

Sherwood Primary School NEWSLETTER

19/12/2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've come to the end of our Autumn Term! **School closes tomorrow, Friday 20th December, at 2.20pm, 2.25pm and 2.30pm. BASE closes at 5pm tomorrow.**

It has been a fantastic term filled with a wealth of learning and enrichment across the Curriculum. Our [website gallery](#) is full of activity from the last two weeks – an abundance of visits and festive fun! Our children have continued to showcase The Sherwood Way when visiting new places and meeting new people. A special mention this week to Year 5, who demonstrated exceptional historical knowledge on their [Viking Day to Tatton Park, Cheshire](#) this week.

Thank you to everyone involved in our Carol Concert on Monday. Our children sang a range of traditional and modern songs beautifully.

FUTURE LEADERS CAPTURED ON CAMERA!

The official photographs from [The Great Lancashire debate](#) also arrived this week and are in our gallery. The determination and passion of our children is captured perfectly by the photographer!

APPLE TEACHERS

Congratulations to all our Teachers and a number of members of Support Staff, who have all achieved their Apple Teacher Status in 2024! A fantastic achievement that is already impacting positively on Teaching and Learning at Sherwood.

RAFFLE PRIZES AND CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We will draw our **BIG Christmas Raffle** in our final assembly tomorrow morning. Our Christmas hampers will also be coming home with **Lucky Square winners!** Good luck everyone.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish all our families and our whole School community a very Happy Christmas. May the days away from School be filled with peace, love and laughter with friends and family. I am so proud of our School Community and all we achieve together. Thank you for your exceptional support.

A FINAL MESSAGE

My final message of 2024 is for our exceptional teachers and support staff. Thank you for your hard work and determination to do your very best for every child, every day. You support our children in every step of their growth and learning, allowing every child to shine. I am so grateful to you all.

Very best Christmas wishes to all,

Sherwood Primary School

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.](#)

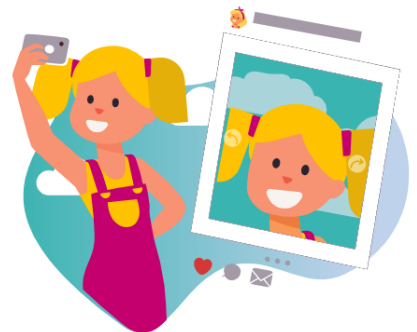
Social Media: [Although not age appropriate for Primary School children, if you child has an account – here's vital guidance on staying involved in order to protect your child from the risks!](#)

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!



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