

## SHERWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

### Assessment Week

The children have been hard at work this week with their assessments. It is important that staff know where your child is academically so that any concerns can be addressed. The assessments are completed every term and teachers meet with Mr Priestley (English subject leader) or Mrs Bonsell (Maths subject leader) to discuss the progress of their pupils.

### Easter Egg Raffle

We will be holding the Easter egg prize draw on Friday 5th April. Tickets cost 20p each or 6 for £1 and will be on sale from Monday 25th March. Our school councillors will be selling tickets in the lower hall at break times. All profits go into the school fund to buy resources for the pupils. Any egg donations would be very gratefully received. The exact monies would be helpful as we don't have a lot of spare change in school. All entries will be recorded on a ticket and put in the box ready for the draw. We are doing away with raffle tickets this year as they do tend to get lost by children!

### Year 6 SATS

The end of term is fast approaching and it is hard to believe that we will soon be in the final part of the school year. Our year 6 pupils will be taking their SATS the second week back (w/c 13th May) and this is a crucial time for them at this stage of their education. Whilst we expect the children to enjoy their holidays, especially with the weather (hopefully) improving, it really makes a significant difference to their prospects if they complete the work set for them. I am in no doubt that they will do us all proud.

### Comic Relief - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

A massive well done Sherwood Junior School! We raised £98.61 for this very worthy cause. It was wonderful to see so many of the children (and staff) with their funky hairstyles and faces painted.

### Nurture Unit

Our new nurture unit will be known as '**Sherwood Acorns**' after the recent vote. The actual winner was 'Little Acorns' with a large majority. However, as this name is used by other local establishments, we have had to make a subtle change. We now need a logo designing by the children to reflect the name. They will be coming home today with a slip of paper for their design and the deadline is the last day of term before we break up for Easter with the winner announced in the Summer term. Thanks to all who voted.

## **British Science Week**

As part of British Science Week we have been fortunate enough to have chicks in school for the past two weeks. We have watched the eggs hatch and enjoyed seeing how the chicks have grown. They have now gone on to their new home together.

We have also created posters based on the theme of journeys. Some of these will be entered into a national competition. Watch this space for the winners in school coming soon!

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March we will be having a special Science Day. During the day we will consider the lives of millions of people around the world who do not have access to clean drinking water. As part of a project called Ditch the Dirt, we will think about our own use of water and have a go at designing and creating our own filter systems for cleaning water.

To enable us to create our filter systems, if you have any two litre pop bottles, please could children bring them into school for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you!

## **Pedestrian Crossing**

We received a letter from the County Council thanking us for the 323 signature petition for a fixed pedestrian crossing outside school. Unfortunately they have declined the request as they feel that the demand during the day outside of key school times is insufficient. They will continue to try to recruit a patrol for school and have said that they will undertake a survey 'in the future' to see if our location could be prioritised for funding. Many thanks to everyone who signed it and to Councillor Andy Wetton for presenting it to the authority on our behalf.

## **Diary Dates**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 -	Year 3 Trip to National Coalmining Museum
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 -	Science Day - Whole school
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
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April -	Parent's evening
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 -	Last day of Term
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019 -	Inset Day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 -	School re-opens for Summer Term