

## NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2022

This is the first newsletter of the new school year. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our families whether you are new to us or have been with Sharrow School for some time! The children have settled into the new school year very quickly. We have lots of exciting things planned for this year including trips, after school activities and other events which we will let you know about nearer the time!

We would also like to welcome our new staff members - **Jamie Gawler** who is our new Deputy Headteacher, **Bryn Sproson**, who is now a teacher in Year 5 and **Sarah Spray**, who is our new Senior Admin Officer working in the Office.

### **BREAKFAST**

All children will be offered a bagel to eat in their classrooms when they come into school in the mornings. They will also be offered a drink of milk and a piece of fruit during the day.

### **SCHOOL DINNERS**

We provide school dinners each day.

- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can have a universal free school meal each day.
- Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 can have a school meal at a cost of £2 per day.

Some children are entitled to benefits-related free school meals. If you think your child should be entitled to these free meals please contact the office and they will support you with your application.

### **PARENTPAY**

We are delighted to announce that many of our parents are now using ParentPay to make online payments. If you have not yet set up your ParentPay account and would like to start using it, then please just ask the school office for an activation letter. It is easy to use and means you don't have to find cash to give to your children to bring into school with them.

### **SECONDARY ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2023**

Before we closed for the summer holidays, the Y6 children were sent information from the Local Authority about making choices for their Secondary schools. If your child was born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 they will transfer to secondary school in September 2023 and you must apply for a secondary school place by **31 October 2022**.

Parent/Carers are **strongly** advised to attend open evenings at the various schools so that an informed choice can be made. Please come and talk to Mr Edwards or Evelyn about your choices so that they can support you with your applications.

## **PRIMARY ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2023**

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, now is the time to apply for a place for them to start school in September 2023. You should have been sent an application pack by the Local Authority recently. Remember - even if your child attends Sharrow Nursery, you still need to apply for a school place. Please talk to the Nursery team if you would like some support with this process. The closing date for applications is **15 January 2023**.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Please ring the school on 0114 2551704 before 9.30am if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness. If your child has COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature; a new, continuous cough or loss/change to smell or taste), you should keep them off school and let us know. They can return to school when they feel better and their temperature is normal. We will still be taking actions to keep children and adults safe from COVID in school - making sure that everyone washes their hands regularly, enhanced cleaning & good ventilation.

## **LEAVE IN TERM TIME**

As the children have missed so much school, it is especially important if you can try to arrange doctors/dentist and other 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.

Please remember, the current law **does not** give any entitlement to parents to take their child out of school 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 will be fined for taking their child out of school during term time.

## **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**

Local Authority health and safety policies state that 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.

## **CONSIDERATE PARKING REMINDER**

Please be considerate of local residents' driveways when parking around the streets near to school. Please **do not park on the zig-zag lines outside school**. This is in the interest of road safety for the children.

## **MEDICATION**

It is important that we have medication in school for any child who has been diagnosed with asthma or an allergy - even if they have not had an attack for many years. If you have not yet brought the medication into school, please bring this to the school office **as soon as possible**.

***Sharrow School***

## Sharrow School Calendar 2022/2023

Autumn Term																						
		Sept				Oct					Nov				Dec							
Mon		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26			
Tues		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		
Wed		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		
Thur	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	
Sat		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	39		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Sun		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	

Spring Term																						
Jan						Feb					Mar					Apr						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Tues		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
Wed		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
Thur		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
Fri		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	
Sat		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29
Sun	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30

Summer Term																						
	May					June					July					Aug						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	
Tues	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29
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Sun	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		



Bank Holiday



School Holidays



Staff Training Days (School Closed)



Weekends