



# SHERDLEY NEWSLETTER



*'Growing Together, Respecting Each Other'*

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

**Christmas** – This time of year is extremely busy in school and there are lots of events and activities planned. Here is a list of the key ones that you may want to put on your calendar:

Thursday 5th Dec, School Council Cinema Night, after school

Friday 6th Dec, 9:00 will be the last pram club session

Wed 11th Dec, Wear a Christmas jumper or festive hat for the day, AND school Christmas dinner, AND Y3 & 4 Carol concert at St Nicholas' - 2:15-3:00pm

Thursday 12th Dec - Polling Day, school will be open

Friday 13th Dec - KS1 Nativity, 10-11am & 1:45-2:45pm 'Christmas With The Aliens'

Monday 16th Dec - KS1 Christmas Parties, 1-3pm

Tuesday 17th Dec - Y5 & 6 Christmas Production, 9:15-10:00 & 2:15-3:00pm, 'Bethlehem: The Musical'

Wednesday 18th Dec - Early Years Nativity, 9:15 & 2:15, 'A King Is Born'

Thursday 19th Dec - EY and KS2 Christmas Parties - all pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – LAST DAY OF TERM

MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 – school restarts

**Attendance** – We are currently experiencing a sickness bug around school – please can I request that if your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea that you advise school and keep them off school for 48 hours. As you can probably see from the league tables, attendance in school is currently taking a real 'battering' with a lot of absence linked to illness and sickness – it doesn't take much to really pull down the class attendance: 3 children being absent for 3 days in a week takes the attendance down to 94%! We would urge you to keep your child at home for 48 hours if they have vomited or have diarrhoea, AND to seek medical advice (the chemists are really useful for this). The Education Welfare Service ask us to challenge frequent absences, even if you have provided a verbal reason, so this medical evidence helps us enormously.

*Mr McCoy*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**

Y5 to Chester Zoo

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**

School Council Cinema Night

Rec-Y3, 3:10-5:00

Y4-6, 3:10-5:30

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Last Pram Club of the term

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

School Christmas Dinner

Wear a Christmas Jumper OR a Christmas Hat Day

Y3 & 4 Carol Service, 2:15-3:00

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Polling Day – school is open

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**

KS1 Nativity – ticket only event

10:00am & 1:45pm

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec**

KS1 Christmas Parties, 1-3pm

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**

KS2 Christmas Production – ticket only event

9:15am & 2:00pm

### ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

week ending 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

Position	Class	Percentage attendance
1st	6F	98.33%
2nd	3S	95.67%
3rd	4H	95%
4th	6H	95%
5th	2P	94.14%
6th	4M	94%
7th	1W	93.93%
8th	5Mc	92.76%
9th	2J	92.41%
10th	5Ma	91%
11th	1OC	89.33%
12th	RB	87%
13th	3E	86.67%
14th	RR	81.67%

### ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

week ending 22nd November, 2019

Position	Class	Percentage attendance
1st	5Mc	97.93%
2nd	RR	97.33%
3rd	5Ma	96.67%
4th	4M	96.33%
5th	3S	95.67%
6th	2P	95.52%
7th	RB	95.33%
8th	2J	95.17%
9th	4H	94.67%
9th	6H	94.67%
11th	6F	91.67%
12th	1OC	91%
13th	1W	90.71%
14th	3E	89.33%

### 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**

**95.71% ☹️**

*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.**



## What will my child learn about throughout the year?

We, like many schools, are in the process of completely overhauling our curriculum in line with recommendations and requirements from the national government.

Our aim is to ensure that pupils have access to a wide range of interesting and relevant topics of interest in each of the specific subject areas, and we are trying as much as possible to ensure that St Helens and its important industrial history is reflected in those themes.

The school website shows a wealth of information, mainly linking to English and Maths, but we aim to share with you details for each other subject area by the end of the academic year. These themes and areas of focus will then remain in place for the next year – so the artists studied, places visited and historical timeframes will remain in place for each year group meaning you can ‘plan ahead’ and use libraries or online research to help your child prepare for new topics.

We try to ensure that your child encounters a wealth of experiences which build up skills and knowledge throughout their time as part of the Sherdley family.

### 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!).

### PTA News

Over the years the PTA have done a wonderful job organising events and fundraising for school and all the hard work and time given has, and is, very much appreciated.

Over the last 12-15 months the PTA have struggled to recruit new members (parents) to help with the planning and organising of events. The PTA have decided to re-organise and will now be a ‘Parents Fund Raising Group’ with the hope that more parents will join in and help with events. The funds raised will still be used by school to support the extras that we would love all our children to have.

The first event for the fund raising group will be a Winter Bingo on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November. There will be two sessions; the first from 3:30-5:00 and the second 6:00-7:30. Entrance tickets can be purchased from the main office from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – 50p per adult and 25p per child. Game tickets can be bought on the night. If you can help set-up on the night please let us know.

### PARKING

We constantly have complaints from our neighbours about parking, usually it's because drive ways and pavements are being blocked - please be considerate and think about how and where you park your car.

**We have also received a complaint from the local authority refuse collection service. A car was blocking the school entrance (Thursday morning) and when they were asked to move, so the wagon could get in, they reversed their car and backed into the school fencing and then felt it was appropriate to swear at the wagon driver.**

Could I also remind parents that our two car parks are for staff only and driving in and out at school times does present a danger to the children coming in and out of school.

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**SHERDLEY SCHOOL WEBSITE:** www.sherdleyprimary.co.uk

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.

