

**“And suddenly you know:
It’s time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.”**

A warm welcome to all our families as we begin our very first year as a school community.

Thank you everyone for making our first day such a success. The children looked so smart and happy and I was delighted so many of you could join us for our walk to school. Our school building and grounds are amazing, but so much better now they are filled with happy children, happy parents and happy staff. Thank you.

The children are settling into their new school life really well, so much so that it's hard to believe that they have only been at school a few days. New friendships have been made, systems and structures established and the Daily Mile a regular part of our school day. Naturally there have been one or two teething problems but these are being resolved. The home school link books should be with you by the end of this week in addition to reading books for all the children.

I look forward to a fantastic year ahead, working together to create a great school for your children.

Best wishes

Helen Tipping
Headteacher

School Photographs

On Friday 14th September the school photographer will be in Sherford Vale to take individual and family photographs in addition to a whole school photograph. Nursery children who are not normally in on this day are very welcome to join us for our very first whole school and class photographs. Our whole school photograph will take place at 9.30am and this will be followed by each class in turn starting with Nursery. The photographer is available for family photographs from 8.15am. Siblings that attend Sherford Vale will have their photograph taken during the day.

Meet the Teacher

On Tuesday 18th September there is an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher to learn about the year ahead.

Miss Ramsey will be available to meet all parents/carers at 3.15.

Miss Brown and Miss May will be available to meet all parents/carers at 3.45.
If you would like us to supervise your children this can be arranged.

Dates for your diary

We will update our website with all important dates for this year next week.

Here are some key dates for this month.

12 th September	First Homework
13 th September	Letter out re clubs
13 th September	Uniform pop-up shop
14 th September	School Photographs
17 th September	Clubs start
18 th September	Meet the Teacher
2 nd October	Cross Country (Years 3,4,5,6)
12 th October	Harvest Festival
17 th October	School disco
31 st October and 1 st November	Parents Evening

Roles and responsibilities

Congratulations to our two sports captains Harvey and Olivia. Also to our House Captains:

Yealm House (Yellow)	Ofelia
Erme House (Red)	James
Plym House (Blue)	Lenny
Dart House (Green)	Tom

Professor McGonagall's sorting hat helped put all the children into their house teams during Friday's assembly. As the year progresses we will have inter house competitions and sports. Individual children can gain Bronze (25), Silver (50) and Gold (75) Awards for earning House Points.

Celebration Assembly

Each Friday one person from each class will be nominated as the Class Star and receive an award. Occasionally if someone has done something really special they may receive an "Above and Beyond Award."

Children may also bring in achievements from outside school to share in assembly.

Think . Create . Ask . Succeed

Communication

Our emails are changing. You can contact us on admin@sherfordvaleschool.co.uk. Please use this address for any communication now that your children are in school.

Website www.sherfordvaleschool.co.uk

Newsletter- we will upload our Newsletter via our social media sites and our website.

Parent Pay

We are currently in the process of setting up our parent pay system. We are keeping a record of lunches and before/after school club and will invoice accordingly. Thank you for your patience!

Attendance and Holidays in term time

Attendance at school is really important, if your child is poorly please do let us know by 9.15 so we can ensure all our children are safe. We do not authorise holidays in term time.

Homework

Homework will begin this week!

Teachers will tell you more about this during our Meet the Teacher event on 18th September.

Please support your children to do their homework independently and tell us if you have any concerns.

Year 5/6 Open evenings

We have a great selection of secondary schools close by, each holding information evenings soon. Sherford Vale School is a feeder school for popular Ivybridge Community College.

Ivybridge Community College 19th

September 6.00pm

Plymstock 17th September 6.30pm

Coombe Dean School 13th September 7.00pm.

Nursery

This week our first nursery children started school, which is so lovely.

Our nursery spaces are filling fast, so if you need to book spaces for the spring or summer terms please complete the paperwork as soon as possible so we can book you in. Alternatively see Mrs Barrett in the office.

Childminder Training

Preparing to be a childminder course: This 2 ½ day course covers all the training requirements to prepare you for Ofsted registration.

The course costs £130 Course dates: **9th & 16th**

October and 13th November 2018 (held at Sherford Vale School), To book a place please contact the Early Years Team:

eycs@devon.gov.uk.

School Meals

Our school meal service is currently provided by our sister school Coombe Dean. We hope to have our very own Chef on site after the October half term.

School meals are available at £2.30 per meal, we have to admit they look and taste great! Our menu can be found on our website.

Friends of Sherford Vale School

We hope to set up our very own Friends of Sherford Vale School group.

An initial meeting for interested parents will be held in school on **Monday 17th September** at 6.00pm. We hope that you can join us to plan fun and exciting events for all our children...our first school disco has already been booked!

After School Clubs

We are busy planning lots of After School Clubs, please look out for our letter later this week.

ICC Music School

Children in Year 5 and 6 have been given a letter to bring home today, if you are interested in this please do return these tomorrow **Wednesday 12th September!**