



SHERDLEY NEWSLETTER



'Growing Together, Respecting Each Other'

Friday 17th January 2020

As this is the first newsletter of 2020 – Happy New Year!! I hope that you had a good Christmas break.

There have been a couple of staff changes that I want to make you aware of – Miss Southern has left us as Mrs McGoran (4Mc) has returned from her maternity leave. Mr Hutton (associate teacher) has gone to another school for half a term as part of his placement practice, and Miss Whiting (associate teacher) is with us for this half term. Mrs Hannah joins us as a Learning Assistant in 4H and Miss Hough joins as a Learning Assistant supporting children with medical needs in school.

NEWS! In the next week or so we will be launching our new app – more details to follow. We are also looking at several providers for an online payment system.

Extra-curricular clubs – we have again be able to put on a large number of extra-curricular clubs both before and after school. We have changed the way that we organise these now so that it's simpler and easier for everyone to know when clubs are on. ALL clubs will start in the same week, and finish in the same week. They will be in blocks of 5 or 10 weeks – this should make it easier to plan and organise. We will always endeavour to not cancel clubs, however if we have to, i.e. staff illness, we will send a message to the primary numbers that we have on our system to advise you; we will give you as much notice as possible, sometimes we only know on the day ourselves.

Swimming – Unfortunately, we still have no news or updates as to when swimming will be restarting for our classes. At the moment this only affects Y5, who were due to swim this term – I'll keep you updated.

Mr McCoy

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 22nd Jan

Parents' Evening, 3:30-6:00

Thursday 23rd Jan

Parents' Evening, 5:30-8:00

Friday 31st Jan

2J Class Assembly, 2:30

Tuesday 11th Feb

School Council Cinema Night

Friday 14th Feb

Last day of term

w/c Monday 17th Feb

HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 24th Feb

School re-starts

Tuesday 25th Feb

Y3 to Chester Zoo

w/c Monday 2nd March

Family Learning Week

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Friday 6th March

6F Class Assembly, 2:40pm

Friday 20th March

Fundraising Groups Mothers' Day Shop

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

week ending 19th December, 2019

Position	Class	Percentage attendance
1st	6F	99.75%
2nd	10C	97.92%
3rd	5Ma	97.08%
4th	4H	96.55%
5th	2J	96.43%
6th	RB	96.25%
7th	RR	95.83%
8th	3S	93.75%
9th	6H	92.92%
10th	1W	91.52%
11th	5Mc	91.07%
12th	3E	90.42%
13th	4M	89.17%
14th	2P	87.50%

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

week ending 10th January, 2020

Position	Class	Percentage attendance
1st	6F	99.67%
2nd	10C	99.33%
2nd	3S	99.33%
4th	4M	99%
5th	RR	98.67%
5th	5Ma	98.67%
7th	4H	98.62%
8th	3E	98.33%
9th	RB	98%
10th	6H	96%
11th	5Mc	95.71%
12th	2P	95.17%
13th	1W	94.83%
14th	2J	93.93%

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

95.10% ☹️

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.**



Letting you know how well your child is doing in school?

Just a reminder for those who have not already signed up for an appointment, we have Parents' Evenings on 22nd and 23rd January, with later appointments into the evening available on the Thursday.

These have been designed to follow on from the information we sent out specific to your child and based on assessments completed in December across school.

You will have an opportunity to ask your child's class teacher about any of the information supplied, but also to listen to their updates since the assessments took place – there have been several weeks' worth of teaching since these assessments and class teachers have reallocated support groups and areas of focus within classrooms.

For parents of children in our Early Years we have taken on board the feedback we have already received and thanks to it have recognised a 'gap' in the information shared with you which we are rectifying and hope to have a slightly different, more personalised sheet of information for your child available at the next assessment point.

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!).

Good luck to the following pupils at their first competition of the season in Manchester on 25th January - Lauren, Una, Kathryn, Amelia, Jayda, Heidi & Mollie. Good luck to all the Sutton Tornadoes Cheer Squad!!

Parents Fundraising Group News

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.

We have a number of events planned, but they can only go ahead if we have additional helpers – please let the office know if you available to help at any of the following events:

Mothers' Day Shop – Friday 20th March – we will need help wrapping gifts on the days before the shop.

Friday 27th March – Own Clothes Day for fundraising

Easter Bingo sessions – either the 30th March or 1st April, date to be confirmed.

We'll keep you posted of further details.

PARKING CONCERNS

Parking around school seems to be an ever increasing problem. This week I have received 3 complaints re inconsiderate parking and the rudeness of a few of our parents. One local residents driveway was blocked and she needed to get out to attend a medical appointment with her elderly mother, when she asked the driver to not block her drive she was sworn at - in front of children!! We also had an issue with parking in Thames Road, two parents 'abandoned' their cars blocking the staff carpark and someone's drive - one of our staff needed to get out to attend a meeting and was delayed. Please can you think about our neighbours and have some consideration for how and where you park - thank you.

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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