



SBPS News of The Month



30th November 2022

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Senior Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mr Bell
Headteacher



Mrs Atkinson
Deputy Head Teacher



Mrs Dryden
Assistant Head
Teacher



Miss Reid
Assistant Head
Teacher



Mr Vasarhelyi
Class Teacher



Mr Goldsborough
Class Teacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

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.

Visit to Washington Wetlands: Y2

Children in Need

Thank you to the Make a Difference Committee, Mrs Dipper, Miss Hunter and Miss Milburn, for organising a wonderful day filled with activities, rule breaking and delicious cakes. Your kind donations and support raised a whopping £700+ for the charity. Whilst times are hard for many of us financially, we still managed to pull together to make a difference. Thank you to you all... you are amazing!

Sporting Events

Children have taken part in a number of sporting events already this term. These include; Tag Rugby Y6, Cross Country Y4, Dance Y2 and Y4. All football leagues have now finished! Great teamwork and sporting behaviour from everyone who represented our school. Hopefully more football competitions in Spring and Summer terms. Please check your drawers at home as a couple of strips haven't been handed in yet!

Athlete Visit

WW11 Day: Y6

Year 6 had a brilliant day being introduced to their History topic for this half term- WWII. They fully immersed themselves in the experience by coming into school dressed as evacuees and spending the day doing activities based on what it was like to live during this turbulent time. They started the day listening to the Prime Minister's announcement that Britain would go to war with Germany in 1939 and learned some history about why it began. They also learned about the importance of music during this period and sang 'We'll Meet Again' by Dame Vera Lynn, did some art work based on 'The Blitz', baked with rations and had a visit from Cpl Farthing (a medic in the army today)!

Although Year 6's trip to Victoria Tunnel was called off last minute when the bus did not turn up, we have a new date and will be going on our visit on Tuesday 17th January.

Remembrance Day

During assembly on Friday 11th November at 11am, both sites commemorated the soldiers who sadly lost their lives during the war. It was a moving event, with a visit from Captain Mark Atkinson, reading from our Year 6 children and a moving performance of the Last Post by our brass band. We are so proud of the mature and respectful way our children approached the day and that they know that we need to remember so that the same mistakes are not repeated in the future.

Parental Engagement

Parental engagement afternoons began in October! Year 6 went first and invited their parents to come into school to share with them what they had been up to so far this year. Following our short presentation, the children shared with one another and their adults some artefacts from WW2. To finish off, the children and parents were challenged to create Christmas decorations from paper (like they would have done during the war!). Y2 were next up and they shared?????????????????Thank you to all of the parents that came into school to join us for a lovely afternoon.

SEND Coffee Mornings and Afternoons

Circurama

All the children enjoyed a fantastic visit from Marty from Circurama in October! They all loved seeing his amazing and hilarious performances during assemblies. They all got to learn some new circus skills in a special workshop!

Visit to Bowes Museum: Y3

Year Three had an amazing trip to The Bowes Museum where they got to explore lots of historical artefacts and learn more about the Stone Age. They then made a coil pot out of clay which they were able to take home. The children's behaviour was fantastic and we all had a super day! We are very proud of them all.

Friends of Shotley Bridge

Thank you to the parents and staff who attended the Friends of Shotley Bridge meeting this half-term! We had lots of ideas about how to enhance the experience for our children this academic year. If you would like to be involved, our next meeting will be a Friends of Shotley Bridge coffee morning on Monday 6th February at 9:15am -10:00am where we will talk about plans for Spring term. All welcome!

British Ecological Society

On Tuesday 29th November, all Year 3 children enjoyed a spot of bird watching within the grounds of our school with the help of Alexa from British Ecological Society. They used binoculars and spotter cards and now can't wait until our own set of binoculars arrive so we can go spotting again soon! Year 3 might even show the rest of us how to do it!

Beamish Musical Event

Our strings players, brass players and choir performed at Beamish alongside students from Castleside Primary and Consett Academy. Every single one of our pupils did SBPS proud. Those watching were the very best, respectful, attentive audience. Those performing were confident and capable and it was obvious that pupils are committed to their instruments and practise lots! Special thanks to Mrs Carr and Mr Hartley for such fabulous instrument teaching and to Mrs Armstrong for developing our choir. One of the Durham Music Service staff spoke to Mrs Armstrong to say that he thought SBPS pupils behaved impeccably. Outstanding work everyone!

Beauty and The Beast

We kicked off Christmas in style last week... maybe a little earlier than some of us had planned! Children from reception to Y6 had a great time when M and M Productions delivered a brilliant, funny, entertaining show – Beauty and the Beast. Children and staff had a wild time singing and dancing along with the actors. We can't wait for next year! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your £5 donations and to also thank those parents and carers who were able to help out by paying for another child's ticket. School is extremely grateful; without help from you all, we couldn't provide the children with such enjoyable experiences.

Dates	Event
Fri 2 nd December	SEND Support Coffee Morning (infant building) 9am
Thurs 8 th December	KS1 Christmas Crafts Afternoon (children only)
Thurs 8 th December	KS2 Polar Express Afternoon (children only)
Fri 9 th December	KS1 Polar Express Afternoon (children only)
Fri 9 th December	KS2 Christmas Crafts Afternoon (children only)
Thurs 15 th December	No book bags to come to school today - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Attire Day Carols by Candlelight 3.20pm: KS1 and KS2 Junior Yard (reception parents are welcome to join in)
Fri 16 th December	Reception Christmas Sing Along – 2pm School Closes to children: Christmas Break
Mon 19 th December	INSET: School closed to children
Tues 20 th December	INSET: School closed to children
Wed 4 th January	School Opens for Spring 1
Wed 25 th January	Y5 Parental Engagement 2pm
Wed 1 st February	Y1 Parental Engagement 2pm
Mon 13 th February	Valentine Disco – 3.15pm - 4.15pm R/KS1 Valentine Disco – 3.20pm - 4.20pm KS2
Fri 17 th February	School Closes for Spring Half Term
Mon 27 th February	School Opens for Spring 2
Thurs 2 nd March	World Book Day – dress up as a book character
Fri 17 th March	Special Ladies Day – ladies welcomed into school: pm
Wed 29 th March	Y4 Parental Engagement 2pm
Wed 29 th March	Spring Term Parent's Evening
Thurs 30 th March	Last appointment 6pm
Fri 31 st March	School Closes for Easter Holiday
Mon 17 th April	School Opens for Summer 1
Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday Monday: school closed
Wed 17 th May	Y3 Parental Engagement 2pm
Thurs 25 th May	The Arts – info to follow
Fri 26 th May	
Wed 24 th May	Reception Parental Engagement 2pm
Fri 26 th May	School Closes for Summer Half Term
Mon 5 th June	School Reopens for Summer 2
Fri 16 th June	Special Men's Day – Men welcomed into school: pm
Fri 30 th June	Summer Fair
Mon 3 rd July	Y2 – Y3 Parent's Transition Meeting: 3.30pm - 4pm Junior Building
Thurs 6 th July	Sports Day
Fri 7 th July	Day reserved for Sports Day (in case of bad weather)
Fri 14 th July	Y6 Camp Out – school field from 6pm - 8am
W/B 17 th July	Whole School Trip – info to follow
Fri 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly School Closes for Summer Break
5 th September	School Opens for children