

Shelton Junior School Newsletter



Friday
16th
February
2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels great to be back at the helm of the Shelton Ship! Especially with Miss Walley, at my side as head of school on Thursday and Friday. As always, we are committed to striving to ensure your children receive the best possible education we can. Thank you to all our parents who have supported us this term. It certainly has been a very action packed first half-term. Here are some highlights and dates for your diary:

SATs Parent Meeting:

Y6 are working super hard preparing for their SATs in May. Thank you to all those parents who came on Tuesday 6th to the short after school meeting. Feedback was that you found it very useful and as I said on the evening, SATs do matter and we NEED your support. No matter what level your children are working at, we are proud of them. As long as they try their very best - that's all that matters.

Staffing Updates:

We said goodbye to Mr Vjestica this term. He has gone on to further his career path and we wish him the very best of luck.

Y3 and Y4 Reading Breakfasts:

Another great turnout at our Reading Breakfasts!

Thank you for all the positive comments you left us. One question we are always asked is if it can be longer - but unfortunately the teachers have to be in class ready to teach at 8.55am and they need to prepare beforehand, hence the 8.15am start. I hope that answers your question and we will certainly organise an upper school one in summer.

Topics for Spring Term:

Y3 - Rivers, Mountains & Coast

Y4 - Romans

Y5 - Vicious Vikings!

Y6 - Fair Trade



Music:

The children now have the opportunity of learning to play a musical instrument with a company called Rock Steady. Lessons take place during the school day. For further information please contact Rock Steady on: 0330 1130330.



Staff List for January 2018:

Mrs Riley - Head teacher

Miss Walley - Co-Head teacher

Mrs Moulden -Deputy Head teacher

Mrs Meehan - Assistant Head teacher

Miss Connelly, Miss Hutt & Miss Slack - Year 3

Mrs Edwards, Miss Morgan & Mr Banks - Year 4

Mrs O'Hare, Mr Billington - Year 5

Mrs Meehan, Mrs Smith & Mrs Warwick - Year 6

Miss Dennett & Miss Kingman - Cover Supervisor

Art Week:

During this final week of half-term there has been a keen focus on Art Skills. The afternoons have been dedicated to learning more about different artists and techniques. Parents were also invited in to draw with their children. What a lovely therapeutic way to spend an afternoon! We have also had Artist and Sculptor William Ashley-Norman working in school to create colourful creations with some of the children using chicken wire!

5SO'H Class Assembly:

Wow! What a great assembly Y5 performed this half-term. It was all about The Vikings and was very informative. I learned they gave us 'cake'! I wish they hadn't as its one of my weaknesses! The most impressive part of the assembly was how articulate the children were, they oozed confidence. Well done Mrs O'Hare's Class!

Governors:

Look out for the *Governors* webpage on our school website and termly Newsletter, where they will keep you informed of how they are supporting and monitoring the school's progress.

I would like to thank all our governors for dedicating their time to the school and supporting its continuous improvement.

**Clubs this Term:**

Monday - Film & Basketball

Tuesday - Football, Just Dance & Science

Wednesday - Athletics

Thursday - Drama

Friday - Dance

Uniform:

A big thank you to all those parents who have supported the school's uniform policy and ensured their child attends school presented appropriately. Please ensure haircuts are sensible and appropriate when the children return after half term. Long hair should be tied back at all times to help us prevent head lice, which is easily passed in a school setting!

Please read the uniform policy online if you are unsure.





School Calendar!

Term Dates and INSETS:

Feb 26 th -	Back to school
Feb 28 th -	Y3 family learning session 2pm - 3.15pm
March 1 st -	World Book Day
March 1 st -	National Offer for Secondary Schools
March 7 th -	Y3 family learning session 2pm - 3.15pm
March 7 th -	Family themed activity Mothers day
March 8 th -	Easter Fair 3.30pm until 4.30pm
March 13 th -	4NM Class Assembly
March 14 th -	Y3 family learning session 2pm - 3.15pm
March 14 th -	Family themed activity. St. Patricks Day
March 21 st -	Parent Workshop Understanding Child Development 2.15pm - 3.15pm
March 26 th -	Easter Holiday
w/c 16 th April -	Parent Evenings
May 14 th -	SATs Week
June 11 st -	Year 6 Residential Trip

INSET DAYS

April 9 th -	School closed
June 27 th -	School closed





Attendance:

Attendance and Punctuality

We are pleased to announce attendance in school is currently 96% and we would like your continued support in ensuring children attend school every day and on time. Children who attend school regularly and who are on time each day make the most progress and achieve the highest. The Education Welfare Officer (EWO) will be working closely with school next term to monitor attendance and lateness. If your child's attendance drops below 93% or your child is late more than 3 times, the EWO may contact you to discuss the matter.

A reminder to all parents and carers, the school doors open at **8.45am**. Children need to be in class by **8.55am** where the register will be taken promptly. Please ensure you leave home in plenty of time, whether you are walking, cycling or travelling by bus, car or taxi.

We understand that sometimes pupils are unable to attend due to illness. We kindly ask that **all** student absences must be reported for **each day** by a parent/carer and by **9:00am** using one of the following methods:

Telephone: 01332 701212 option 4 (24 hour Absence Line Answerphone) or

Email: admin@sheltonj.derby.sch.uk

If a pupil needs to leave school during the day for an appointment etc. a medical appointment card/letter or note should be given to the class teacher, preferably no later than the previous day.

Children's Voice:

The children were asked during class council what school improvement targets they might set for themselves. Their ideas are incredibly positive. So we have included the new Whole School Target in the newsletter so you can help support them in achieving this. Our children are truly Shelton Stars!

Whole School Target for School Improvement:

To *TRULY FLOURISH* by:

- Always wearing the correct uniform
- Using our neatest handwriting in all our books
- Working together to keep each other on track with behaviour choices
- Saving electricity such as switching off lights when we leave the classroom
- Looking after our school property and keeping school tidy
- Persevering - even when the work is challenging



Community news:

**NEW
THIS SUNDAY AT ST EDMUND'S
(18th February)
CHOIR CHURCH
12.00-1.30
SINGING TOGETHER
FUN TOGETHER
FOOD TOGETHER
ALL AGES TOGETHER**

Once again, thank you for all your support and have a great
Half-Term