



### Goodbye and Good luck

We wish both Mrs Anderton and Mrs Henley-Wildman our very best wishes for the future as they leave us to pursue new adventures.

### Clubs this Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Due to staff training there are no clubs this Monday.

**PARKING - Please once again can we request that you are mindful of where you park so that residents' driveways are not blocked**

### Playground

**Due to health and safety concerns, we politely request that all children do not ride bikes or scooters within the school grounds, including the car park!**



MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS/S2 ABSENCE REQUEST FORM – Unless in an absolute medical emergency, please can all regular medical appointments including the dentist and optician be scheduled after school or during the school holidays so as not to interrupt your child's schooling. Any requests for an unavoidable appointment during the school day must be supported by an appointment letter with a completed 'S2' Absence request form.

This form is available in main reception or via the school's website for ease.

### School Uniform

Please can we ask all Parents/Carers to **clearly label** all school uniform including jumpers and coats.

This will enable us to return any mislaid items to you.!

**Ties should be worn at all times by KS2 children.**

### **CLARIFICATION ON THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY -**

Punctuality plays an important role in every walk of life and is essential in childhood. Could parents/carers please ensure that children are on the school grounds by 8.40 am ready for registration and the start of the school day at 8.45 am. Please also note that any children who arrive late must not be dropped off at the school gates but signed in through main reception by an adult. Thank you.

**Important!!!**



### Online Safety

Talking to your child openly and regularly is the best way to keep them safe online.

Here are some helpful tips to help you keep your child safe online when they are playing online games:

- Talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and how to stay safe.
- Let them know they can come to you or another trusted adult if they're feeling worried or upset by anything they have seen.
- Explore your child's online activities with your child.
- Understand why they like using them and make sure they know what they can do to keep themselves safe.
- Agree your own rules as a family when using sites, apps and games.
- Manage your technology and use the settings available to keep your child safe.

If you'd like advice and support about how to keep your children safe online, please call the on 0808 800 5002.

### WW2 Street Party

Yr 5/6 parents are invited to join us for WW2 themed street party on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2.45.

Dates for this term

#### **February**

- 2.45 Yr 5/6 parents to join WW2 STREET PARTY CELEBRATION
- 15<sup>th</sup> Break up for half term
- 25<sup>th</sup> Return to school
- 25<sup>th</sup> Mid Year Assessment week
- 28<sup>th</sup> 2.45 Parents invite into school to discuss future plans



#### **March**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Bikeability training Years 5/6
- 5<sup>th</sup> Governing Board meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> 2.30 Yr 5/6 parents residential meeting in hall
- 6<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening
- 7<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening
- 8<sup>th</sup> World Book Day celebrations
- 19<sup>th</sup> Primary Gym and Dance performance with partner schools 1 – 7pm (team to be notified)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tag rugby festival
- 5<sup>th</sup> Break up for the Easter holiday period



## SHERFORD VALE SCHOOL

Think . Create . Ask . Succeed

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you to everyone for your support with our grand opening. Our visitors were so impressed by the children including their behaviour and their enthusiasm for learning. Foxes had great fun filming their video, "Have it All" which has been viewed over three thousand times! Each class gave a small presentation relating to our core values, Think, Create Ask and Succeed. I was delighted to see many of you who were able to join us. Maybe some of you will be back to dig up the time capsules in 2026 and 2038! What will life be like then I wonder. Attached is a small description of the children's ideas that were put in the capsule.

Sadly, Emily, our lovely Nursery, Before and After School club manager will be leaving us on Friday. Emily has played a major part in our initial set up and has been fantastic with the children. It is only due to difficulties with her own childcare that Emily has decided to leave us. Maybe we'll see her again one day, but in the meantime a huge thank you to Emily, who will be missed. I am delighted to let you know that Liz will step up to fill this position and continue the good work achieved so far. We will soon be interviewing additional staff this week and next, but in the meantime our existing team will be covered between them.

You may have seen from our website that we are seeking to expand our staff team in other ways too. Fox class has grown and with more house occupancies expected, we need to be ready for children to arrive. I am grateful that our trust has supported my request to enable this to happen. Interviews will take place over the next week for teaching staff, cleaning staff and nursery staff. Once appointments have been made I will let you know more. I would like to invite parents to a discussion meeting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45 to learn more about our proposals and have an opportunity to answer any questions.

During the cold weather last week everyone was super sensible and the safety measures put in place ensured everyone kept safe. Thank you for your co-operation. Attached to this letter is our "snow plan" with details of what would happen in the event of heavy snow. Let's hope this doesn't happen, but it's best to be prepared.

Once again, thank you for your support in helping our school become so successful.

Best wishes

Helen Tipping  
Headteacher