

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2022

NEW PARENT GOVERNORS

We are delighted to announce that 3 new parent governors have been elected from the seven excellent candidates that put themselves forward:-

- Adam Clark
- Nazrah Kayani
- Rafia Hussain

We would like to thank the four candidates that were not elected this time around for their interest and offer of support for the school. We would also like to thank all parent/carers for getting involved in the election and the large number of votes received.

CLUBS

We have a number of clubs running after school this term which the children are really enjoying. Y3 to Y6 have multi-skills and Y3 and Y4 have choir. We are hoping to start some more clubs and will let you know when these are ready to start.

TRIPS

We are planning visits for the children that will enrich their learning and experiences, whilst trying to keep costs as low as possible for families.

Trips this term have included Kelham Island, Ecclesall Woods and Treakcliffe Cavern. We have further trips planned later in the term, including a visit to the National Emergency Museum and Western Park.

We are in the process of uploading photographs from some of these trips to the school website and they are also being shown on the screen in the main entrance lobby.

We are planning residential visits for children from Y2 to Y6 in the summer term. More information to follow nearer the time!

PARENT WORKSHOPS

We started running some parent workshops again last term and a number of parents commented at the Parents Evening meetings how helpful they have found them.

This term we will be running some Phonics workshops for parents of children in Reception. Parents can find out more about how we teach phonics. We will also be running some maths workshops for Nursery parents.

Next term we will be inviting parents in to see some of the work that the children have been doing around different topics.

FOREST SCHOOL

We hope you are enjoying our art exhibition, 'All things living', displayed around the fencing of the Forest School, facing the park. The art work really shows off the children's skills of observation and design.

The Forest School is looking forward to welcoming frogs and tadpoles in the spring as the pond is now re-established. The children have been working hard to create a 'Hedgehog Hotel', to encourage hedgehogs into our Forest School.

Some of our current Year 5 children will be given the opportunity to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for the environment by taking part in small conservation projects in our local community. The first project involves making leaf mulch at the Adventure Playground. Much more to look forward to over the coming seasons, watch this space or catch the photos on display in our reception area.

SPORTS COMPETITIONS

We have started taking groups of children to sports competitions again this year. We will be taking a team of Y5 and Y6 children to an athletics competition in November and there are other events planned for later in the year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are pleased to introduce our new School Council. They meet once a fortnight to discuss matters that are important to each class, as well as ideas for how to make our school even better. We are currently busy planning Anti-Bullying Week 2022 which will begin on November 21st.

Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Ayaan Ettie Kudus Lyra	Arlo Ishbelle Lucas Orla	Nathan (Secretary) Alisha Arham Shany	Malachi (Vice Chair) Margot Malak Thorsen	Ayla (Chair) Alex (Treasurer) Blessing Yazan

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT UPDATE

In the summer term we made some improvements to the school building. We built a new garden room next to the bungalow. This is an additional classroom we use for teaching groups of children. We have also developed two sensory rooms, one in nursery and one next to the Year 1 base.

NUT ALLERGIES

We have a number of children in school with life threatening nut allergies. Although we have epi-pens for these children in school, it is obviously best that they do not come into contact with any nuts. Please help us by making sure that your children are not bringing nut-based products in their packed lunches or as snacks. Please make sure you are not using peanut butter or Nutella in sandwiches, and bags of nuts or snickers bars / granola bars with nuts are not packed as snacks.

NURSERY TEACHING ASSISTANT

We will shortly be advertising for a part-time temporary Level 1 Teaching Assistant for Nursery. If you are interested, please have a look at the Sheffield Council website or come to the school office to ask for an application pack.

NURSERY PLACES FOR JANUARY

We are currently going through the waiting list to offer Nursery places for January. If you have a 3 or 4-year-old child who is due to start nursery, please make sure you put their name on the waiting list!

CHILDCARE

Due to increased costs, we have had to review our charges for childcare for the After-School Club and Holiday Club from **January 2023**. We know this will put increased pressures on family finances so it is not a decision we have taken lightly. We have not increased these charges since 2016.

SERVICE	CURRENT CHARGE	NEW CHARGE FROM JANUARY
Children's Centre	£5 per hour	£5.50 per hour
Nursery - wrap around & holidays	£5 per hour	£5.50 per hour
After School Club (Reception to Y6):	£6 per session	£6.50 per session (to 5pm)
Holiday Club (Reception to Y6):	£5 per hour	£35 per day (8.30am-4.30pm)

If you are interested in any childcare, please ask at the school office to check availability.

PARENTPAY

As we have more trips and clubs taking place, being able to use Parentpay to make cashless payments may be easier for some parents. 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.

REMINDER: 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. 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**.

REMINDER: ATTENDANCE

Please ring the school on 0114 2551704 before 9.30am if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness so the registers can be updated and lunches ordered.

REMINDER: PUNCTUALITY

Lessons start at 8.50am so it is really important your child arrives on time. In the summer term, we lost 466 hours of teaching time through lateness. This term we have lost 220 hours of teaching time so far. We have milk and bagels in class in the morning for children if they have missed breakfast or for a snack later in the morning.

REMINDER: LEAVE IN TERM TIME

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 to discuss it with Evelyn **BEFORE** you book tickets. Parents will be fined for taking their child out of school.

REMINDER: CONSIDERATE PARKING

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.

Sharrow School

Sharrow School Calendar 2022/2023

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

Additional Bank Holiday for Coronation

School Holidays

Staff Training Days (School Closed)

Weekends