

SHERWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Welcome back!

Welcome back to the new school year! The children have settled incredibly well in to their new classes, and the new children in year three have amazed us all! Thank you for supporting us with your child's uniform and other pieces of equipment needed at school - the children are smart, organised and ready to learn!

This is an exciting time for Sherwood Junior School and we're all looking forward to the year ahead which promises to be fun packed and very busy. As ever, please do pop in or ring if you have a concern or if you need to speak to a member of staff.

Our brand new website is finally ready (web address above) - do keep checking it as we are hoping to add all sorts of information, news and photographs over the coming weeks.

New behaviour policy:

We are very pleased to start the New Year with a brand new policy for behaviour. Our expectations for the children's behaviour have not changed at all, we expect everyone at Sherwood to be respectful, polite and hardworking at all times. Our core values remain the same and underpin everything we do:

We are determined We are a team We are respectful We have self-belief We are thoughtful

We care We aim high We have a voice

This year our Senior Leadership Team will be giving the children golden tickets to reward all good behaviour. Our Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Atkins, Mr Priestley, Miss Watson and Mrs Murphy) will be vigilant whilst they are around and about school every day and will be looking for hard work, effort, good manners, positive attitudes....The class who has the most golden tickets each week will receive a special trophy. The class who receives the most golden tickets overall in a half term will have £30 to spend on a treat of their choice!

Detention will now be on Friday morning playtimes with either Mr Priestley or Mrs Atkins.

We will also be having a special little tea party each week when each class teacher will nominate one child from their class to enjoy a drink, a cake and time to play a few games.

Well done to class 6W who are the golden ticket winners this week!

A full copy of our behaviour policy will be sent home with this newsletter and can also be found on our new website!

New homework policy:

We also have a new policy for homework this year. You will have seen that your children have a new homework diary and a new homework folder this year. All homework will be sent home in the folder, and we would like it completed and returned in the same folder. This will help to keep your child's homework organised, whilst also allowing you to see how they have done each week. We will have regular days each week that homework will be sent home, and regular days for it to be handed in. We hope this will help with your organisation at home! We do expect that all children complete their homework - please do speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. The children will be expected to write their homework tasks in their homework diaries each week. We would ask that you check their diaries every week and sign to say they have completed their homework. Class teachers will also sign homework diaries every week. Thank you for your support.

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Staffing:

A big welcome to Mrs Bradbury who has joined us and is teaching in year 5. Mr Edwards has joined us as our new Premises Manager and will be working closely with Mr Beswick to look after the grounds and building. Mrs Angell has joined us in our busy office and will be working with Mrs Irving who has been promoted to School Business Manager.

Mr Priestley has also joined us as our new Head of School. He will be working with Mrs Atkins and the rest of the staff team to make sure Sherwood Junior School is the very best it can be.

Message from Mr Priestley:

Firstly, it has been a real pleasure to meet many of you since the start of term. I have been in the playground areas just before school begins and chatted to many of you. If we haven't yet spoken, I hope it won't be too long before we do so. I have been very impressed with the children already. They are all looking really smart and their politeness in and around school has been very noticeable. The school's management team has given out many golden tickets over the last week to deserving pupils for many reasons. I have been around all the classrooms and seen the children learning, chatting and listening. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me directly or through Mrs Irving in the office. I am really looking forward to working with the children, the staff team and yourselves over the coming months and years.

Parent helpers:

We would love as much help and support as parents can offer - trips, reading, swimming....! From September 2017 we are insisting that all helpers who come in to school MUST have the relevant DBS checks undertaken beforehand. Please pop in to the office and speak to Mrs Irving or Mrs Angell who can organise this for you.

Newsletters:

We are hoping to phase-out paper copies of the newsletter in the future to save printing costs and to help the environment. If you would be happy to receive a copy electronically, please ensure you provide the school office with your email address. Copies will also be posted on the school website.

Dinner money:

Please remember to keep SQUID topped up if your child has school dinners. If you would like to set an account up, please see the school office.

Healthy snacks:

We do think it is important for children to have a snack at break time and the healthier it is, the better for you child. We can also provide snacks at school. Please speak to us if you would like any further information.

Diary dates:

w/b 18 th September	clubs starting this week - check your child's bag for details
Monday 18 th September	pm photographer in school (year 6 and sibling photos) Corporal Butcher in school
Friday 22 nd September	Year 6 - Indian experience

Inset days (school closed for children):

Monday 30th October 2017, Monday 26th February 2018 and Monday 4th June 2018