



### We have a new Teacher.....

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Jenny Shellard will be joining our staff team in January.

Mrs Shellard is an experienced teacher and is super excited about joining the Sherford Team, working alongside Miss Ramsey. Mrs Shellard will teach the Foundation Stage children in the classroom adjacent to Hedgehogs.

I am very mindful that the children are confident with Miss Ramsey so we will work hard to make the move to two classes as seamless as possible. The children will continue to share the same play space and the teachers will work and plan together.

Mrs Shellard has already been in and taught in Hedgehogs so the children will be familiar with her. Between now and Christmas she will be visiting regularly. Mrs Shellard will be here at the end of the school day on **17<sup>th</sup> December** please pop in and say hello to her.

### Christmas Fair

Our first ever Sherford Vale Christmas Fair is this coming Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Entry fee is 50p per adult and over 11's, children under 11 are free.

A reminder that the children are invited to wear mufti in exchange for prizes for the Tombola. These can include: Drinks & Chocolates. We are also asking for donations for the cake stall.

Also please remember to return raffle ticket stubs and money to be in with a chance to win some great prizes including a chocolate hamper from Hotel Chocolate and a £50 John Lewis voucher! The Raffle will be called at 5.30pm in the hall!

We have been reliably informed that Santa will be making an appearance. Tickets to see Santa will be available to purchase for £2.00 per child upon entry to the Fair.

Our Choir along with Yealmpton Choir will perform around the Christmas Tree outside of the main entrance at 4,00pm! Please come and support them on their first ever performance!



### **Choir- a message from Mrs Barrett**

Please can the choir children meet Mrs Barrett at 3.40pm in the staff room on Friday prior to our performance. We request that they wear their school uniform to this event and of course something they are welcome to add something festive i.e Santa Hat etc.

The children must be collected from Mrs Barrett after the performance unless they are attending After School Club, in which case a member of staff will remain with them. Please bring wellington boots as we be on the grass next to the tree.



### **Swimming Feedback**

The children have told us that they have really enjoyed swimming and they have certainly made great progress. They have been amazing, although some of our youngest children have been tired! We would really appreciate constructive feedback from parents. Please email [admin@sherfordvaleschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@sherfordvaleschool.co.uk)



### Guidance for Parents taking photographs and filming at School Productions and Events

We stage numerous school events and know some parents/carer like to take photographs/videos of the school productions.

As you know we have a policy in place with regards to the taking, making and use of images and you will have previously signed a consent form stating whether or not your child could be photographed.

If you wish to take photos at the production there is a strong possibility that other children will also be included within the picture.

At Sherford Vale we are happy for parents and carers to take photos and video of events for personal use but we request that these images are not distributed or put online.

This is to protect all members of the community.

We would also request that you ensure that your taking a photograph does not interfere with other people viewing a school production and that it is not off-putting for our pupils. Nothing should be published during the production.

We all enjoy and treasure images of our family and friends; family events, holidays and events are moments we all like to capture in photos or on video.

We now have the exciting dimension of adding our images and videos to our online social network, such as Facebook, YouTube and many other websites. This means that we can easily share our photos and video with family and friends.

Whilst this can be very useful to all of us we must ensure we protect and safeguard all children and staff, including those who do not want to have their images stored online.

Please be aware that parents are not permitted to take photographs or to make a video recording for anything other than their own personal use.

- Once posted and shared online any image or video can be copied and will stay online forever.
- Some children are at risk and MUST NOT have their image put online. Not all members of the community will know who they are.
- Some people do not want their images online for personal or religious reasons.
- Some children and staff may have a complex family background which means that sharing their image online can have unforeseen consequences.

Therefore in order to keep all members of the community safe we must all 'Think Before We Post' Online.

Thank you.



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### Christmas Trees

Thank you to our PTA who have purchased 4 sustainable Christmas trees which we intend to plant in due course. These will be situated outside on the green in front of the hall windows.

One tree has been allocated to each house in the school Plym (Blue), Dart (Green), Yealm (Yellow) and Erme (Red)!

A challenge for you all..... We would love to see you decorate these in house colours...which team will have the best tree? Siblings are in the same houses!

### Thank you

A huge thank you for all the donated Christmas items, Sherford Vale is looking very festive!

### Courage

Owls and Foxes Classes have been invited to watch a primary performance of Courage, Ivybridge Community College's Performing Arts Show, on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Children will leave school at lunchtime and be back by the end of the school day. Please check our school website and social media pages in case of any delay.

We are delighted that our friends from a partner school in Germany are showcasing their gymnastic talent for the children at Sherford Vale on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, this will be whole school performance and workshop.



### Christmas Performances

**Nursery-Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm.** Please come and join us for a Christmas sing song and craft making afternoon. Children who do not normally attend this session are welcome to attend.

**Hedgehogs- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.** Please come and join us for our performance **The Inn-Spectors**. Everyone is welcome to attend; refreshments will be available to purchase before the performance.

**Foxes and Owls-Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm.** Please come and join us for our performance of **Twas the night before Christmas**. Everyone is welcome to attend; refreshments will be available to purchase before the performance.

### **Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch**

Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper over their school uniform on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We would suggest a donation of £1 towards the Safe the Children Fund appeal, but any donations however large or small are appreciated.

Our Christmas dinner will take place on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. This **must be ordered in advance**; a menu accompanies this newsletter. Children will have a DVD treat in the afternoon!

**Christmas Wreath making workshop** is taking place on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** from 5.00pm. Tickets are available via the office at £25.00 per person!

Please let us know if you are attending this event so that the florist can ensure we have enough resources!

