



SBPS News



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Happy Half-Term



As we come to the end of our first half-term, we would like to wish everyone in our Shotley Bridge family a lovely half-term and well-deserved rest! We look forward to seeing you all again after the holidays.

Pre-School Come in and Play



Pre-school and Reception LOVED having their adults join them for their 'Come in and Play' sessions. It was lovely to share with you all of the wonderful things the children get up to and give you an insight to what it is like to be in their classrooms. We hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as the children and staff did.



Year 3 Visit to the Hindu Temple

Year 3 had a brilliant trip this half-term where they visited the Hindu Temple in Newcastle. Kirtida led a fantastic workshop where the children learnt all about the Hindu religion, traditions and had the opportunity to look at different artefacts. In the afternoon, the children also visited the Discovery Museum. As always, the Year 3 children demonstrated exemplary behaviour and were role models for our school. Well done, Year 3!



OPAL

Last month we shared the news with you that we have begun our journey to become an OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) school. This month, the OPAL working party have met in school and we have employed two new OPAL play leaders to begin the implementation in school. To get us started we are kindly asking for donations of the following items:



Tyres



Pallets



Drainpipes

African Drumming Workshop

Last week, we welcomed a very special visitor to school who led African drumming workshops for children from Year 1 to Year 6. The children learnt different patterns on their drums and created a song to perform to their teachers.



Halloween

All of the children have a spooktacular day celebrating Halloween early in school this Wednesday! It was amazing to see the efforts the children (and parents!) had gone to with their superb costumes. Our youngest children in pre-school marked the occasion with their own disco and games while the rest of the children took part in creepy crafts in the afternoon. After school, the children boogied the night away at the Halloween discos!



Harvest Thank You

A huge thank you for all of your generous donations for our Harvest hampers! We were absolutely overwhelmed with the amount of food brought into school. 16 hampers were created and sent to Consett Samaritans to be distributed to people in need in our local community.



Spare Clothing



If you have any spare clothing from school at home, please can you send it back in after it has been washed. We are running low in school and soon will have no spare clothes to send your children home in if they need to get changed.

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.

Pupil Parliament Results

PUPIL PARLIAMENT

Please talk to us about:

SOS



Playground zones, activities for playtime, OPAL, games,

ECO



Things we do well to help the environment and things we can do better.

MAD



Fundraising ideas for Children in Need.

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Who we can invite for our first event, keeping it small.

After a week of campaigning, plastering the school with posters and delivering inspirational speeches, the children voted and the results were revealed... Congratulations to those children who were elected onto their chosen committees!

We would also like to say a huge well done to everybody who put themselves forward this year. Votes were incredibly close and we are so proud of how courageous the children were to speak in front of their peers and how passionate they were about our school.

This year we have four committees to make up our pupil parliament: Shaping Our School (SOS), Eco Committee, Make a Difference (MAD) and Community Kitchen. Each committee has met already this term and have chosen a focus for their meetings this term. They will be listening to the views and ideas of the children in their class while working on these projects.

We are all looking forward to seeing the impact the new committees will have on making our school an even better place!

Year 2 at Washington Wetlands

This week, Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their school trip to Washington Wetlands where they learnt all about different animals and their habitats. Year 2 were conscientious and interested in everything they learnt during their visit. Mrs Dipper and Mrs Orrick were also so proud of the children and how they represented our school.



Indian Dancing

Today, we welcomed Susan into school who led an Indian dancing workshop for our children to mark the celebration of Diwali over the next few weeks. The children were so engaged learning new dance moves and enjoying the Indian music.



Reading Cafes

Thank you to all of the parents and family members who joined us for the reading cafes that have taken place in KS2 this half-term. It was lovely to have so many of you join us to read and have a cuppa with the children. We are looking forward to welcoming our KS1 parents after half-term (dates on last few pages of newsletter!).



Restart a Heart Day

This half-term, the children took part in their annual Restart a Heart training. The children learnt how to perform basic CPR and how to put somebody in the recovery position. The children were also reminded to call 999 and shout for help if they discovered someone who was unconscious.



After-School Provision

Next half-term's clubs are available to book through Arbor! Please see the table for the range of clubs on offer to the children in both buildings. Spaces on these clubs will fill up quickly so book soon to avoid disappointment.

A gentle reminder that clubs finish at 4:20pm in the infant building and 4:25pm in the junior building. Children should not be collected earlier than these times unless previously agreed with a member of staff. If you are more than 5 minutes late to collect your child, you will be charged for Stay and Play until 6pm.

Wraparound care will continue to operate as it has this half-term with breakfast club beginning in both buildings from 7:45am and Stay and Play on until 6pm.

	YR and KS1	KS2
Monday	-Adventure Games -Creative Kitchen	
Tuesday	-Christmas Crafts	-Football (Y3,4 and 5) -Board Games and Lego
Wednesday		-Basketball
Thursday	-Mult-Skills Games	-Christmas Crafts

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



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



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



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



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



What?: Backdrop for Performances
Why? KS2 Musical Theatre Club
How much? £500



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

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



What? Home Corner
Why? Pre-School
How much? £500



What?: Cosy furniture
Why? KS2 SNUG
How much? £400+

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



What?: Outdoor Sand-pit
Why? Pre-School



What? Role play costumes
Why? Pre-School
How much? £200



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!

November



Monday 4th	Back to school Year 2 Reading Café—Parents and Carers Welcome	3:00-3:30pm
Wednesday 5th	SEN Review Meetings for teachers and parents of children on a support plan	3:30-5:00pm
Monday 11th	Year 1 Reading Café—Parents and Carers Welcome	3:00-3:30pm
Tuesday 12th	Y5 Science of Food Workshop	
Thursday 14th	Maths Magician in School	
Friday 15th	Children in Need Class 8 Bikeability Workshop	Details to follow
Monday 18th	Reception Reading Café—Parents and Carers Welcome Y5 1 Night Residential to York Y1 Crazy Creatures Workshop	3:00-3:30pm
Friday 22nd	Snow White Panto in School Class 9 Bikeability Workshop	
Monday 25th	Pre-School Reading Café—Parents and Carers Welcome	3:00-3:30pm
Friday 29th	Non-Uniform Day for donations for Christmas market	

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	
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 Y3/4 Christmas Performance	9:30-10:30am 2:00-3:00pm at St Cuthbert's Church
Tuesday 17th	Y1/2 Christmas Performance	9:30-10:30am for Y1 parents only

December



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
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February



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