

Sherwood Primary School NEWSLETTER

13/12/2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

EYFS NATIVITY – SHINE STAR SHINE

Congratulations to our EYFS children on their wonderful performance of Shine Star Shine this week. Our children all spoke and sang with such confidence and wonderful smiles! Thank you for bringing the Christmas Story to the heart of our celebrations. You all shone!

CAROL SINGING AT SHERWOOD LODGE

Thank you to our beautiful carol singers for raising everyone's spirits at Sherwood Lodge and Sherwood Court this week with your beautiful carol singing.

SANTA DASH

Thank you so much for your support and sponsorship this week. Our Y6 Santas ran 5K (some even ran a 10K) around the school grounds to fund their theatre trip. Well done Y6! We had great fun cheering you all on and you all looked fabulous!

ELF DAY

Y1 ELF Day is Monday 16th December this year! Our little Year 1 elves will be busy in their workshop creating festive treats! Our Y1 children are invited to dress up as an elf on this day.

ELF SHOP

Our Y1 elves will have handmade crafts on sale on Monday for **50p each** (bracelets/bookmarks). Our Y1 children have chosen to sponsor an animal through the WWF with the money raised. Children in **EYFS, Y1 and Y2** are invited to bring 50p into school on Monday if they would like to visit the Elf Shop.

KS2 CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Our Christmas Carol Concert is taking place on Monday 16th December 6pm-7pm. Our children are requested to wear School Uniform and arrive back to School from 5.40pm (through the main entrance please).

There is still a week to buy raffle tickets for our BIG PTA RAFFLE – tickets can be purchased through ParentPay. Our children can also choose a lucky square in class for £1 per Square. All of our draws take place next Friday.

Only one more week to go and it's full of festive fun!

Kind regards,



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Tickets can now be purchased for our PTA Christmas Raffle. There are some BIG PRIZES TO BE WON!

Raffle tickets cost £2.50 each and can be purchased through ParentPay. All tickets purchased are allocated a number and entered in our BIG draw next Friday morning!

First Prize - Large Santa with **£250** Smyths Voucher

Second Prize - Reindeer Soft Toy with **£100** Smyths Voucher

Third Prize - Snowman Squishie with **£50** Smyths Voucher

Fourth Prize - Santa Squishie with Crafty Penguin Voucher

Fifth Prize - Gingerbread Soft Toy

50% of money raised through our Christmas Raffle will be donated to Young Lives with Cancer.

Buy your tickets today through Parent Pay!

CHRISTMAS LUCKY SQUARES

Our children can now purchase lucky squares in class for £1 in the hope of winning a hamper full of goodies for Christmas. Each class will play lucky squares at the end of term. Again, 50% of money raised will be donated to Young Lives with Cancer.

OUR CALENDAR

Please follow the link to view our [website calendar](#). If you need further details for a particular event, please click on the event in our calendar.

Y5 EDUCATIONAL VISIT – VIKING DAY

Year 5 have an Educational visit to look forward to next week: [17/12/24 Y5 Tatton Park Educational Visit](#). Please click on the link above or on the event in our [website calendar](#) for all the details for the visit.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Our children are invited to wear their own clothes/Party clothes for our Christmas Parties on:

Tuesday 17th December: Year 3 and Year 4

Wednesday 18th December: EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday 19th December: Year 5 and Year 6

DINNER MONEY SPRING 1

The cost of school meals for Spring 1 is £81.00 which covers 6 weeks. Please make the lunch payments via Parent Pay in advance. Thank you.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN SPRING 1

Our children in Key Stage 2 are invited to attend School in PE kit on the following days in Spring 1:

Monday: Year 5

Tuesday: Year 4

Wednesday: Year 3

Friday: Year 6

NEW BOOKS FOR OUR READING AREAS

Thank you for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair this term. Our Reading Champions have chosen and delivered hundreds of new books to classrooms this week, purchased with the commission from the Book Fair. Thank you!



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ONLINE SAFETY

December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

VULNERABLE GROUPS DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE

Due to age, our children automatically fall into a vulnerable group during the period of school closure. Now is therefore a good time to consider how you are going to set clear boundaries for device and online activity over the School closure period.

New devices may also be coming into homes, so it's vital that you consider safety measures and talk with your children about acceptable and safe use.

The risks to our children are categorised as the FOUR Cs:

Contact: sometimes adults pose as children or young adults with the intention of [grooming](#) or exploiting a child.

Content: anything posted online - it might be words or it could be images and video. Children and young people may see [illegal, inappropriate or harmful content](#) when online.

Commerce: risk from online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing or financial scams.

Conduct: some online behaviour can increase the likelihood, or even cause, harm - for example, [online bullying](#).

There is a wealth of information available to parents and carers to support these conversations at home. Here are a few useful links:

Online Games: [Understand the Risks and get advice on how to help children play games online safely from NSPCC.](#)

Managing Screen Time: [Often a source of conflict for families. Childnet provides some guidance here.](#)

Social Media: [Although not age appropriate for Primary School children, if you child has an account – here's vital guidance on staying involved in order to protect your child from the risks!](#)

Privacy Settings: [Your child's data is valuable! Here's a guide to managing your child's privacy settings.](#)

There's also lots of fun to be had together over the Christmas period, so have fun but keep the conversation open about the risks. It's amazing what our children can teach us and other family members too!

Finally, if your child does not have a phone, please do not feel that you are the only parent who is delaying this introduction. I have had a number of conversations with parents recently, where a conscious effort is being made to delay the purchase of a phone until it is absolutely essential for your child.

For any further guidance, please do not hesitate to speak to us!

