



# SHERDLEY NEWSLETTER



*'Growing Together, Respecting Each Other'*

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. It has been a busy and enjoyable term and very successful one with lots of special moments. Over the last 10 days it has been a delight to see our children perform in the nativities, Christmas production and the Carol Service - in total we have put on 7 different performances and, every one of them has been brilliant!

On behalf of myself and all the staff at Sherdley I would like to wish you all a joyful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

**Christmas CD** - Need a last-minute Christmas pressie? Our school Christmas CD is available to buy from the school office at a cost of £6 each. All our children have taken part and there are 16 wonderful tracks to listen to. They will make great Christmas present for family members.

**Staffing Update** - Miss Kate Alyson leaves us today to take up a new post in Sefton; she will be working at a high school and liaising with the local primary schools. I'd like to thank her for all the work she has done at Sherdley and I'm sure that you will join me in wishing her all the very best in her new post.

Mr Niall Harmer joins the teaching staff in January and will be taking over 5M when Mrs McGoran goes off on maternity leave in early February.

Mrs Kirsty Lund and Mrs Lisa Brennan both join the team as learning support assistants who will be working with specific children in school.

*Mr McCoy*

*Please remember that we are back on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thur 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Last day of term,  
normal finish times

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

New term starts at  
8:45am

**Thur 17<sup>th</sup> January**

School Council Cinema  
Night

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> January**

5M Class Assembly,  
2:40pm

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

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

**Thur 24<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> January**

2P Class Assembly,  
2:30pm

### ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

week ending 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Position	Class	Percentage attendance
1st	4Ma	99.03%
2nd	2P	98.67%
3rd	5L	98%
4th	6F	97.50%
5th	5M	97%
6th	RB	96.07%
7th	1S	96%
8th	2J	95.67%
9th	6E	95.19%
10th	3NC	94.33%
11th	3H	93.67%
12th	1W	93.33%
13th	RR	91%
14th	4Mc	90.67%

### ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

week ending 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Position	Class	Percentage attendance
1st	2J	100%
2nd	6F	99.75%
3rd	RB	98.60%
4th	6E	98.52%
5th	3NC	97.33%
6th	1S	96%
7th	4Ma	95.48%
8th	3H	95.33%
9th	2P	94%
9th	4Mc	94%
11th	5L	92.33%
11th	5M	92.33%
13th	RR	91.67%
14th	1W	90.33%

### Attendance and Punctuality Matters at Sherdley!

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*

**Overall school attendance is 95.46%**

*Good attendance in Sherdley is above 96%.*

You have a legal obligation to ensure that **your child** receives regular education, which means ensuring they are in school unless they are too ill to attend and seeking medical guidance if they are.



## Safeguarding Matters at Sherdley!

Many children will be receiving new technology devices for Christmas. We'd like to remind all parents of the importance of safety in relation to new technology.

Please remember to set strong parental controls on your children's phones and tablets as a first defence against inappropriate content. HOWEVER, it is also a good idea to regularly check your child's phone history - children who are not accessing anything inappropriate will be more than happy to comply! There are lots of messages and pieces of advice on the St Helens council website:

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/community-living/digital-st-helens/staying-safe-online/>

### BLAST NEWS AND UPDATE

Blast is our breakfast and after-school club that is run by school, the club manager is Joanne Sherer and she can be contacted on her school mobile number - **07496 080115**.

Currently, the pupil numbers for Blast have been capped at 38 per session, this is due to space and capacity. We are now able to use the hall as additional space on some of the morning sessions, therefore there may be some spaces - please see Jo to see what is available.

If you are looking to use Blast now or in the future please complete a registration form, which is available from the office, Jo or on our website.

A reminder of Blast opening hours:

7:30-9:00am and 3:00-6:00pm, term times only!

### **Volunteering in school in the New Year**

We are always looking for volunteers to help us out in school, particularly coming in to read with the children. If you feel you can offer an hour or two a week to help out, then please see class teachers, or myself.

### **PARKING**

Again, I have had numerous complaints from our neighbours about parking; blocking driveways and parking on pavements. I know the weather is bad and you want to park near school, but I would urge you to be considerate and ask yourself, 'have I parked safely and considerately', if the answer is 'no', then please reconsider where you have parked.

## *Congratulations and 'Shout outs'*

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

*Well done to Keira (1W) on passing her grades 3 and 4 in gymnastics and also receiving an award for highly commended achievement.*

*Well done also to Poppy (3H) on passing her grades 3 and 4 in gymnastics.*

*Thank you to the children who represented Sherdley so beautifully at the Peace Light service on Tuesday - our choir and Peace Children received many comments from those present regarding their impeccable manners and behaviour.*

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