



SHERDLEY NEWSLETTER

'Our Caring Creative Community'

Friday 12th January 2018

Happy New Year to you all, I hope that you had a fantastic Christmas.

This week you should have received a Termly Progress Report for your child if they are in Y1-6. This indicates the progress they are making towards the National Curriculum end of year Age Related Expectations (AREs) in reading, writing and maths. These can be discussed further at the parents evening which take place next week. Please remember to book your time online - full details were sent home before Christmas.

We have a new member of staff in the main office on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs White will be in on a Mon-Wed and Mrs Smith will be in Thur & Friday. Our office apprentice Miss Briody-Skinner has left us over the Christmas break for pastures new - we wish her the best of luck in her chosen career.

Our new school nurse, Kerry Houghton, will be in school on Wednesday 18th January between 9-10am should you wish to see her for any support or advice.

On a number of occasions now we have had parents coming into the staff car park at the front of school at some speed - this is highly dangerous! Can I please remind all parents to consider where you park and please think about the safety of our children. The car park at the front and rear of school are designated for staff parking and for those parents who have a disabled badge.

We have a lot of lost property starting to build up again; this is now stored in boxes in the main entrance to school. If your child has lost or mislaid some of their uniform, or even their coat please check the boxes.

Mr McCoy

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 16th January

Maths workshop for Y1 parents, 1:30-2:45pm

Wed 17th January

Parents' Evening, 3:30-6:00pm

Thur 18th January

Parents' Evening, 5:30-8:00pm

Thur 25th January

Phonics and SATs meeting for parents

Fri 2nd February

5BR Class Assembly, 2:30pm

Tue 6th February

Maths workshop for Y2 parents

Fri 9th February

2P Class Assembly, 2:30pm & last day of the half term

Sherdley's position on attendance and punctuality

You may be familiar with the statement below which we have been adding to a lot of the letters we send out regarding attendance and requests for absence from school:

To improve further our school must: *"Improve the attendance of a small minority of pupils who are persistently absent by making sure that they attend school on time and as regularly as other pupils nationally."* **Ofsted, July 2017**

As a result, this year we have made changes to the way we deal with requests for term-time absence. After making a request you will be issued with a letter explaining the decision of school regarding the absence.

IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY FOR ABSENCE RELATED TO HOLIDAYS TO BE AUTHORISED.

The letters we send explains the process which may result if you choose to take your child out of school; this may involve a Penalty Notice fine being issued if the total absence meets specific criteria (20 sessions in 10 weeks).

At **ANY STAGE** of the process you can contact school to discuss the decision and we can advise you of any additional information you could supply to clarify, or alter, our decision; we can advise you about what might happen if the absence is extended and how you could potentially avoid a possible fine which may result from the '10 week' period of monitoring.



Attendance and Punctuality Matters at Sherdley!

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ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

week ending 15th December 2017

| Position | Class | Percentage attendance |
|----------|-------|-----------------------|
| 1st | 4Ma | 99% |
| 2nd | REC B | 97.33% |
| 3rd | 3NC | 96.67% |
| 3rd | 4Mc | 96.67% |
| 5th | 3H | 96.13% |
| 6th | 5M | 95.95% |
| 7th | 5BR | 95.71% |
| 8th | 6E | 95.59% |
| 9th | 1S | 94.67% |
| 9th | 1W | 94.67% |
| 11th | REC M | 94.33% |
| 12th | 2P | 94% |
| 13th | 2J | 93.33% |

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

week ending 21st December 2017

| Position | Class | Percentage attendance |
|----------|-------|-----------------------|
| 1st | 4Mc | 100% |
| 2nd | 5BR | 98.66% |
| 3rd | 1W | 96.67% |
| 4th | 5M | 96.48% |
| 5th | REC B | 95.42% |
| 6th | 3NC | 95.42% |
| 7th | 6E | 95.22% |
| 8th | 4Ma | 95% |
| 9th | 2P | 93.33% |
| 10th | 1S | 94.58% |
| 11th | 2J | 92.50% |
| 12th | REC M | 88.33% |
| 13th | 3H | 87.90% |

Overall school attendance is 95.80%

Good attendance in Sherdley is above 96%.

Parents of Reception pupils, who have had their 5th birthday should have received a letter before we broke up explaining that your child is considered 'statutory school age' from now. This means that any absences from school will now be dealt with in a different manner - and from this point you could be issued with a Penalty Notice fine if your child's attendance becomes a concern - which is obviously something we would rather NOT do!

If you need any further information please contact school - we are happy to discuss this with you as it is a tricky area, which can differ from school to school, but which follows guidance from the government.



WHY DOES PUNCTUALITY MATTER?

Being on time is a skill that children need to learn and practice throughout life - being on time for work in later life; to catch a plane; to make a hospital appointment or to get to the cinema on time to watch a film showing!

Please ensure that your child/ren arrive at school on time.

School starts at 8.50am for KS2 and 8.55am for KS1.

We love to share your children's achievements, so please let us know anything you would like us to share on the fortnightly newsletter.

Fabulous news from Evan in 3H who has completed a new grading exam in Jujitsu and now has his Orange belt. Well done Evan!

Congratulations to Poppy in 2P; she had her first television audition and was successful! Poppy can be seen 3 times on the new Christmas Tesco advert - Wow!!!

If your child has something to celebrate from outside of school please let us know.

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Don't forget, as well as our Facebook page and website you can now follow us on Twitter—@sherdleyprimary

We also have a FREE 'app' linking to the school website, search for 'OurSchoolsApp' and download it for FREE.