

SHERWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER - Friday 26th June 2020

Covid-19 Updates:

We have loved welcoming back some of our Year 6 pupils, and the number of key worker children has steadily increased. It has been so lovely to see them all in school and we have all been impressed by their maturity under very strange and challenging circumstances.

The government have announced that all children eligible for free school meals will continue to be provided for over the summer holidays. We are still waiting for details of the scheme and will let all eligible parents know as soon as possible. In the meantime, these parents can still collect a packed lunch from school for their children.

The situation is changing all the time and we will let you know of any developments as soon as we are able to. We still don't know whether we will return as normal in September but please be assured that the school will do all it can to support the children and their families.

Staffing:

Mrs Thompson will be sadly leaving us at the end of the term. She recently moved to Nottingham with her family and has been looking for a teaching job nearer to her new home because of the increased travel. Mrs Thompson has been an invaluable member of the Sherwood team and we will all miss her, but we wish her all the best in her new post.

We recently recruited 2 new teachers to replace Miss Dearden and Mrs Thompson. Both teachers bring a lot of experience to the school and will be starting with us in September - we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Abbie Burton and Mr Dean Gallen to join the team at Sherwood.

Mr Priestley also has some news to share - please see his message at the end of this newsletter.

Transition:

We are working on how we can best provide some sort of transition for the children, although it will not be anything like previous years! If your child is in year 3, 4 and 5 we will be emailing details of your child's new class very soon, and their new teacher will be getting in touch over the next few weeks to introduce themselves. If your child is in year 6, their new secondary school will have already been in touch with details of their transition process.

Uniform:

If you would like to order uniform for your child ready for September, please either phone the school office on 01623 842545 or email: admin@sherwood.notts.sch.uk and let us know what you would like to order. We will then set up an offer on your Squid trips and offers account for you to pay for them. When payment has been made, and the order is ready for

you, we will text you to let you know you can come and collect it from the school office. The uniform items and prices are attached with this email.

Mount Cook Residential Trip Refunds:

We were so disappointed that the residential trip to Mount Cook had to be cancelled for year 5 and 6 children. We waited until the right time to make the decision and then had to look at our options before we could offer refunds, which have now all been issued. We would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding with this - we appreciate it!

End of Year Reports:

Hopefully you will have all received your child's end of year reports in the post. We hope you enjoyed receiving the rainbow certificate - we felt this was a fitting tribute to how brave all of your children have been over the last weeks and months. Don't forget, if you want to discuss your child's report with their teacher, please phone school. Thank you.

Message from Mr Priestley

I would firstly like to say thank you to all the staff at Sherwood Junior School for what they have been doing over the last few weeks since the lockdown began. Mr Edwards and his site team have been incredibly busy every day making sure the school is clean and safe. The office staff have been amazing with the administrative side, which often goes unnoticed. The school couldn't function without them.

The teachers and TAs have also done brilliantly under very difficult circumstances. They have all been in school throughout, including during the holidays when we remained open. All the staff have been willing to do over and above what has been expected of them and Mrs Atkins and myself would just like to say a BIG THANK YOU.

Finally, I have a personal matter to make you aware of. I will be leaving at the end of this term to take up a Head Teacher post in another school. I have been Head of School at Sherwood since 2017 and have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. Sherwood has been through a lot of ups and downs in recent years as you all know and I am confident that the school is in a much stronger position now. I have been very fortunate to work with dedicated staff who always put the children first. I will leave with very fond memories of the pupils at Sherwood and will really miss them. I would also like to thank all the parents and carers who have supported the school and myself during my time here.

I am very pleased to let you know that for the autumn term, Mrs Toni Hall will be Sherwood's temporary Head of School. Mrs Hall is looking forward to working at Sherwood and to meeting you all in September.

School Holidays 2020/2021:- Attached

Inset Days 2020/2021:-

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Friday 12th February 2020

Monday 8th March 2020

Friday 28th May 2020