



Autumn Term Newsletter

Autumn term 2021 2022

Friday 5th November 2021



Dear parents/carers

One World Week. We have been thinking about global issues that affect us all and learning how to recognise ways that we can make a difference. This week we have taken part in lots of different activities. We have cooked and tasted food from around the world, learnt some Japanese phrases and created origami works of art with Noriko Matsubara a talented artist and lovely SBPS mum. How many of you can teach your adults at home? Thank you to Mr Patterson for introducing and organising One World Week.

Parliament Week. We have also been celebrating Parliament Week and so much learning has taken place right across school. Children in KS1 have been learning about famous Parliament buildings and the Gunpowder Plot, while children in KS2 have learnt about the history of the vote, votes for women and have even written letters to our local MP, Richard Holden. We had the pleasure of meeting Richard today and were able to ask lots of questions to find out more about his role as an MP. Who knows how many future MPs we have right now at Shotley Bridge Primary School!

Pupil Parliament Committees. All of our Pupil Members of Parliament (PMPs), have now been placed into a committee. Over the next year, our PMPs will be responsible for working as a team to think of ways to drive our school forward. The activities and ideas will of course involve all of the children in school. The Make a Difference Committee already have their first meeting scheduled for next week, when they will be thinking of ways to raise money for Children in Need. The activities that all children will be invited to take part in, will involve actual money... pennies at the ready!

Halloween Day. It was wonderful to see so many children (and adults) dressed up in their spooky costumes and it was a fabulous way to mark the beginning of half term. Your donations raised £382 for school fund and this money will be spent on the children over the coming year.

Photograph Day. Photographs will now be taken at both sites on Tuesday 30th November. If you have younger siblings at home or siblings at different sites, please take them to one of the sites at 8.30am to have their photograph taken. Siblings at the same site will have their photograph taken during the school day. We're looking forward to seeing all of those smiles!

Parents Evenings. As you know, parents' meetings will take place online. Please read and follow the instructions on the parents evening letter. If you have any problems, please speak to Mrs Coombe or Mrs Parker.

Reminders. Next week is Maths Week and we would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to come into school to work with the children. The children are all very excited to meet you and to take part in a range of activities!
It is also Remembrance Day on Thursday 11th November. We will be marking this significant occasion with a special assembly in school (children and staff).

Have a lovely weekend.
See you all on Monday.

Mrs Atkinson
Deputy headteacher

Calendar of Events to July 2022

Please note some dates may change and hopefully **LOTS** of other dates will be added throughout the year.

| Dates | Event |
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| Thursday 2 nd September 2021 | First day back to school of 2021 2022 |
| Thursday 16 th and Friday 17 th September | Y4 residential to Roman Wall |
| Friday 17 th September | Good News Assembly for Y1 and Y2 children. Bring in awards/achievements from home. |
| WB Monday 27 th September | Y6 Residential to Robin Wood outdoor activity centre |
| Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th October | Captain Chemistry in school. Science week. |
| WB 11 th October | KS2 NHS week, Restart a Heart day, Virtual ambulance |
| WB 11 th October | Pupil Parliament campaigning and voting. |
| Monday 18 th to Tuesday 19 th October | Y5 residential to York |
| Fri 22 nd October 2021 | School closed to children. Inset day. |
| Monday 25 th October 2021 | Start of October Half-term holiday. |
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| Monday 1 st November 2021 | Children back to school. |
| WB 1 st November | One World week |
| WB 8 th November | Maths week |
| WB Nov 15 th | SchoolCloud Parents' evenings. Dates for your class on letter. |
| 30 th November | New school photo date |
| Monday 20 th December 2021 | Start of Christmas holidays. |
| Tuesday 4 th January 2022 | School closed to children. Inset day. |
| Wednesday 5 th January 2022 | Children back to school. |
| Friday 18 th February 2022 | School closed to children. Inset day. |
| Monday 21 st Feb 2022 | Start of Feb Half-term holiday. |
| Mon 28 th feb 2022 | Children back to school. |
| Mon 11 th April 2022 | Start of Easter holiday. |
| Mon 25 th April 2022 | Children back to school |
| Mon 2 nd May 2022 | Bank Holiday |
| Mon 30 th May 2022 | Start of summer half-term holiday |
| Mon 6 th June 2022 | Children back to school |
| Fri 1 st July 2022 | School closed to children. Inset day. |
| Weds 20 th July 2022 | NOW last day of term! |
| Thurs 21 st July 2022 | Extra days holiday due to Queen's Jubilee. |