital role in the partnership between home and school. All children also take home a very short termly report at the end of autumn term and spring term to ensure parents are fully informed throughout the year. Our Spring parents' evenings take place on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd April 2020 from 3:30 to 6:00. This year, end of year reports will be presented at summer parents' evenings for all children, on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th Jul from 3:30 to 6:00.

School Clubs

We continue to offer a wealth of after-school clubs for children. This year we have two new clubs that were requested by our pupils. An environmental club requested by a group of Y5 girls and a newspaper/comic club requested by a Y5 boy.

Flu Vaccines

Immunisations for the whole school take place on Tuesday 12th November in the form of a nasal spray administered by School Nursing Team. Please can all parents complete their child's online consent form. Forms are at www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent Our school code is 114038. Deadline for submission of electronic forms is Friday night, Friday 8th November.

Children in Need. Friday 15th November. Each term school supports a different charity. This term school will support Children in Need. Mrs Coombe will open a donations section on Parentpay. Children can come to school dressed up in Children in Need fancy dress, wear your spots, Pudsey Bear dress ups etc...

Anti-Bullying Week 18th to 22nd November We take bullying and harassment very seriously in and out of school and constantly educate all children about; correct ways to behave with each other, the STOP rule, bystander behaviour and how to intervene if we feel someone is being bullied. We strive to ensure all children never have to feel bullied. This year's theme is 'Change starts with us.' On Wednesday 20th November we would like all children to wear normal school uniform on the bottom half but on the top half they can wear their favourite t-shirt, sweatshirt or jumper to celebrate difference and individuality. If possible, an item of clothing which lets friends know something about them. All children will take part in anti-bullying activities throughout the week.

School photographer Monday 25th November. Individual children and family groups. Photographers will be set up and ready to photograph at 8:30 in each site. Parents who wish to have family group photos taken with brothers and sisters from different buildings must organise their group in either site from 8:30am. During the school day, staff will ensure each individual has their photo taken and also any brothers and sisters who are in the same building will be photographed together.

Lighting the Christmas Tree- Shotley Bridge Village Saturday 30th November This year we will be supporting the local community by singing at the lighting of the village Christmas Tree again. The Village Trust will provide us with power this year for a CD player. We hope as many children/families as possible will be able to attend. We will open the Snows Green Site at 3:15 for juice, biscuits, cups of tea and a final singing practice before walking down to the village to sing at 4:00. This year I would like to organise the children in one large group at the tree with parents standing behind. This should enable the children to be heard much better than the last time we sang at the tree. Please can every child who attends bring a torch to see their song sheet. Head torches are ideal for the children so they can hold song sheets with both hands.

Christmas Performances Christmas Parties Christmas School Dinner, Festive Attire Reception/Y1/Y2 plays will take place in Benfieldside Road Site school hall as usual.

This year Y3,4 performance and Y5,6 performance will take place in St Cuthbert's Church. Parents will be allowed 2 tickets per child. More details will follow once tickets are ready but the times and dates on this calendar of events will not change

Closer to the time please can parents make a contribution of £1.00 on Parentpay so that staff can buy Xmas party food. Children come to school on party days in school uniform with party clothes in a named bag. Children will get changed at lunchtime. Party dates are in the calendar of events.

If children wish to they can dress in festive attire on school Christmas Dinner day, Friday December 6th. We do not have an official Xmas Jumper day as we do not want to put pressure on families to buy Xmas jumpers, however, children can wear whatever festive attire, including jumpers, you choose, on the 6th.

School Residentials We now have a full programme of residential visits for our children. Y3 children get the chance to take part in a one night, outdoor activities residential 7 miles away at Broomley Grange in June. This residential has taken place twice now and in 2019 every Y3 child attended. In September every one of our Y4 children took part in our first one night Roman Wall residential at The Sill, near Haltwhistle. This was another

fantastic trip. Y6 children take part in outdoor activities residential at Robin Wood Centre near Alston in October/November.

We also have extra-curricular residentials that children can take part in. Y5 have the opportunity to visit Gdansk in Poland in June. 40 children travelled to Gdansk this year and had an amazing time. Y4,5,6 children have the opportunity to go skiing in the French Alps in March. This year will be our third trip. We have extended it to Y4 children and this year we have our first parent joining us on the trip.

Calendar of Events Nov 2019 to Sept 2020

Please note some dates may change and other dates will be added throughout the year.

Christmas dates will NOT change.

	Event	Venue	Involving
	Half-term Holiday 28 th Oct – Nov 1 st inclusive		
November	6/8 th Y6 Robinwood		
	12 th Flu immunisation	Both sites	All children with consent
	15 th Children in Need Dress Up Day	Both sites	All children
	25 th School Photographer	Both sites	All children
December	6 th School Christmas Lunch Non-uniform – donations for Christmas hamper.	Both sites	All children
December	12 th YR and KS1 Christmas Plays (1.30 and 2.15pm)	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R,1,2 plus parents
	13 th YR and KS1 Christmas Plays (1.30 and 2.15pm)	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R,1,2 plus parents
	18 th Class 7,9,11,13 Christmas Performance 9:30	St Cuthberts Church	Children plus parents.
	18 th Class 8,10,12,14 Christmas Performance 2:00	St Cuthberts Church	Children plus parents.
	18 th pm YR Christmas Party	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R children
	19 th pm Y1,Y3/4 Christmas Party	Both Sites	Year 1,3,4 children
	20 th pm Y2,Y5 and 6 Christmas Party	Both Sites	Year 2,5,6 children
	Dec 23 rd – Jan 5 th Holiday. Term starts Jan 6 th 2020	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
January 2020	22 nd Class 5 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 5 Parents
	29 th Class 13 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 13 Parents
February	12 th Class 12 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 12 Parents
	13 th Valentine's Discos	Both Sites	All children
	Half-term Holiday 17 th – 21 st inclusive	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
March	4 th Class 4 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 4 Parents
	5 th World Book Day 2020	Both sites	All children
	11 th Class 14 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 14 Parents
	13 th Sports Relief Day 2020	Both sites	All children
	18 th Class 3 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 3 Parents
	20 th Mothers' Day Activities Afternoon	Both Sites	Children and Parents
	25 th Class 7 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 7 Parents
April	1 st Class 6 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 6 Parents
	1 st Parents Evening	Both sites	All parents
	2 nd Parents Evening	Both sites	All parents
	Easter Holiday April 6 th – Fri April 17 th inclusive	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
May	6 th Class 10 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 10 Parents
	8 th Early May Bank Holiday	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	13 th Reception Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Reception Parents
	20 th Class 11 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 11 Parents
	Half-term holiday Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
June	10 th Class 9 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 9 Parents
	17 th Class 8 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 8 Parents
	19 th Fathers' Day Activities Afternoon	Both Sites	Children and Parents
	26 th pm Sports Day	Snows Green Road Site	All children and parents
	30 th Y6 Transition Day Consett Academy	Consett Academy	Year 6
July	8 th Parents Eve's	Both sites	All parents
	9 th Parents Eve's	Both sites	All parents
	10 th Summer Fair 3:30 to 5:00	Snows Green Road Site	All children and parents
	15 th Whole School Trip to beach.	South Shields Beach	All children and Staff
	17 th Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Year 6 Parents
	20 th INSET Last day of Summer Term	School CLOSED to children	
September 2020	First day of term	School returns Weds 2nd September 2020	