

## NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2023

This is the first newsletter of the new school year. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new children and their parents/carers. We hope you are starting to feel part of the Sharrow family! The children have settled into the new school year and their new classes really quickly. We have lots of exciting things planned again for this year including trips, residentials, after school activities and other events which we will let you know about nearer the time!

### REMINDER

We need up to date contact phone numbers for you and 2 emergency contacts. Remember to tell the office if a number has changed. And remember to tell us if you are moving house!

### PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents evenings will be taking place on 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November. Letters with booking forms will be sent home shortly so you can confirm which dates / times work for you. The office team will be booking all the appointments and will send home confirmation slips.

### JOBS AT SHARROW

We are advertising 2 jobs here at Sharrow:-

- Cleaner - 15 hours per week (3.30pm to 6.30pm) all year round
- Midday Supervisor - 2 hours per week (Tuesday - 11:30am to 1:30pm)

If you are interested in either of these roles, please ask for an application pack or check online at <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/job-vacancies/school-job-listings:->

### PARENT GOVERNOR

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested, please pop in to ask for more information.

### SECONDARY ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2024

If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 they will transfer to secondary school in September 2024. You must apply for a secondary school place by **31 October 2023**.

### PRIMARY ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2024

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, now is the time to apply for a place for them to start school in September 2024. You should have been sent an application pack by the Local Authority. 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 2024**.

### BREAKFAST

All children will continue to be offered a bagel/crumpet or a piece of toast to eat in their classrooms when they come into school in the mornings. They will also be offered milk and a piece of fruit.

## **SCHOOL DINNERS**

The dinner costs have increased slightly this year. Dinners now cost £2.30 per day (£2 for nursery). Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals paid by the Government (UFSM).

A lot of our families are entitled to benefits-related free school meals and it is really important that we claim this entitlement for parents / carers if they are eligible. We have started using an automated free school meal checking service. You may get emails from "Online Free School Meals" telling you about any changes to your eligibility.

A number of our parents do not have any recourse to public funds and think they will not be able to get free meals as they are not entitled to Universal Credit. However, there is still a way for us to apply for free school meals **without** affecting any future Leave to Remain applications. Please do come to the school office to ask about this if you think this might apply to you.

## **PARENTPAY**

We are delighted to announce that 46% 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.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Please ring the school on 0114 2551704 before 9.30am if your child is going to be absent from school. The Government and the Local Authority are taking a strong approach to school attendance. The target for attendance is 96%. Any child with attendance below 90% is categorised as being a "persistent absentee". Medical and dental appointments should be booked outside school time wherever possible and children should always come back to school after an appointment.

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 are 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**

The lost property has now been moved to the dining hall - just inside the doors from the playground. Please do label coats & jumpers so we can re-unite children with their lost items.

## **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 Calendar 2023/2024

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

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

Summer Term																						
May						June						July						Aug				
Mon		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
Tues		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
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Bank Holiday
  School Holidays
  Staff Training Days (School Closed)
  Weekends