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Sherwood Junior School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary



This week...

Wednesday 18 September: Payment due for Y4 Magna trip

Friday 20 September 11am: Closing date for School council nominations

Next week...

Week beginning Monday 23 September: School clubs start

Tuesday 24 September: Year 4 trip to Magna

Wednesday 25 September: Payment due for Y5 Perlethorpe trip

Thursday 26 September: School council elections

Details for any future events or trips will be provided nearer the time.

Autumn Term

Wednesday 2 October Year 5 Evacuee Day at Perlethorpe

Wednesday 2 October: Wellbeing workshops for year 3 & 4 delivered by MHST

Thursday 3 October: Wellbeing workshops for year 5 & 6 delivered by MHST

Monday 7 October 3.30pm-6.30pm: Parents evening

Tuesday 8 October 3.30pm-6.30pm: Parents evening

Wednesday 9 October: Year 6 visit to Mansfield FC

Friday 18 October - Last day at school

Monday 21 October to Friday 1 November - Half term holiday

Monday 4 November - Children back to school

Friday 20 December - Last day at school

Monday 23 December 2024 - Friday 3 January 2025 - Christmas holiday (school closed)

Spring Term

Monday 6 January 2025 - Children back to school

Thursday 13 February - Last day at school

Friday 14 February - INSET day (children not in school)

Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February - Half term holiday (school closed)

Monday 24 February - Children back to school

Friday 4 April - Last day of school

Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April - Easter holiday (school closed)

Summer Term

Tuesday 22 April - Children back to school

Friday 23 May - Last day of school

Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May - Half term holiday (school closed)

Monday 2 June - Children back to school

Friday 25 July - Last day of school

Monday 28 July - INSET (children not in school)

Tuesday 29 July - INSET (children not in school)

Wednesday 30 July - School holiday (school closed)

School Council Elections



It is that time of the year when we nominate and elect our new school council.

Our school council is a formal group of pupils who act as representatives of their classmates in discussing school issues with Mrs Simpson and other Senior Leaders. They help to make decisions about how the school is run and take on projects that support the children's learning and development, such as organising charity events, representing the school at outside events or ensuring the school is environmentally friendly. This week the children have been asked to decide if they would like to be nominated for election. The children need to complete an application form which needs to contain a brief description of why they would like to be a member of the school council, children will need two supporters of their application. All nomination forms need to be handed to the class teachers or Miss Johnson by 11am on Friday 20th September. School council elections will take place on Thursday 26th September. All the children will be asked to vote for two children to represent their year group. Good luck everyone!

Year 4 Visit to Magna



Year 4 have organised a trip to Magna on **Wednesday 24 September** to support their science learning. The children will be completing a Big Circuits workshop where they will work together to create an electrical circuit out of all kinds of materials. This trip will allow children to further understand their science topic this term, Electricity and States of Matter.

The total cost of the trip is £1010.00 and we are asking for a contribution of £12.50 per child, with the rest of the cost being subsidised by the school budget.

Please pay the £12.50 contribution via Squid. You must also give consent for your child to attend the trip and provide an emergency contact number for the day of the trip via Squid.

The coach will leave school at 9:15am so pupils will need to arrive on time to be registered prior to the trip. We will arrive back at school for the normal finishing time of 3:20pm, however if this changes significantly we will contact you by text.

Children are expected to wear full school uniform and will need a healthy packed lunch and drink (no fizzy drinks) in a bag or lunchbox.

If your child receives free school meals and you would like school to provide a packed lunch, you will have the opportunity to order one via Squid.

Any parents with a DBS check carried out by school, who are available to support us on this day, please let us know.

Please make payment via your Squid account along with the necessary consent and contact details by **Wednesday 18th September 2024**

Year 5 Visit to Perlethorpe



Year 5 have organised a trip to visit Perlethorpe for an Evacuee Day on **Wednesday 2 October**. As part of our World War 2 topic this term, the children will experience what life was like for the children who were evacuated as a result of The Blitz.

The total cost of this trip is £822.00 and we are asking for a contribution of £12.50 per child, with the rest of the cost being subsidised by the school budget.

Please pay the £12.50 contribution via Squid. You must also give consent for your child to attend the trip and provide an emergency contact number for the day of the trip via Squid.

The coach will leave school at 9:15am so pupils will need to arrive on time to be registered prior to the trip. We will arrive back at school for the normal finishing time of 3:20pm, however if this changes significantly we will contact you by text.

Children can either come dressed as evacuees or wear full school uniform, a warm coat and suitable outdoor shoes, as some activities will take place outside. Children will need a healthy packed lunch and drink (no fizzy drinks) in a bag or lunchbox. If your child receives free school meals and you would like school to provide a packed lunch, you will have the opportunity to order one via Squid.

Any parents with a DBS check carried out by school, who are available to support us on this day, please let us know.

Please make payment via your Squid account along with the necessary consent and contact details by Wednesday 25th September 2024.

Jigsaw Puzzles and Lego



For our children to make the most of their clubs this year, we need some more puzzles and Lego. If you have any at home that you no longer use, we can give them a great home at school.

If you have any at home that you would like to donate, please drop it into the school office, or send it to school with your child.

Thank you for your support.

Blue Peter Earthshot Competition



Children **aged 5-15** are invited to submit an original idea aimed at achieving **one of the five 'Earthshots,'** the aspirational environmental goals established by The Earthshot Prize:

Fix our Climate, Protect and Restore Nature, Clean our Air, Revive our Oceans and Build a Waste-free World.

The competition closes on **Monday 28 October 2024 at 5pm** and the winner will be announced on Blue Peter in 2025.

Entries, competition rules and privacy notes can be found on the Blue Peter website [The Blue Peter Earthshot Competition - CBBC](#)

BBC 500 Words Competition



500 Words returns! The UK's biggest children's story writing competition will be open for entries on Tuesday 24 September from 8am.

There will be two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds. All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less. The closing date for entries is **Friday 8 November at 9pm.**

We would love children of all abilities to enter; spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - it's all about creativity!

The finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous grand final in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities. There are also lots of prizes to be won - each winner takes home a bundle of books and the gold winners also win 500 books for their school library.

More details are available on the BBC website [500 Words \(bbc.co.uk\)](http://bbc.co.uk)

Attendance

It is important that children come to school on time every day. There is a link between good school attendance and high level attainment. Regardless of the reason, if your child is absent from school it will impact on their learning. Parents and carers are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day and on time.

Too ill to attend school?

Reminder: Children can attend school with minor ailments (e.g. toothache, stomach ache, headache, sore throat, cold), over the counter medicines can be given at home before school. School will contact you if they become too ill to remain in school. Children should be off school for 48 hours if they have sickness or diarrhoea.

Reporting Absence

It is a parent/carer's responsibility to notify school if their child is absent and a reason must be provided. We ask that parents/carers ring school to report their child's absence. A voicemail can be left on our pupil absence line.

If your child is unwell, please contact school with details of the nature of the illness so that we can log it and therefore track patterns, trends and common illnesses across school, year groups or individual classes. Should no reason be provided when initial contact is made with school, we will endeavour to make contact with parents to ascertain the nature of the illness as soon as possible.

Further information can be found on our school website

<https://www.sherwood.notts.sch.uk/attendance/>

Attendance Matters



Water Bottles

It has been fantastic to see all of our children with a water bottle in school and drinking regularly. Staying hydrated is essential to helping them stay focused in lessons. We would just like to remind parents that a water bottle with a secure lid are the best option to avoid leakages and breakages.

Need any ideas for new bottles? This article may help.

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/money/shopping-deals/tested-four-leakproof-water-bottles-30737456>



Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is available every morning from 7.30am.

- It is crucial that places **MUST be booked in advance by email** by 12 noon on Wednesday, and paid for via sQid by 12 noon on Friday, for the following week. Once the email has been received, we will set up the payment option on sQid. You will receive an email on Friday to confirm your child's place.
- Please use breakfastclub@sherwood.notts.sch.uk to book your child's place.
- Places cost **£2.50 per child per day**. Unfortunately this will be non refundable, apart from in exceptional circumstances (e.g. school closure due to snow).
- You can book and pay for a half term in advance rather than weekly if that is easier for you - please make this clear (with dates) on your email so we can set up your payment option on sQid.
- Places are limited to 30 children per day on a first come first served basis.
- Children can arrive at school from 7.30am and up to 8.15am. We will not be able to take children after 8.15am. Please come through the main school entrance on Sherwood Street. It would be really helpful if you could let us know the approximate time your child will be arriving when you email to book the place!
- The children will have breakfast between 8.00am and 8.30am - this will be toast, juice and cereal.

If you have any questions about breakfast club, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.



Golden Tickets



Golden tickets are awarded by our senior leaders (Mrs Simpson, Mrs Bradbury & Miss Johnson) to individuals, groups or the whole class for demonstrating our school core values, including their attitude to learning and behaviour. Each senior leader has 20 golden tickets to present each week. Each class collects their golden tickets and a weekly total is shared in assembly. The overall scores are displayed on our leader board in the upper hall. The class with the most golden tickets at the end of the half-term receives £30 to spend on a treat!

Well done to **5B** for being the winners of the week last week and achieving a super **6** golden tickets!

6P and **5B** are now this term's overall leaders so far and in the running to win our **£30 prize!** - well done!

Attendance



The overall attendance for last week was 94.2%

We monitor the children's attendance every day and will contact parents where there are concerns. If your child is unwell, please contact the school office to inform us of your child's absence.

Last week's attendance winners were:

1st: - 3H 98.7% Amazing!

2nd - 3M 97.2% Fantastic!

3rd - 6P 96.7% Superb!

Birthday Books

Happy birthday and happy reading to these children:

Year 3: Essie-May

Year 4: Lily, Poppy, Evie

Year 5: Phoebe, Jayden, Lucas

Year 6: Jaylan, Parker



Tea Party Winners



Well done to last week's Tea Party winners - you're all superstars! Children receive a certificate, a treat and then attend a 'Tea Party' on a Monday afternoon, to have a drink, a treat and play games - how exciting!

3H Annie - For showing resilience and determination all week.

3M Bobby - For showing resilience and determination to settle in at Sherwood. Well done!

4B Charlie - For being accountable, respectful and trying hard no matter what!

4J Lottie - For making a fantastic start to Year 4 and being a great role model to the class.

5N Theo - What a great start to Year 5 Theo and showing resilience and determination. Your smile keeps me going all day.

5B Oakley - For being an amazing addition to Year 5 and Sherwood.

6P Daisy - For being a super learner, an inquisitive thinker, a great participant and offering great explanations.

6B Jaxon - Thank you for such a great start to Year 6 and demonstrating spot on maturity to be accountable for your learning and your progress. You'll go far with that attitude!

Joke of the Week

This week our joke comes from Anon

Q - What's the best way to throw a birthday party on Mars?

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A- You Planet!

J^{of the} JOKE WEEK

We hope this joke gave you a giggle!

This Week's School Dinner Menu

Week 2

16-20 September

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WEEK COMMENCING
 22 April, 13 May, 3 June, 24 June, 15 July,
 5 Aug, 26 Aug, 16 Sept, 7 Oct

All of our meals are prepared using freshly sourced products from the East Midlands. If you need to know more about the ingredients used, please ask.

AVAILABLE M.E.U. Best of both bread (gluten, soy) fresh fruit. Vegetarian meals available upon request.

MY SCHOOL MENU
 SPRING/SUMMER 2024

TASTE of NATURE

Nottinghamshire County Council

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Margherita pizza (gluten free) herby diced potatoes sweetcorn coleslaw tag	Hunters Chicken M.E.U. (gluten free) potato balls broccoli & baton carrots	Pasta Neapolitan (gluten free M.E.U. optional) garlic bread (soy-free) crunchy vegetables	Roast pork, stuffing, gravy (gluten free) mashed potatoes forkhine pudding (M.E.U. tag) fresh cabbage & carrots	MSC Young's fish fingers (gluten free) oven chips garden peas or baked beans
OPTION 2	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese M.E.U., baked beans tuna mayonnaise (M.E.U. tag) & vegetable sticks	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese M.E.U., baked beans tuna mayonnaise (M.E.U. tag) & vegetable sticks	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese M.E.U., baked beans tuna mayonnaise (M.E.U. tag) & vegetable sticks	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese M.E.U., baked beans tuna mayonnaise (M.E.U. tag) & vegetable sticks	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese M.E.U., baked beans tuna mayonnaise (M.E.U. tag) & vegetable sticks
PUDDING	Chocolate & orange muffin (gluten free)	Shortbread cookie (gluten free)	Honey cake M.E.U. tag (soy free) & custard M.E.U.	Jelly & shortbread finger (gluten free)	Apple Flapjack (gluten free)

Please note that all menus for the 3 week cycle can also be found on our school website via the link below -

<https://www.sherwood.notts.sch.uk/school-dinners/>

Contact Us



If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

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