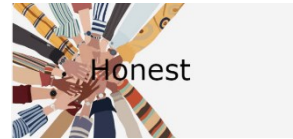




# SBPS This Week's News



31st March 2023

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### Senior Designated Safeguarding Leads

### Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mr Bell  
Headteacher



Mrs Atkinson  
Acting Headteacher



Mrs Dryden  
Assistant Head  
Teacher



Miss Reid  
Assistant Head  
Teacher



Mr Vasarhelyi  
Class Teacher  
KS1



Mr Goldsborough  
Class Teacher  
KS2

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.

### Parent Governor Election

Fiona Steel and Malcom Blake received the highest number of votes during our recent parent governor election and we are excited to have them join the team soon. We know that they have much to bring to SBPS and we are looking forward to seeing them in school. We would like to say a huge thank you to the other candidates and hope that you are able to join us in the future. We will let you all know when further positions become available.

### School App

Thank you for downloading our new Arbor app. We are excited to start using it for all communications and for signing up to clubs and making payments. We had a few teething problems with parents evening appointments but it all worked out in the end! After Easter all emails/texts will be sent to you through the app. Please let us know if you need help downloading/using it.



### Reception and KS1 Safeguarding

Please remember that all children must remain on the top yard with parents/carers until an adult comes onto the yard at 8.40am. Some children are creeping down to the bottom yard and we need to keep everyone safe. Thank you!

### You said, we listened - breakfast club!

Thank you to those of you who took time to complete our parent/carer questionnaires. The main message to senior leaders is that families would really benefit from a school breakfast club. Unlike our other clubs, we need to be fully prepared to proceed. We are going to spend the first part of the summer term bringing everything together activities, staff training, preparing for allergies, safeguarding, equipment, booking/payment system etc and then we will trial it during the second part of the summer term. We will be in touch when we have more information.

### Pupil Wellbeing Lead

This term, Mrs Lee, a KS2 teaching assistant, was successful at interview and will be our Pupil Wellbeing Lead after Easter. She faced some strong competition, but the panel all agreed she was the right person for the job. Mrs Lee will be working with families and children from across school. She may contact you to offer support with a range of things, but you are more than welcome to also approach her if you feel you would benefit from help with anything. We wish Mrs Lee the very best of luck in her new role... we know she will be brilliant and that she has so much to bring to SBPS.



### You said, we listened - communication!

Another message that came from the parent/carer questionnaires was around communication. While some of our families let us know how much this has improved and how helpful emails, texts and Facebook are, other families tell us that it is a problem. It isn't clear what the problem with communication is so we have decided to invite you into school in the summer term to share your views with us. From here, we will endeavor to improve things further. We will be in touch with dates and times once they are confirmed.

### Family Engagement

In the autumn term we told you that class assemblies were changing to family engagement sessions. This was largely due to the time spent rehearsing for an assembly which took away valuable teaching and learning time. We also wanted to engage with our families in a way that would be much more beneficial to our children, our parents/carers and staff. These sessions take place once a year for each year group and we are thrilled with how they are running. This is something that we will continue to provide. Dates will always be given in advance so that families are able to plan for this. We welcome parents, carers, grandparents, aunties, uncles and any other special humans - as many of us (staff) are fulltime working parents ourselves, we know how difficult it can be to arrange time away from work. Those children who don't have an adult attend will continue to be involved with other grown ups, children and staff. Nobody will ever be left out.



### Reading Cafe

Last summer, year groups from across school hosted reading cafes. As the autumn term was so busy, we didn't bring them back until the spring term. The comments from families who have taken part in these sessions are wonderful! Reading cafes are clearly having an impact both upon reading and skills for social interaction. Because of this, we have chosen to continue these sessions into the summer term. As in the spring term, they will take place once for each year group. We're hoping the weather will be better to host our reading PICNICS - sandwiches and flasks at the ready! To make the sessions more accessible, we will be running them straight after school on the school fields. Dates have been shared on the calendar below to help you plan for this. Again, any special human can attend... we appreciate that we all have very busy lives and can't all attend every event.



### Clubs

Mrs Dryden and Mrs Reid have worked incredibly hard to put together the clubs for the summer term. We know that paper sign up isn't ideal (for any of us) and intend to move to the Arbor app for sign ups and payments in the autumn term. All parents have now received a text to tell them which club(s) your child(ren) has a place at. We appreciate your patience... with school now having such a huge club offer, it wasn't easy to organise! Please make sure that you pay for clubs at the start of the term using our current School Money app. If you have any problems or wish to ask about spaces in other clubs, please speak to Mrs Coombe or Mrs Parker in our school offices.

### Attendance

It was wonderful to see so many of you attend our parent/carer meetings. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to look at your child's books and used the opportunity to speak to their class teacher about progress and attainment. You were given three documents - short report, attendance certificate and attendance letter. If you weren't able to attend, these documents have been sent home with your child.

The short report was referred to during your parent's meeting. If you weren't able to make it, please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

The attendance certificate shows your child's attendance since we returned in September. Please also read the attendance letter which will help you understand the importance of attendance. If you require more information, our updated attendance policy can be found on our school website.

### Welcome Miss Holmes

We are excited to have Miss Holmes start with us as our Office Apprentice. You will see her popping up in both school offices, although she will spend a lot of her time at the junior building. She will be front of office on a Wednesday at the juniors as Mrs Coombe isn't with us that day. Please be patient while she learns the ropes. We know she will be amazing!

### Social Media

While we recognise that Facebook and WhatsApp can be extremely useful for keeping up to speed with what's happening in school, we would always urge you to speak to a member of staff if you have any queries or wish to raise an issue. This way we can move forward more quickly and efficiently without causing any upset. We can only help if we are aware of the problem. Please leave a message for the correct person when telephoning. When emailing, please add FAO and then the name in the subject box.

Questions/problems in class (friendships, worries etc) - you need the class teacher or Mrs Lee.

Questions/problems that the class teacher is unable to help with- you need Mrs Dryden (R/KS1) or Miss Reid (KS2). Miss Reid and Mrs Dryden are our Assistant Head Teachers.

Questions/problems that the AHTs are unable to help with:- you need Mrs Atkinson (Acting Head Teacher)

There is always a member of staff on the yard on a morning and after school for anything else.

### Calendar of Events (Summer)

We have lots of things going on in school and this is to enhance learning, engage with families, provide exciting experiences and to raise money for charities and school funds (this is always spent on our children). We understand that it can be tricky for parents to attend all events, particularly if you have more than one child. We have tried extremely hard to space out the events, but this can be difficult. This is why we encourage parents, carers, grandparents, aunties, uncles and any other special humans to join us for any of our events. We would never leave a child on their own; children without an adult in school always join friends, other families and school staff. We are really excited about all of the events taking place over the summer term and hope that you can join us.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	School Closes for Easter Holiday
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens for Summer 1
Thurs 20th April	Reception are off to Hall Hill Farm
Thurs 20th April	Y5 parent meeting to find out about Y6 residential
Friday 28th April	Non uniform day - in exchange for 50pm donation
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday: school closed
Thurs 4th May	Family Bingo Night - please see Facebook and email
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday (King's Coronation): school closed
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Parental Engagement 2pm
Mon 22nd May	Y5/Y6 Reading Picnic - 3.20 - 3.40 on junior field
Wed 24th May	Peter Pan Performance KS2—more details to follow
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Family Engagement 2pm
Thurs 25th May	Peter Pan Performance KS2—more details to follow
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closes for Summer Half Term
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Reopens for Summer 2
Mon 5th June	Reception Reading Picnic - 3.15 - 3.45 on infant field
Fri 9th June	Non uniform day in exchange for donations for summer fayre—details to follow
Mon 12th June	Y1/Y2 Reading Picnic - 3.15 - 3.45 on infant field
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Special Gentleman's Day – Gentleman welcomed into school: 1.30pm – 2.15pm KS2 and 2.30 – 3.15 R/KS1
Mon 19th June	Y5 are off to Beamish
Mon 19th June	Y3/Y4 Reading Picnic - 3.20 - 3.40 on junior field
Mon 26th June	Y6 leavers photos - look your best!
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y2 – Y3 Parent's Transition Meeting: 3.30pm - 4pm Junior Building
Wed 5th July	Y1 are off to Alnwick gardens!
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Day reserved for Sports Day (in case of bad weather)
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Camp Out – school field from 6pm - 8am (Saturday)
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Trip – info to follow
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School Closes for Summer Break
5 <sup>th</sup> September	School Opens for children



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PRIMARY SCHOOL - DH8 0ES



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PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
CHILDREN

# EASTER HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS IN SHOTLEY BRIDGE

MONDAY 3RD APRIL TO THURSDAY 6TH APRIL

MANY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN TO CHOOSE FROM INCLUDING:  
FOOTBALL, ADVENTURE GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS, DODGEBALL!

PACKED LUNCH  
REQUIRED!

£15  
PER DAY  
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