

Shield Row Primary School  
 King Edward VIIIth Terrace  
 Shield Row  
 Stanley  
 Co. Durham  
 DH 9 0HQ

Phone 01207 239661  
 Fax 01207 234424  
 Email shieldrow@durhamlearning.net

Head: Andrew Knighton  
 Deputy: Claire Drury

14<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have now reached the end of a very busy and wet half term. Everyone is ready for a well earned week away from school.

### Attendance

Our attendance for the spring term so far is as follows:

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance Since September	91.6%	93.8%	94.7%	95.8%	96.2%	97.2%	95.5%
% Attendance For Spring Half Term	93%	92.8%	93.5%	95.8%	95%	94.5%	93.4%

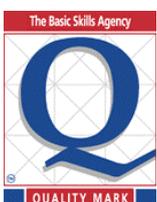
Unfortunately our attendance has dropped since Christmas due to a vomiting and stomach bug. Our overall attendance for this half term is 93.9% and our attendance since September is 94.8%. **Our attendance target is 95.5%.**

### World Book Day

This year's World Book Day will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We will be celebrating bedtime stories and the children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas, slippers and dressing gowns with their favourite bedtime teddy bear.

### Jewellery

Can I remind parents that we have a policy of minimum jewellery. Children may have small studs in their ears, but no other jewellery. All studs must be removed or covered by parents on PE days or for all sporting activities.



### **Vouchers for Schools**

We are collecting Nestle Box Tops for Books vouchers and Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers which can be used to buy PE and Healthy Living equipment for the children. We would be grateful if you could send any vouchers you may have into school.

### **School Security / Car Parking**

We are closely monitoring our car parking and access arrangements. Despite repeated requests, a number of parents continue to park in the car park, whilst many more walk through the car park rather than using the footpath into school. This poses a significant health and safety risk and there have been a number of potentially dangerous incidents recently. The school governors endorse the request to not use the car park for health and safety reasons.

We ask for your co-operation out of genuine concern for the safety of the children. We are working closely with Governors, the Education Centre and the Local Authority to resolve this issue. However, I am sure you can understand the need to restrict the access of the children to a busy car park in order to prevent a serious accident. I would urge all parents to walk their children down the school path rather than through the car park.

### **Hero Holly!**

We were all very proud to read about Holly Price's bravery in the newspapers this week. It is amazing that she acted so calmly when she realised her dad was very poorly. She is a real hero. Well done Holly!!

### **Class Assemblies**

The dates for our spring term class assemblies are as follows:

Reception Class	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 1	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Year 2	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 3	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February

All assemblies will start at 9.10 am. We hope you are able to attend your child's assembly and we look forward to seeing you on the above dates.

### **Dates for your Diaries**

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential trip to Howtown
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 residential trip to Robin Hood's Bay

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the half term break with your children and families.

Andrew Knighton  
(Headteacher)