



SHERDLEY NEWSLETTER



'Growing Together, Respecting Each Other'

Friday 11th October, 2019

Well-Being Week – Another very successful week in school. The children all enjoyed the visits to the ambulance and finding out how everything works. They certainly enjoyed switching the sirens on!! We had the road safety team in as well, they were helping to raise awareness of the danger of large trucks on our roads. The dental and visions teams have been in school to support us with instructions of how to best look after our teeth and eyes – some even had some sight tests in school. Thursday saw us all raising awareness of mental health issue by wearing something yellow – did you know that 1 in 4 people will suffer from some sort of mental health issues, we hope this week has raised awareness that there is help available in many forms.

New School Meal Menus – We have sent home the new meals menus for children staying for school dinners. Please return your child's completed meal choice to school as soon as possible

School Council Visit to London – Several members of staff and a number of our older School Councillors have spent a tiring but incredibly exciting day in London, visiting the Houses of Parliament and finding out more about the democratic systems in the United Kingdom. We'll be posting lots of pictures on our online gallery and sharing the experience with the rest of children across school over the next few weeks.

School Nurse Drop-ins – Next Thursday is the first of our Child Health Nurse Drop-ins for parents. Our Child Health Nurse is called Diane Ratcliffe and she will be available from 9am. You have the opportunity to discuss anything that might be causing you a level of concern, such as diet and eating patterns, sleeping, toileting concerns, children who are anxious etc.

St Helens Chamber – The Chamber have been supporting us in school to deliver a programme called 'Learn To Work'. Over the year they will be working with 3 year groups, Y4, 5 & 6. They have already been into Y4 and worked with the children and next week they will be introducing an innovation project to Y6 – they will be working on Aspirations and looking at key entrepreneurial skills.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thur 17th Oct

School nurse drop-ins, 9:00am

Fri 18th Oct

Y6 Innovation project launch

6H Class Assembly, 2:40pm

W/C 21st Oct

Family Learning Week

Thur 24th Oct

Last day of term

Autumn Discos, Y1-3 at 4:30-5:30, Y4-6 at 6:00-7:30

Fri 25th Oct

INSET DAY FOR STAFF ONLY

Mon 4th Nov

Start of new term, 8:45am

Tue 5th Nov

Individual School Photographs

Thur 7th Nov

UK Parliament Day

Fri 8th Nov

4H Class Assembly

W/C 11th Nov

Anti-Bullying Week

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

week ending 27th September, 2019

Position	Class	Percentage attendance
1st	2J	100%
1st	3S	100%
3rd	4H	99.33%
4th	5Mc	99.31%
5th	RR	99%
6th	1W	98.57%
7th	RB	98%
7th	5Ma	98%
9th	6F	97.33%
10th	3E	96.67%
10th	4M	96.67%
12th	6H	96.21%
13th	1OC	93.79%
14th	2P	90.67%

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

week ending 4th October, 2019

Position	Class	Percentage attendance
1st	5Ma	100%
2nd	4M	99%
3rd	5Mc	97.93%
3rd	6H	97.93%
3rd	2J	97.93%
6th	4H	97.33%
7th	RB	97%
8th	1W	95%
8th	3S	95%
10th	1OC	94.83%
11th	6F	94.67%
11th	2P	93.79%
13th	RR	93.33%
14th	3E	88.67%

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

96.64% 😊

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 and providing medical guidance if they are.**



How do we keep your children safe in school?

One of the most important parts of our job is to ensure that ALL children (and adults) at Sherdley feel safe, and we do this through a very wide range of ways. Simple ones, like being on the playground to greet children and bring in the lines each day; making sure the doors are locked at the right times; checking our playground and playground equipment before playtime each day and dismissing children in a safe manner are ways we physically make the school a safe place.

We also have lots of other ways of tackling the well-being of pupils, such as our class LSAs and teachers can tell senior staff about concerns at any time throughout the school day; we have Pastoral staff who might work with children 1-1 or in a small group; we have alternative provision for some children who struggle on the playground, or in the noisy dining hall...and most importantly we always listen to what children tell us. If we know about things we can **try** to fix them, so please encourage your child to tell an adult in school if they do not feel safe and we'll do our best to work with them and support you to help them feel happier.

BLAST News and Updates

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**.

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.

Our club is extremely popular and on a number of days we are oversubscribed and have waiting lists. I am looking at ways to expand the facilities but at the moment we cannot go above the current numbers.

Blast opens at 7:30am until 9:00am in the morning (please do not arrive early!), after school it is open until 6:00pm (please try not to be late!).

Parking

Please can I take this opportunity to remind parents that the two carparks (front & rear of school) are for staff only and should not be used at drop-off and collection times.

We have only just returned to school and we have already received a number of complaints from neighbours about parking. Two neighbours have had their drives blocked by inconsiderate parking, which then meant that one of them was late for collecting their own grandchildren from another school!!

Our own parents have also commented about cars parking on pavements and not allowing enough room to get prams and pushchairs passed without going onto the road – this is dangerous!! **PLEASE, PLEASE think about where and how you park.**

Congratulations and 'Shout outs'

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

Well done to Millie in Year 6 for her amazing skills on the parallel bars in her gymnastics club – keep up the hard work.

Congratulations to Bradley in Year 3 for his skills on the rugby pitch – I hope the weather improves for your match tonight! Good Luck!

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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.

