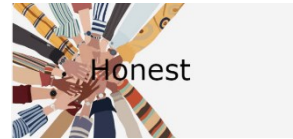




# SBPS This Week's News



31st May 2023

Price: FREE!

## 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.

## Arbor

We have now moved over to Arbor for all communication and payments. If you would like to find out more about how to use Arbor, please join us on Thursday 22nd June at 3.30pm or 5pm in the R/KS1 building where we will show you how to use the app effectively.



## Working Together to Improve Response to the Parent/Carer Questionnaire

In response to parent/carers comments relating to communication, we held a meeting on the 15th May to give you the opportunity to share your thoughts and suggestions to help us improve. Nobody joined us so we will continue to communicate in the way we have been this year. There will be a monthly newsletter and texts/emails through Arbor (as needed). We will continue to use Facebook to celebrate achievements and events in school. Please remember that you can learn more about our school by visiting our school website.

## Hot, hot, hot!

Now that the days are getting hotter, please ensure that your child has a sun hat/cap, sun cream and a water bottle in school every day. All should be labelled with your child's full name. When it is forecast to be a hot day, we advise that children come to school wearing sun cream. They will be reminded to reapply when going outside later in the day. While we will advise children to seek shade on particularly hot days, we need parents/carers to provide the essentials to keep children safe from harmful rays. Please also remember to complete the sun cream consent form on Arbor. Thank you for your support with this!



## Holidays and Attendance

Please remember that if you plan to take your child on holiday during term time, you must complete a holiday form at least two weeks before the first day of absence. The same is required if you are planning a long weekend away where your child will be collected earlier than the usual Friday finish time/returning later than the Monday start time. This lets school know where your child is and that they are safe.

Only in extenuating circumstances will a holiday absence be authorised. If the absence is authorised, your child's attendance will still be affected. If you are worried about your child's attendance, please get in contact with our Pupil Wellbeing Lead, Mrs Lee, or an Attendance Manager, Mrs Dryden and Miss Reid.

## Peter Pan Performance

Wednesday 28th June at 9.30pm  
Thursday 29th June at 5pm

We are so excited for this year's KS2 show! You will receive a message to let you know when tickets are on sale. We look forward to welcoming you very soon!



## R/KS1 Shotley's Got Talent

On Tuesday 11th July at 5:00pm children in R/KS1 are invited to show off their special talents. Practice must take place at home but we will have time for a dress rehearsal in school. Children can join together or perform on their own. Each child/group will be given 5 minutes on stage. Once we know how many children are taking part, we will notify you of timings and the venue. Please use the QR code to sign up.



### Y6 SATs and End of Year Reports

We are so proud of how hard the children worked in the lead up to their SATs. They showed resilience and determination throughout test week and we are so incredibly proud of all of them. They all enjoyed their post SATs party and were even paid a visit by an ice cream van in the last week of term! School will receive the results on Tuesday the 11th of July and will pass them on to you as soon as possible.

All children from R - Y6 will achieve an end of year report in July. This will inform you of your child's progress and attainment this year.

### Transition Day

On Monday the 10th of July, all children will spend the whole day in their new classroom with the teacher they will be with in September. Children should arrive at school at the usual time but should go to their new classroom (staff will be available to direct them).

Children moving to KS2 (current Y2s) need to be dropped off and collected from the KS2 building. Your child should be brought to the green gate where they will be greeted by staff.

At the end of the day, children will be brought to parents in the usual way (current Y2 parents to enter the KS2 yard through the green drop off gate). Once you have collected your child, please feel free to enter school to see your child's new classroom and to meet their new teacher.

### Worries, Concerns, Questions and Queries

As always, we encourage 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 quickly and efficiently. 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 of the person 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.

### Breakfast Club

We still have spaces in our summer term breakfast club. To book please use the Arbor app. Each session must be booked at least 48 hours in advance so that we can ensure we have the correct adult to child ratio. You must also pay for each session at the time of booking. Unfortunately, bookings not paid for will be deleted from the system to free up the spaces for others. Each session is £3 and this includes breakfast and activities. We will soon be opening up bookings for September 2023. If you need support with paying for breakfast club, please contact the school office.



### Photography

We now have lots of parental engagement activities taking place in school and are also looking forward to welcoming you to performances and sports days across the summer term. Some of our children do not have permission to have their photos posted on social media and so we kindly ask you to remember to switch your phones off before entering the building/school yard to ensure no photographs are taken.



We want you to have special memories of your child's time at primary school and so there will be occasions where we invite you to take a photograph of your own child. Please remember not to post any photos on social media if other children are in the background. This is to keep all of our children safe. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

### Quiet Spaces

If your child/you yourself is neurodivergent, we understand that some of our parental engagement sessions can become quite overwhelming. Our aim is to include everyone, so please let a member of staff



know if this is the case and they will do their best to assist you by finding you a quiet space in school and by providing you with additional resources.

### September 2023 After School Clubs/Care

We have many exciting clubs on offer for the next academic year. We will continue to provide our most popular clubs but we will also be offering some brand new clubs which we are able to provide having secured an initial £20k grant from Sport England with an additional £10k coming soon. We have used this money to purchase high quality resources to deliver the clubs and we can't wait to share details very soon! Watch out for the message on Arbor!

### A Special Thank You!

On the last day before half term we were visited by Colonel Hendry and his Gurkha soldiers who are based nearby at Catterick. They explained what their jobs entail, the places they have visited and showed the children some of the equipment they use. Opportunities such as this, help our children to know and understand more about different cultures, careers and the wider world. It builds respect and provides them with inspiration... we now have many children who want to be like the soldiers when they are older so that they can protect others and provide aid. We would like to say a huge thank you to Colonel Hendry who organised the event and wish him and the Gurkha soldiers the very best of luck for the future.

If you are a parent, carer, grandparent, auntie, uncle or part of our local community and believe you have something to enrich the learning of our children, we would love to hear from you! Please get in touch with us on 01207260444 or email school at [shotleybridgeprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:shotleybridgeprimary@durhamlearning.net)

Thank you

#### June

- Mon 5th: School opens
- Mon 5th: Rec Reading Picnic  
3.15–3.45 infant field
- Fri 9th: Non uniform day in  
exchange for donations  
for summer fair
- Mon 12th: Y1/Y2 Reading Picnic  
3.15–3.45 infant field
- Fri 16th: Special Gentleman's Day  
KS2 1.30 - 2.15  
R/KS1 2.30 - 3.15
- Mon 19th: Y5 go to Beamish
- Mon 19th: Y3/Y4 Reading Picnic  
3.20 - 3.50 junior field
- Thur 22nd: Arbor Info Night  
3.30 and again at 5pm
- Mon 26th: Y6 Photograph Day
- Wed 28th: Peter Pan 9.30 junior building
- Thur 29th: Peter Pan 5pm junior building
- Fri 30th: Summer Fair - 3pm

#### July

- Mon 3rd: Y2 to Y3 Transition  
Meeting 3.30 - 4pm  
Junior building
- Wed 5th: Y1 Alnwick Gardens
- Thur 6th: Sports Day R - Y5  
Junior field
- Mon 10th: Y6 Sports Day  
Transition Day
- Tues 11th: SBPS's Got Talent (YR/  
KS1 5pm-6:30pm)
- Fri 7th: Reserve Sports Day
- Fri 14th: Y6 Camp out  
Junior field 6pm-8am
- Mon 22nd: Y5/Y6 Reading Picnic  
3.20-3.50 junior field
- Mon 17th: Whole school trip
- Fri 21st: Y6 Leavers assembly

#### Y6 Transition Dates

- Consett Academy: 6th/7th July
- Wolsingham School: 5th/6th July
- Hexham Middle School: 6th July
- Tanfield School: 3rd/4th/5th July

Return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023