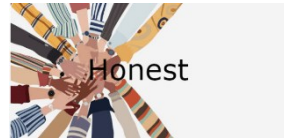




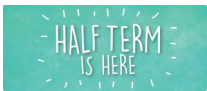
SBPS News



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Happy Half-Term

As February half-term approaches, it is hard to believe that we are already half way through the school year! We are all very much looking forward to the lighter nights and warmer days. We hope you all have a lovely half-term break and return to school safe and well on Monday 3rd March.

Sponsor Walk

Thank you very much for all of your hard work collecting sponsorship money for the SBPS sponsor walk that took place today. All children braved the blustery weather to help our fundraising efforts. Our youngest children in pre-school walked around Leaf Land; Reception and Year 1 walked down to the junior building to walk around and explore the school grounds; while Year 2 to Year 6 enjoyed a lovely countryside stroll along the Derwent Walk. All money raised from our sponsor walk will be spend on our OPAL provision and improving our school grounds for the children.



Please send any sponsor forms to school by Monday 3rd March so we can total what we have raised and plan the exciting rewards for the children!

Languages and Culture Day

This week, the children were immersed in range of cultural experiences as we celebrated Languages and Culture Day in school. The children joined in by cooking Mexican quesadillas, made Greek tzatziki, played international games, decorated Portuguese tiles, sang and played Italian songs on the ukulele, danced to Punjabi music, created African art amongst other amazing activities. Huge thank you to Mrs Salgado and Miss Wilson-White for organising such a memorable day!



KS2 Tree Planting at Hamsterley Colliery

As part of our OASES tree planting project, on Tuesday 18th February all children from KS2 hopped on a bus to Hamsterley Colliery to plant trees. The children all selected a spot on the land and dug a hole to plant there baby trees. The children have all been encouraged to visit the site in 5-10 years to see how their new woodland area has grown!



Sporting News



Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team who wound up their league this week and finished in an impressive 2nd place. We are so proud of their resilience and determination!

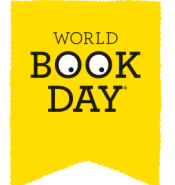
A team of children from Year 6 also took part in a tag rugby tournament this month against other local schools. The team displayed fantastic teamwork and managed to secure a 4th place finish.



World Book Day

At SBPS, we always promote the importance of reading in school and at home. We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 6th March. The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas! Throughout the day, the children will be taking part in lots of different activities linked to reading and children's literature. Please look out for book tokens coming home very soon, This year, we will be running an extra special competition! The children are challenged to transform a wooden spoon into a book character. Story spoons should be brought to school on World Book Day and we will select a winning entry from each class!

Celebrating with



Safeguarding Leads



Mrs Atkinson
Head Teacher



Miss Reid
Deputy Head Teacher



Mrs Dryden
Deputy Head Teacher and SENDCo



Mrs Lee
Pupil Wellbeing Lead



Mr Wood
Early Years Lead

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.

OPAL Updates

Playtimes and lunch times are quickly becoming nothing short of **AMAZING** in Shotley Bridge Primary School. As developments are made to the outdoor provision, and we get more and more play equipment and resources, outdoor play is getting better by the day. Feedback from the children is overwhelmingly positive as they feel playtimes are more fun and there is lots more to do! Staff are also reaping the benefits as we are finding there are less first aid issues, less disagreements happening between children and happier children.



A bit of half term fun! Over half-term, Mr Murphy (our OPAL lead in school) is launching a new incentive for the children to bring in donations for OPAL. You will be receiving a bingo card for your child's class via email that lists the items we are looking for donations of. Your child's class will be working together to find the items on the bingo card to win prize for their class. If you have any of the items on the bingo card, please send them to school. These items will then be ticked off the class bingo card. We would like to reiterate, these items should be donations of unwanted items that you no longer need at home or can source for free! Please do not spend money purchasing items as you have all already been so generous donating money through sponsorships for the sponsor walk!

Over the half-term holidays, we finally have our welly storage being installed in KS2. This will provide outdoor shelters for our wellies and a place to sit while the children are changing their shoes.



Today, KS2 have enjoyed a full afternoon of extended OPAL time. They thoroughly enjoyed showing their teachers their very favourite parts of our outdoor provision. KS1 are also enjoying their OPAL hour each and every Friday. We are excited to invite all parents to join us in both buildings for an OPAL afternoon on **Friday 11th April from 1:30pm**. This will be a lovely opportunity for you to see our outdoor provision, learn what OPAL is all about and play with your children. We hope you can all join us!

Clubs

Clubs for next half-term are now available to book on Arbor. Here is an overview of what is on offer:

Reception and KS1:

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| Monday | Art Club, Team Games and Creative Kitchen |
| Tuesday | Gymnastics |
| Wednesday | Football |
| Thursday | Ball Games |

KS2:

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| Monday | Musical Theatre |
| Tuesday | Y4/5/6 Girls' Football |
| Wednesday | Y4/5/6 Boys' Football, Japanese, Netball |
| Thursday | |

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM
SPORTS CAMPS
IN THE
CONSETT AREA

HELD AT ST. MARY'S PRIMARY
SCHOOL - BLACKHILL - DH8 8JD
MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY TILL FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

£15 PER DAY
OR £50 FOR THE WEEK

8:30AM TILL 3:00PM

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE FOR ALL BOOKINGS CONTACT US VIA:

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07952 562950

BOOK ONLINE AT:
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MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK
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Fundraising in Shotley Bridge Primary School

Throughout the year, we have a number of different fundraising events that take place in school (such as the summer fair, bingo night and the Christmas market) that set out to raise money for 'school fund'. Recently some very generous local businesses have approached us to offer support to school by purchasing items for us. During last month's PTA meeting, we agreed it would be a fantastic idea to share with parents and carers what our fundraising efforts are in aid of. Here is some of our most recent fundraising wishlist...



What? Small sofas
Why? KS2 entrance
How much? £300 each



What?: Bean Bags
Why? Classrooms
How much? £100 each



What?: Helmets
Why? Scooter and bike safety
How much? £300



What?: Scooters
Why? OPAL
How much? £500



What?: Outdoor Tuft Tray
Why? Pre-School
How much? £150



What?: Welly Storage
Why? OPAL
How much? £15,000



What?: Small World Figures
Why? OPAL
How much? £300



What?: Bell tent
Why? OPAL
How much? £700

As we reach our fundraising goals, we will share with you the items that have been purchased through your donations.



What?: Waterproof Clothing
Why? OPAL
How much? £1000



What?: Outdoor Shed
Why? OPAL
How much? £2000

**Purchased
Using funds raised at Summer/
Christmas Fair — Thank you!**



What?: Sand
Why? Refill sandpits
How much? £2,300



What?: Water Tray
Why? Pre-School
How much? £190



What?: Playground Toys
Why? KS1/KS2 Yard
How much? £400

The fundraising wish list may grow or change as we respond to the needs of the children in school. If you have any items at home which you would like to donate, we would welcome loved second hand items too!



PRESCHOOL VISITS

WE WARMLY WELCOME THOSE LOOKING TO APPLY FOR NURSERY PLACES FOR 3-4 YEAR OLDS FROM SEPTEMBER 2025 TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL.

- THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY - 4PM
- MONDAY 27TH JANUARY - 4PM
- THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY - 4PM
- THURSDAY 13TH MARCH - 4PM
- MONDAY 31ST MARCH - 4PM
- THURSDAY 1ST MAY - 4PM
- MONDAY 19TH MAY - 4PM

THIS IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO COME SEE OUR PRESCHOOL (WITH OR WITHOUT YOUR CHILD) AND MEET SOME OF THE SCHOOL STAFF.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK YOUR SPACE ON ONE OF THESE VISITS, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR [CLICK HERE](#).



GET IN TOUCH

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March



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| Monday 3rd | Back to school | |
| Wednesday 5th | SEND Review meetings | |
| Thursday 6th | World Book Day | |
| Wednesday 12th | Class 3 Invasion Games Festival | PE kits required |
| Thursday 13th | Y4 School of Noise Workshop | |
| Friday 14th | Comic Relief | |
| Thursday 20th | Y2 sleepover | |
| Wednesday 26th | Year 3 Egyptian workshop in school | |
| | Year 5 Mayan workshop in school | |
| | Class 12 Rugby festival | at Consett Rugby Club |
| Friday 28th | Special ladies' afternoon | KS2 - 1:30-2:15pm |

April

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| Wednesday 2nd | Class 6 Tri-Golf Festival | am—Lanchester EP. PE kit required |
| Friday 4th | Reception trip to Forest Adventurers | |
| Tuesday 8th | Year 1 trip to Beamish | |
| Friday 11th | OPAL afternoon—Parents invited | From 1:30pm on both sites |
| | Break up for Easter Holidays | |
| Monday 28th | Back to school | |
| | Seven Stories workshops in school | |

May

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| Friday 2nd | Pre-school and Reception trip to Hall Hill Farm | |
| Monday 5th | Bank Holiday | |
| Tuesday 6th | INSET—School closed to all children | |
| Monday 12th | Y6 SATs—SPAG papers 1 and 2 | |
| Tuesday 13th | Y6 SATs—Reading paper | |
| Wednesday 14th | Y6 SATs—Maths papers 1 and 2 | |
| Thursday 15th | Y6 SATs—Maths paper 3 | |
| | Y4 Residential to The Sill and Hadrian's Wall | 1 night—details to follow |
| | Family Bingo Night | 5:00-7:00pm in KS2 Hall |
| Monday 19th | Year 6 Bikeability Workshops | Monday-Thursday |
| Friday 23rd | KS2 Hoopstarz workshops | |
| | Break up for half-term holidays | |

June

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| Monday 2nd | Back to school | |
| Wednesday 4th | KS2 Orienteering Day SEND Review meetings | |
| Monday 9th | Y1 Phonics screening check | To be administered this week |
| Tuesday 10th | Y3 Residential to Moor House Activity Centre | 1 night—details to follow |
| Wednesday 11th | Y6 Residential to London | 2 nights |
| Friday 13th | Special Gentleman's afternoon | KS2 - 1:30-2:15pm Preschool/YR/KS1 - 2:30-3:15pm |
| Tuesday 17th | Y1 trip to Sunderland Winter Gardens | |
| Friday 20th | Summer Fair | From 2:00pm—KS2 building/field |
| Wednesday 25th | Move-up day—children spend the day in their new class | |
| Monday 30th | Sports Day | |

July

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| Tuesday 1st | Reserve Sports Day |
| Tuesday 15th | Shotley Fest |
| Friday 18th | Break up for Summer holidays! |