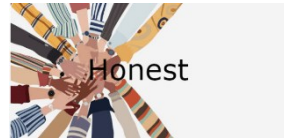




SBPS News



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Just three weeks to go...

As we enter the final three weeks of the academic year, summer is well and truly here! The sun is shining, and there's a real buzz of excitement around the school as the children look forward to our upcoming summer events, including Move Up Day, the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, and, of course, the much-anticipated Shotley Fest! It's a happy time as we celebrate a fantastic year of learning and prepare for the adventures ahead.



Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Summer Fair last week. It was wonderful to see so many of you there—especially on one of the hottest days of the year—showing your support for our school. It was a joy to see families enjoying the games, having faces painted, tucking into ice creams and refreshments and buying raffle tickets. The raffle has now been drawn and winners have been contacted via Arbor. As always, we are very grateful for your continued support with our fundraising efforts. All money raised goes directly towards enriching the children's experience here at SBPS!



Year 3 Residential



Year 3 had a fantastic time on their very first Shotley Bridge Primary residential to Moor House this month. The children embraced a range of exciting outdoor activities, including archery, caving and team challenges. One of the highlights was gathering around the campfire to enjoy tasty treats and sing songs before bed. The pupils showed wonderful resilience and independence as they spent time away from home with their friends - a memorable adventure for all involved!

Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat



A huge well done to our fantastic Musical Theatre group who performed their production of Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat last week. Months of hard work, rehearsing, learning songs and practising lines certainly paid off, as the audience were blown away by the show! We are so proud of the incredibly talented pupils we have at SBPS. A special thank you goes to Mrs Orrick, Miss Simm and Miss Milburn, who worked tirelessly each week to bring the production to life.

Pride Celebrations

As June is Pride Month, we marked the occasion on Thursday 19th June by inviting children to come to school dressed in colourful clothing to express themselves and celebrate individuality. In both buildings, we held age-appropriate assemblies to discuss the importance of inclusivity and kindness. The children enjoyed taking part in a range of Pride-themed activities throughout the morning, making it a fun and meaningful celebration for all.



Year 6 Take London



Year 6 had a fantastic time in London earlier this month for their final residential as pupils at SBPS. Their trip was packed with exciting experiences, including a ride on the London Eye, a cruise along the Thames, a visit to the Natural History Museum and a chance to see Matilda in the West End. Both children and staff had a brilliant time and we were incredibly proud of the excellent behaviour and enthusiasm shown by our pupils throughout the trip.



Special Gentlemen's Afternoon

Thank you to all the special adults who joined us for Special Gentlemen's Day in school this month. It was wonderful to see so many of the children's VIPs in school, sharing an afternoon of fun, laughter, and memory-making together!

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.

Year 1 Visit to Sunderland Winter Garden



Year 1 had a fantastic day at Sunderland Winter Gardens! The children learnt all about what plants need to survive, explored a variety of plants from around the world and discovered why plants are so important to our planet. There was even time to explore the rest of the museum—where we came across a few unexpected creatures along the way!



Sports Day



Thank you to all the families who joined us for Sports Day yesterday. Although the afternoon was cut short due to the heat and strong sun, the children still had a great time taking part in races and cheering on their friends. A big thank you to Miss Hirst for organising such a fun and memorable event!

Playtime Snacks

In Reception and Key Stage 1, children are provided with free fruit as a healthy snack during morning break. From Year 3 onwards, children are welcome to bring in their own snack from home. As we are a healthy school, we kindly remind families that playtime snacks should be healthy choices—such as fruit, low-sugar cereal bars, or rice cakes. Crisps, biscuits, and sweet treats (like cake bars) should be saved for lunchtime as part of a balanced meal. If any unsuitable snacks are brought out during morning break, they will be returned to your child's lunchbox to enjoy at lunchtime instead. Thank you for your continued support in promoting healthy habits!



Teddy Bear's Picnic

It was lovely to welcome our new starters in Preschool and Reception to our annual Teddy Bear's Picnic last week. The Early Years staff really enjoyed meeting the children and their families, and spending a sunny afternoon together. We are all very excited to welcome the children properly when they start school with us in September!



Staffing Updates for September

Last week, parents received a message on Arbor confirming which class their child will be in next year and who their new teacher will be. Our current classes have been carefully mixed, and all children have been placed with at least one friend to help support a smooth transition. Teachers are really looking forward to meeting their new classes this Wednesday for Move Up Day and getting to know them even better next year.

Year 5 Visit to Beamish

As an OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) school, and with our focus on physical activity, we are introducing a more relaxed uniform from September to support active, safe and independent play.

From Early Years to Year 6, children should wear:

- Fully black trainers (no colours)
- Red polo shirt or T-shirt (plain or with school logo)
- Fully black jogging bottoms, leggings, PE shorts, or cycling shorts (no see-through material; shorts must be just above the knee)
- Red hoodie, jumper or cardigan (plain or with logo/initials)
- No jewellery or nail varnish/extensions
- Plain watch (no messaging, calls, or camera functions)
- Hair tied back (if long enough)



Children may still wear traditional uniform if they prefer, but school policy must be followed. This includes summer dresses, pinafores, grey trousers and skirts. On PE days, all children should wear the relaxed PE uniform above.

Please note:

From September, we will be phasing out book bags due to limited space in corridors. Children should bring a drawstring bag that can hang on their peg.

Embroidered uniform items can be purchased from Track Sportswear (Consett) or Border Embroideries. Or you can purchase uniform without the embroidery from local supermarkets or high street shops.

Please make sure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name. When items are named, it's much easier for us to return lost clothing and other possessions to the right child.

Thank you for your support!

Year 5 Visit to Beamish

Year 5 had a fantastic time on their visit to Beamish Museum this month, a trip generously funded by Consett Rotary Club. The children explored [the 1900s Town, the Pit Village and rode the tram, gaining a brilliant insight into life in the past. A highlight of the day was getting to buy some treats from the traditional sweet shop! A big thank you to Consett Rotary Club for providing this wonderful opportunity for our pupils.



Defibrillator Fundraising



At our Upper School site, we are proud to have a defibrillator available to support our school and wider community. To ensure it remains fully operational, we need to regularly replace the pads and batteries, which come at a cost. To help with the ongoing maintenance, we are kindly asking for voluntary donations via Arbor. Any contributions will go directly towards keeping this vital piece of equipment ready for use in an emergency. We will celebrate our fundraising efforts by allowing our children to wear non-uniform day on Shotley Fest on 15th July!

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?: Bell tent
Why? OPAL
How much? £700



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



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



What?: Outdoor sandpit
Why? OPAL
How much? £500



What?: Den building equipment
Why? OPAL
How much? £300



What?: Outdoor speakers
Why? OPAL
How much? £500

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

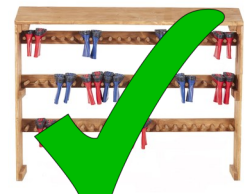
Purchased
Using funds from sponsor walk—
Thank you!



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



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



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

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!

July

Tuesday 1st	Reserve Sports Day Y6 St Bede's Transition Day 1	
Wednesday 2nd	Move up date. Children spend the day with their teacher and class for next year Y6 St Bede's Transition Day 2 Y6 Consett Academy Transition Day 1	
Thursday 3rd	Y6 Consett Academy Transition Day 2 Y6 Camp Out	6pm, KS2 field
Tuesday 8th	Y6 Wolsingham Transition Day 1	
Wednesday 9th	Y6 Wolsingham Transition Day 2	
Friday 11th	Rocksteady Performance for parents in bands	9:00am, KS2 Hall
Tuesday 15th	Shotley Fest	
Friday 18th	Y6 Leavers' Assembly Break up for Summer holidays!	2:00pm, KS2 Hall

September

Tuesday 2nd	INSET Day	
Wednesday 3rd	First day back!	