

Sherwood Primary School

NEWSLETTER

04/10/2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

BOOK DROP 2024

Our Annual Book Drop is only two days away! This year marks our fifth annual book drop. Our children will all receive a new book today to keep and share together at home. Each book has a QR code in the front that links to more information and top tips on sharing the books together at home. We hope you love the new stories as much as we do!

VISITORS TO THE CLASSROOM

Year 2 loved discovering new information about owls this week. Our children learnt that some owls are nocturnal and have black eyes. Some are diurnal; these owls like to hunt in the day and have yellow eyes. Crepuscular owls come out at dawn and dusk and have orange eyes.

Our EYFS children also had a special visit from the Dentist this week to reinforce a good dental hygiene routine with our children. Thank you, Mrs Baybutt! Please [visit our gallery](#) for more pictures from both visits.

GUIDE DOG THANK YOU

Our Guide Dog Collection box was emptied last week. Thank you for your kind donations: £56.20 was collected. Did you know that the charity will also accept your overseas currency? Thank you for your ongoing support!

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The closing date for applications for September 2024 are:

31 October 2024 for secondary applicants

15 January 2025 for primary applicants.

Apply online at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair has arrived. We earn commission from all sales, which allows us to re-stock our book areas in class. More details enclosed.

RESIDENTIAL LETTERS

Please see bookbags today for children in Y3-Y6 regarding residential visits and payment options. Thank you.

Our [School website](#) is updated on a daily basis to keep you up to date with our children's learning and all of our events. Please click here to visit [our gallery](#). [Please click here to view our calendar for next week](#)

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs J Lumb



Dear Parents and Carers,

The book fair is here! For a preview of some of the books available at the fair [click here](#) We will be open **from 3.30 until 4.00 pm** after school in the **Hall**, on the days below:

Friday 4th October

Monday 7th October

Tuesday 8th October

This year, we are also taking contactless payments at the fair.

The children in **Key Stage 2** (Y3-6), will also have the opportunity to visit the fair during the school day. If your child wishes to purchase a book from the fair on their allocated day, please send their money into school in a labelled envelope with their name, class and amount to be handed in to their class teacher. Please see their allocated day below:

Monday 7th October **Y5**

Tuesday 8th October **Y4**

Thank you for your continued support – our book fairs are always a huge success. We look forward to seeing you, and all the exciting new books, next week at the fair.

Miss Terrell

English Subject Leader

ATTENDANCE

In line with our school mission statement and aims, we are ambitious for all children and members of our School Community. We are proud of our ambitious ethos and the determination shared by our children, staff, parents and carers.

For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education (academic and personal growth) it is vital that they attend regularly, and every child should be at school, on time, every day unless they are absent due to illness.

In line with 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance' (August 2024) we are now required to share the following data with the Local Authority:

- Name and address of pupils who fail to attend school regularly or have been absent for a continuous **period of ten school days** due to an unauthorised reason.
- Name and address of pupils who have been absent with illness and will **miss 15 days consecutively or cumulatively** because of sickness.

LEAVE IN TERM TIME S444 EDUCATION ACT

Absence during term time must be avoided. If you are considering taking your child out of school for any reason, it is essential that you request permission for the absence in advance.

When penalty notices are issued, parents have the opportunity to discharge liability for an offence under S444 of the Education Act instead of being prosecuted by the Local Authority.

The penalty notices regulations determine the amount of the penalty notice fine. Unfortunately, some parents are choosing to remove their children from school for longer periods, as the fine amount is the same regardless of the number of school days missed.

The following rules are therefore being introduced:

1. Unauthorised leave less than 15 school days: penalty notice issued.
2. Unauthorised leave of 15 school days or more: the Local Authority may prosecute parents and not offer the opportunity to pay a penalty notice fine. If you are convicted, this could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and a criminal record. Further information is available [here](#).