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## NEWSLETTER No 1

Welcome back to the first newsletter of the new school year. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our families, whether you're new to us or have been with Sharrow School for some time!

We would also like to welcome to our new members of staff, Chloe Hughes who is working in year 3, and Tippy Uhuru in our reception class.

### SECONDARY ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2018

Before we closed for the summer holidays the Y6 children were sent information from the Local Authority about making choices for their Secondary schools.

Parent/Carers are **strongly** advised to attend open evenings at the various schools so that an informed choice can be made.

You are encouraged to fill in the application form online wherever possible but please don't worry if you don't have a computer, written application forms are available from the school office. It is very important that Parents/Carers of Y6 children get their application forms in on time. **The closing date for returning completed application forms is 31st October.** If you need any help or advice, please ask at the office where they will be happy to help.

### DATA SHEETS

We have sent home a copy of the basic information and contact details that we currently hold for your family. Please check that all details are correct and return any alterations to school by the end of September.

### FRUIT

Fruit is available at morning break time for children in Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6 at a cost of 10p per item. Free fruit is available for nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 children.



### ATTENDANCE

Please ring the school on 0114 255 1704 before 9:30am if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness. We would also appreciate it if you could try to arrange doctors and dentist appointments outside of school hours, we understand that at times this is not possible but please see the school office for an authorisation slip if this is the case.

### PE KIT

Children need a PE kit to keep in school - this can be any T shirt, shorts/leggings and plimsolls or trainers. Please put names on clothing and bags to minimize the risk of kit getting lost.

## LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost any item, please have a look in the Lost Property drawers - these are located under the TV screen on the ground floor (opposite the main office desk). At this time of year we get lots of lovely new coats that have been left in the yard and it really helps us get the coat back to its rightful owner if the child's name is inside.

## JEWELLERY

Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in PE and games lessons. Children who wear studs will be asked to remove them for these lessons.

## TERM TIME LEAVE



Please remember, the current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Any application for leave can only be given in exceptional circumstances. If you are considering taking your child out of school in term time you **must** come in to school and discuss it with Evelyn **BEFORE** you book tickets. Parents can be fined for taking their child out of school during term time.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

Here are some more useful websites for your children and family to enjoy:

### **Ask Kids**

This is a safe search engine for children.

### **How Stuff Works**

Engaging encyclopaedia of the modern (and not so modern) world, with good illustrations and clear text.

### **National Geographic Kids**

If your child has ever asked you a question like, "what are baby penguins called?" National Geographic kids is the site for you. Kids can watch videos, play games, and best of all, learn about animals, nature and the world around them.

## SCHOOL DIARY

Please find attached a list of school diary dates and planned trips for each year group. These may change and there may be some extra trips added throughout the year. Please note: Sharrow School expects good behaviour from children. Failure to behave well in school may result children being excluded from trips. We are currently working out the cost of these trips and will try and keep them to a minimum.