

SHERWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER - Friday 20th September 2019

Message from Mr Priestley

It has been a real pleasure over the last three weeks to see the children settling back into the school routine. One of the best parts of my job is when the class teacher or TA recognises that a pupil has made real progress and sends them to me. The progress may be an improvement in presentation or some learning that really stands out. In such cases, the child could receive a golden ticket and the parent/carer a text message. They may also be chosen for the tea party with Miss Rees which is a real treat. Parents are invited to the Friday assembly if their child is chosen so they can hear the reasons why and this has such a positive impact on the child.

Drop in sessions - Friday mornings

Parent/carer drop in sessions are now running on a Friday morning between 9.00-10.00am. Miss Rees (Family Support Worker) will be available to offer support, information and advice. Come and have a chat along with free coffee and cake!

Harvest Festival - Wednesday 25th September 2019

We would be most grateful to receive your donations of tinned or packet dried food such as pasta, rice, tinned vegetables, biscuits, tinned soup, tea or coffee. Please bring them into school on Wednesday 25th September. We will be having a special assembly in school for the children where they will be singing songs, reading poems and learning all about harvest around the world.

Year 6 Meeting - Thursday 26th September

A reminder that there is a short Year 6 meeting regarding expectations in Year 6 and getting ready to move up to secondary school. The meeting will be in the top hall next Thursday, the 26th September, after school. We will start promptly at 3.25 and will be finished by 4pm. We look forward to seeing you. Mrs Horton and Mrs Thompson.

Summer Reading Challenge

Thank you to all of the children who have brought me their reading certificate from the Library for the Summer Reading Challenge. If your child still has a certificate to bring into school, please encourage them to do so, as they could still earn a golden ticket. Next week is the last week to share any certificates. Thank you, Mrs Horton.

Photographs

Please return your photograph orders and payment to school in the sealed envelope provided no later than **Monday 30th September 2019**. You also have the option to order your photographs online directly from Braiswick as explained on your proofcard.

Polite reminder

At Sherwood, respect for each other is a key message we give to the children daily. Just occasionally, some parents and carers can be disrespectful to other adults (including staff) on the school premises. It is so important that we all act as positive role models for the children at Sherwood Junior School.

Snacks and drinks

Please be mindful of the drinks and snacks that your child brings to school. We still see children with big packets of crisps for their break time snack - normal size only! Some children are also coming in the mornings eating bags of sweets they have bought en-route to school. In addition, we do not allow children to bring sugary and/or fizzy drinks into school. The difficulty is that many fruit juices are extremely sugar-rich. The best advice we can give you is to provide your child with water (they can refill at school) or a sugar-free squash drink.

Parent helpers

We are always keen to get the help and support of parents and carers in school. Many of you volunteer to come on educational visits which is always appreciated. Reading is a priority and we would like to recruit an army of adult volunteers to listen to children read at school. If you have some regular spare time in the week (just half an hour or so would be brilliant), please get in touch with your class teacher or the school office. We would need to do a DBS (criminal record check) for safeguarding reasons as you wouldn't be working with your own child and we would meet the cost of this. Many thanks for your continued support.

Earrings

Please ensure that your child's earrings are removed when they have PE. If you are unable to remove the earrings, you will need to complete and sign a disclaimer to confirm that your child needs to keep their earrings in for PE, and provide plasters or tape to cover them up (disclaimer forms can be collected from the school office).

Year 5 / Year 6 Residential to Mount Cook - July 2020

Payment details are now set up on Squid school pay. The first instalment of £30.00 is due by 18 October 2019. If you have any queries, please see Mrs Angell in the school office. Many thanks.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 25 th September 2019 -	Harvest Festival at school
Thursday 26 th September 2019 -	Year 6 Parents meeting
Wednesday 2 nd October 2019 -	Year 4 Trip to Galleries of Justice
Monday 14 th and Tuesday 15 th October 2019 -	Parents evenings - more information to follow
Wednesday 16 th October 2019 -	Year 5 Trip to Perlethorpe
Friday 18 th October 2019 -	Last day of half term
Monday 4 th November 2019 -	INSET DAY - School closed
Tuesday 5 th November 2019 -	School re-opens