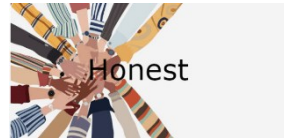




# SBPS News



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## December in SBPS

Ho ho ho... December is almost upon us which brings the most magical time of the year. Our December calendar is jam-packed with lots of festive events for the children and families! Please check out the dates in this newsletter too keep up to date with what is going on and read your Arbor messages regularly for updates and further information!

## Children In Need

Thank you for all of your donations for Children In Need this month. The children all thoroughly enjoyed their 'Break the Rules' day organised by the Make a Difference Committee. For one day only, we turned a blind eye crazy colourful hair, fancy dress costumes and even sweets at playtime. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise £631 for a worthy cause!



## Photo Day

Phototronics will be in school to take school photos of all children from pre-school to Year 6 on Monday 2nd December. If you would have more than one child and they are not taught in the same building, please take both children to the junior building at 8:30am if you would like a sibling photo. If your children are both taught on the same site, staff will make ensure sibling photos are taken.



## Non-Uniform Day

Thank you very much for your kind donations for non-uniform day today. As always, we are overwhelmed by your generosity and support to help us raise money for school fund. Your donations will be used as raffle and tombola prizes for our upcoming Christmas market!



## Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th November, Captain Mark Atkinson visited KS2 to deliver our Remembrance Day service while KS1 had their own assembly. We were so proud of how respectful our children were and we were especially proud of our three Year 6 children who spoke in front of everyone. Well done!



## Crazy Creatures Visit Y1



In science lessons, Year 1 have been learning about animals and their characteristics. They were treated to a visit from Crazy Creatures where they got the chance to hold, lots of different animals such as tarantulas, snakes and chinchillas while learning lots of facts about them!

## Year 5 Residential to York



In November, Year 5 travelled to York for their residential. They visited York city centre where they visited York Minster, the Shambles and walked around the city walls. The children even got the opportunity to go to the Jorvik centre to learn all about the Vikings. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their stay at the YHA where they played team games and built Viking long boats. A very successful and busy few days. We certainly had some very tired Year 5s (and teachers!) when they returned back to school!



## Magic Maths



Last week, a maths magicians visited SBPS and put on an awesome show for all of the children! The children in KS2 also took part in workshops where they learnt their own maths tricks to amaze their parents and families at home!

## 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.

## Pantomime in SBPS



Last week, M&M Productions put on a spectacular show of Snow White for all of our children... and what a show it was! There was audience participation from the children, wonderful singing and some questionable dancing from school staff.

We are looking forward to welcoming the pantomime back to SBPS next year for their production of Robin Hood.

## Christmas Market

We are excited for you to join us for our Christmas Market on Wednesday 11th December. The market will now take place in the **junior building** from 2:30pm. KS2 will walk up to the infant building during the afternoon and ALL children are to be picked up from the infant building from 2:15pm.

There will be lots of stalls and games for you to join in with; there will be raffles, tombolas, face painting, Santa's grotto, food and drinks, games and more!

There will also be local businesses selling their products so you will have the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping!

If you have a small business and would be interesting in having a table at the market, please email the school office!



## Christmas Quiz Night

The SBPS quiz night will take place on Monday 2nd December at 5pm in the KS2 school hall. We are excited to welcome families to join us for an evening of fun and games, multiple festive quiz rounds and lots of opportunity to win prizes—including a cash prize for the winning team! We will also be selling food, drinks and refreshments so please bring cash along if you wish to purchase these. There are still tickets remaining on the Arbor shop for what we are sure will be an enjoyable evening!



## Sporting Success!



It has been an exciting month for sport at SBPS! Our Year 5/6 football league came to a close after 7 weeks and our boys' team played brilliantly week in and week out, making Mr Vasarhelyi, Mr Goldsborough and Mr Campbell very proud. Every week they showed incredible dedication and determination, helping

them qualify for the champions league. Well done, boys!



A team of athletes from Year 6 also competed in the Derwentside Sports Hall Athletics competition, where they competed as a team in running, jumping and throwing events. Not only did they show an amazing level of sportsmanship, but they also blew the competition away with their outstanding athletic ability and won the whole competition, bringing gold medals back to Shotley!



And finally, our Y6 basketball team competed in a basketball tournament last week where they won every game except one! They came third overall in the competition!

## Reading Cafes

It was lovely having our pre-school, Reception and KS1 parents join us in school for our reading cafes in November. Thank you to everyone who was able to give up their time to celebrate the importance of reading with our youngest children.



## Positive Noticing Day

On Wednesday 13th November, we celebrated Positive Noticing Day in school. The children shared positive tags about what they liked about each other and staff rewarded tags for exemplary behavior. A very positive day all round!



Specialist confidential support for parents or carers of children who have experienced sexual abuse

- A mix of 1:1 counselling & group support
- Venues in Darlington & Durham
- Places available between now & Sept 2025
- Call 01325 354119 to refer

"I'm now in a much better place mentally, and I no longer blame myself for what happened to my daughter"

~ Past participant

Scan the QR code for more information:



www.rsacc-thecentre.org.uk  
**RSACC**  
Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Centre  
Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Centre  
Charity Number: 1164121

# Emotional Support Services

for all survivors of sexual violence and those who support them (aged 13+).



Emotional Support Line - call us on Tel. 0300 222 5730



Emotional Support Email - write to us at support@rsacc-thecentre.org.uk

Both services are confidential and anonymous - we'll only know what you choose to share with us. For more information please scan the QR code.



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## OPAL Update...

We have now entered the next phase of our OPAL (outdoor play and learning) project! The development of play in the outdoor area is well underway and we are now reaching out to parents and our local community to let you know how you can help us!

Please turn over to find out more...



We need you!



# Outdoor play and learning!



At Shotley Bridge Primary School we are excited to announce we are now developing Phase 1 of our OPAL redevelopment. This will include an outdoor café, small world, digging area, yard games and den building. We know that in the lead up to Christmas many of you may be thinking about recycling a few things. If you have any of the following, which you would like to donate, please speak to a member of staff, or simply drop off at either site.



## DIGGING AREA

- Garden buckets
- Hand trowels
- Wheel barrows
- Tyres
- Spades (no forks)
- Plastic crates
- Gardening gloves
- Sand toys
- Larger vehicles such as cars/diggers.

## OUTDOOR CAFÉ

- Metal pots and pans
- Baking trays
- Utensils
- Old/broken microwave
- Camping bowls/plates/cups/cutlery
- Camping stove / BBQ (gas disconnected)
- Plastic/metal mixing bowls
- Folding tables/chairs



## SMALL WORLD

Small to medium:

- Plastic dinosaurs /animals
- Cars/vehicles
- Figures
- Cable reels
- Fake grass
- Material
- Dolls/barbies



## DEN BUILDING

- Tarpaulin
- Pegs
- Crates
- Pallets
- Camping rope
- Sleeping bags
- Bunting/flags
- Camping lamps
- Cushions
- Camping mats



Polite request: Please ensure all items are safe and have no broken or sharp parts.

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



What?: Scooters  
Why? OPAL  
How much? £1000



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



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



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



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

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



What?: Large Storage Boxes  
Why? OPAL  
How much? £120



What?: Fairy Lights  
Why? Well-being areas  
How much? £10 each

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



What?: Backdrop for Performances  
Why? KS2 Musical Theatre Club



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



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

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!

## December



Monday 2nd	Phototronics in School—all children to have photo taken	
	Christmas Quiz Night	5:00-7:00pm in KS2 Hall
Wednesday 4th	Y4 Trip to the Synagogue	
Thursday 5th	Brass band performance for parents of children who	
Friday 11th	Rocksteady Performances for parents of bands	9:00am in KS2 hall
Wednesday 11th	SBPS Christmas Market	3:00-4:30pm
Thursday 12th	Christmas Dinner Day—all children welcome to wear a Christmas jumper/headwear	
Monday 16th	Reception Nativity	9:30-10:30am
	Y3/4 Christmas Performance	2:00-3:00pm at St Cuthbert's Church
Tuesday 17th	Y1/2 Christmas Performance	9:30-10:30am for Y1 parents only
	Y5/6 Christmas Performance	2:00-3:00pm at St Cuthbert's Church
Wednesday 18th	Y1/2 Christmas Performance	9:30-10:30am for Y2 parents only
	Pre-School and Reception Christmas Party	
	Year 5/6 Christmas Party	
Thursday 19th	Pre-School Christmas Singalong	9:30-10:00am
	Year 1/2 Christmas Party	
	Year 3/4 Christmas Party	
	Year 6 Visit to Victoria Tunnel and the Baltic	
Friday 20th	Break up for Christmas holidays	

## January



Monday 6th	Back to school	
Monday 13th	Y5/6 Trip to Rajkot, India	
Wednesday 15th	Class 8 Team Building and Problem Solving PE Festival	Details to follow
Tuesday 21st	KS2 Swimming Gala	Details to follow

## February

Monday 3rd	Children's Mental Health Week	
Wednesday 12th	Valentine's Disco	3:30-4:30pm
Monday 17th	Parents' Evening 1	
Tuesday 18th	Parents' Evening 2	
Friday 21st	Sponsored walk to raise money for School Fund	
	Break up for half-term holidays	

## March



Monday 3rd	Back to school	
Wednesday 5th	SEND Review meetings	
Thursday 6th	World Book Day	
Friday 14th	Comic Relief	
Wednesday 26th	Year 3 Egyptian workshop in school	
	Year 5 Mayan workshop in school	
Friday 28th	Special ladies' afternoon	KS2 - 1:30-2:15pm Preschool/YR/KS1 - 2:30-3:15pm

## April



Friday 4th	Reception trip to Forest Adventurers
Tuesday 8th	Year 1 trip to Beamish
Friday 11th	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 28th	Back to school