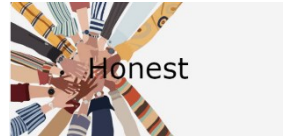




SBPS News



31st October 2023

Issue 3

Price: FREE!

Thank you for your support!

The Halloween Raffle, organised by Mrs Lee, was a huge success! A huge thank you to all the local businesses who donated fabulous prizes; ticket sales raised a staggering £240! This has now been donated to the collection for the community defibrillators. Eloise Shearer will purchase new pads and other parts; it's wonderful to know that as a community we can help save lives.



Goodbye Mrs Gibson

This month we say farewell to Mrs Gibson. She has worked at Shotley Bridge Primary School as a Teaching Assistant for twenty years and during this time has supported so many children and their families. We would like to say thank you for all she has done. We wish her a well earned and restful retirement. Don't be a stranger!



Thank you to our volunteers!

We would like to say a huge thank you to our volunteers who led extremely interesting sessions at our careers fair last week. The event was organised by Mrs Lee and children from Y2–Y6 had a great time learning about different career paths and what made our volunteers choose them. The children were wonderful listeners and asked fantastic questions. Our volunteers were very inspirational and we are so grateful to them for giving us their time.

- Illustrator - Helen Heath
- Engineer - Kaye Collins
- Beautician - Steph Coombe
- Police Officer - Page Hart and colleague
- Vet - Gemma Taylor
- Fashion Designer - Corey Dixon
- Scientist - Stephen Ross
- British Army Officer - Mark Atkinson
- Sports Coach - Andy Elliott
- Members of the Fire Service



Christmas Quiz Night- Save the Date



On Monday 4th Dec, Shotley Bridge Primary School will be hosting a Christmas quiz night. Round up your family and friends to test your knowledge of all things Christmas! This will be a ticketed event; more details will follow soon.

Panto time... oh yes it is!

On Friday 24th Nov we will be kicking Christmas off a week early when M and M Productions visit school for the second year running. This time they will be treating us to Sleeping Beauty! From Monday 6th November we welcome a £5 donation per child towards the cost of the performance (on Arbor). By having the theatre come to school, we are able to keep costs low, but please speak to a member of the office team if you require support with payment.



Christmas Market



Preparations are already underway for Christmas at Shotley Bridge Primary School and we will be sharing more information very soon. If you would like to book a table to promote your business/sell your goods at our Christmas Market event, please contact school before 30th November. This event will take place in the afternoon on Wednesday 13th December. Tables cost £5 each.

Senior Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mrs Atkinson
Headteacher



Mrs Dryden
Assistant Head
Teacher



Miss Reid
Assistant Head
Teacher



Mr Vasarhelyi
Class Teacher



Miss Newbould
Class Teacher



Mrs Lee
Pupil Wellbeing
Lead

Deputy Designated Safeguarding

If you have a concern about the safety of a child in our school, please contact one of our trained Designated Safeguarding Leads.

If you have a concern out of school hours, please contact First Contact on 0300026797 or the police.

Remembrance

On Friday 10th November, we will be remembering all those who have fought to protect us whilst paying tribute to those who continue to do so today. Poppies will be on sale in school from Monday 6th November; donations of any size are welcome. There is also a selection of Salvation Army merchandise such as snap bands, rubber bracelets, rulers and stationary. Recommended donations start at 50p per item. All donations collected will be given to the Salvation Army.



Children in Need - 17th November



The Make a Difference Committee have organised this year's Children in Need day to raise money for children less fortunate.

Non Uniform Day £1 donation
Tuck Shop - each item £1 or below
The Great Shotley Cake Off - each cake 50p or below

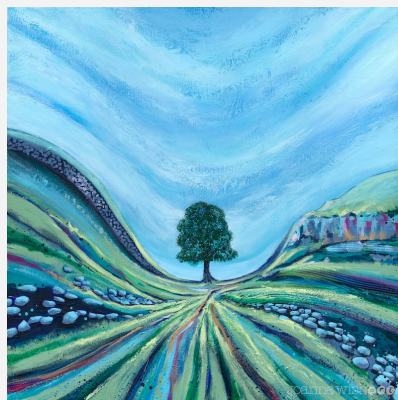
As always, we will gratefully receive donations of shop bought or homemade cakes (with a list of ingredients attached) on or before Thursday 16th November.

Curriculum Committee Project

For our first project, we are holding a competition and would love it if you could create a piece of artwork related to Sycamore Gap. You might want to do a drawing or a painting, a collage or even a piece of sculpture—you decide and be as creative as you wish! Entries are due in by Wednesday 8th November and should be handed to your class teacher. Once we have decided on the winners, and if we have enough entries, we would love to invite grown ups into school and we will create an art gallery for you to enjoy! Winners will be announced on ...

We are all saddened by the felling of such a iconic landmark in Northumberland and we want to celebrate the beauty by creating some amazing art. We look forward to seeing your wonderful creations!

The Curriculum Committee



Contacting Staff

As always, we encourage you to speak to a member of staff if you have any queries or wish to raise an issue. This way we can move forward quickly and efficiently. We can only help if we are aware of the problem. Please leave a message for the correct person when telephoning. When emailing, please add FAO and then the name in the subject box. Please see your child's teacher in the first instance as they work closely with your child. There is always a member of staff on the yard on a morning/after school for any quick questions/messages.



PE Days (please send your child to school wearing PE kit)

Reception - no change (children keep PE kit in a bag on their peg)

Y1 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Y2 - Monday and Friday

Y3 - Monday and Wednesday

Y4 - Monday and Thursday

C11 - Monday and Thursday

C12 - Thursday (swimming is on a Monday this term so your child will need swimming kit - costume/trunks and towel)

Y6 - Friday (all afternoon)



November



- Monday 6th - Return to school
- Monday 6th - Y4 Reading Café (3.25 - 4pm)
- Monday 13th - Y5 Reading Café (3.25 - 4pm)
- Friday 17th - Children in Need
- Monday 20th - Y6 Reading Café (3.25 - 4pm)
- Friday 24th - Beauty and the Beast Panto (£5 donation)**
- Friday 24th - SEND Cuppa and Talk (2.15 - 3.15 junior building)
- Monday 27th - Reception Reading Café (3.20 - 4pm)

December



- Friday 1st - Non uniform day (in exchange for Christmas raffle prizes)
- Monday 4th - Phototronics in school (look your best)
- Monday 4th December - Christmas Quiz night (time TBC junior building)**
- Tuesday 5th - Y5/6 Christmas Sing Along 1 (9am - 9.30am junior building)
- Tuesday 5th - Y1/2 Christmas Sing Along 1 (2.30pm - 3pm junior building)
- Wednesday 6th - Y1/2 Christmas Sing Along 2 (9am - 9.30am junior building)
- Wednesday 6th - Y3/4 Christmas Sing Along 1 (2.30pm - 3pm junior building)
- Thursday 7th - Y3/4 Christmas Sing Along 2 (9am - 9.30am junior building)
- Thursday 7th - Y5/6 Christmas Sing Along 2 (2.30pm - 3pm junior building)
- Tuesday 12th - Reception Nativity/Sing Along (infant building 2.30pm)
- Wednesday 13th - Christmas Dinner Day / Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 13th - Shotley Bridge Christmas Market
- Thursday 14th - R, Y1, Y3, Y4 Christmas Parties
- Friday 15th - SEND Cuppa and Talk (2.15 - 3.15 junior building)
- Friday 15th - Y2, Y5, Y6 Christmas Parties
- Tuesday 19th - Break up for Christmas

Return to school: Thursday 4th January

Reminder... before booking holidays, please always check the school website/ Durham school holidays website... not all local authorities have the same holidays and schools need to add staff training days across the year too. Holidays taken in term time won't usually be authorised. Please always complete a leave of absence form if you intend to keep your child off school for any reason (other than illness). Failure to do this means school will need to ring you to check that your child is safe. Many thanks.