

## SHERWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### Squid School Pay - Cashless At Sherwood!

We are very excited to have launched our Squid School Pay last Friday, with our aim to become a cashless school. You will now need to pay for your child's school trips etc. online via the Squid pay facility. A step by step guide is attached with this newsletter for your reference. You should all now have received your mother's day invitation to join your child for lunch. Please pay the £2.75 for your adult meal via the Squid School Pay system. Once you log into Squid, you will see the 'offers' section - you pay for the 'offer required' by your debit/credit card separately to the lunch/meal top up. Please pop into the office if you have any queries.

### Message from Mr Priestley

We are now halfway through the school year which is really hard to believe. I have seen so many examples of great work, politeness and selflessness. The children continue to impress me and I am very proud of them. I recently asked our chair of governors Mrs Newbold to judge the short story competition. There were some fantastic stories (30 in total) and this made the decisions very difficult. However, our winners were Farrah E (Yr 3), Hayden A (Yr4), Bethany R (Yr5) and Emily Y (Yr5). I would like to say 'well done' to all those that entered. I really enjoyed reading all the stories and the winners will soon each receive a £10 voucher of their choice.

### Golden Ticket Winner

Congratulations to class 3EB for winning the £30 for having the most golden tickets. It was very close in the end but they were worthy winners.

### World Book Day

This will be taking place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children can come dressed as a book character if they wish but we will be doing something slightly different. There will be a competition to create a hand puppet of a favourite book character. This could be made using a sock or from lolly sticks - it is up to your child and the bounds of their creativity! The only rule is that it should be no bigger than a standard paperback book.



There will be prizes on offer which will be awarded during a special assembly on the day. All children will receive a book voucher. We will also be holding a reading café that day for parents and carers to come into the lower hall to listen to their child read. It will run from 2.30pm and there will be refreshments on offer. We hope to see you all there!

### **Late Book**

Lateness has been mentioned in previous newsletters and the situation has not improved. It is a concern as we are trying to instil good habits into all the children and set them up for the future. Lateness has a big effect on a child's education. We have decided that punctuality will be monitored more closely and when we return after half term, there will be some changes you need to be aware of. If a child misses their class going in through the side doors at 9am, they will need to come in via the front entrance. They will then be classed as late and their name will go into a book with the time and reason. This book will be monitored by Mrs Atkins and Mr Priestley and any concerns will lead to parents being invited in for a meeting to discuss any issues. Obviously we don't want to get to this stage. Children who are late because of a medical appointment or who have a pre-arranged starting time will not be affected.

### **Facebook**

Following parental feedback, we now have a Facebook page (Sherwood Junior School) which I would encourage you to follow for updates. The page will not be a forum to raise concerns or complaints and I would encourage you to contact us first through the usual channels of you do have any. Any posts will be checked by the page admin first. We will still continue to send texts and newsletters out as normal to update parents and carers who haven't yet joined the social media revolution!

### **Nurture Unit**

The builders have finished the new nurture unit. We will now start furnishing and equipping it and we aim to open in the summer term. This is all very exciting for the future of Sherwood Junior School and we hope to release more details soon!

### **Diary Dates**

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February -	Last Day of half term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February -	School re-opens
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March -	Year 4 Residential Trip to Sherwood Forest
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 -	Year 5 / Year 6 Mother's Day Lunch
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019 -	Year 3 / Year 4 Mother's Day Lunch

