

Dear parents/carers,

Learning

A Fresh Start to the New School Year

Welcome back to all our parents and families – we are delighted to begin another exciting year at Sherston. With Chestnut now a Year 2/3 class and Sycamore becoming a Year 5/6 class, the school has a fresh feel and plenty of opportunities for growth. Year group Science lessons are already proving a success, giving children stronger coverage of the curriculum and a chance to dive deeper into their learning. A big thank you to everyone who attended the Meet the Teacher sessions – it was wonderful to see so many of you in school and sharing in the journey ahead.

Spotlight on Reading and Writing

This year, our whole-school focus is Reading and Writing. While this takes centre stage, we would also like to remind parents of the importance of daily times table practice – by the end of Year 4, children should confidently know all tables up to 12x12. Please continue to listen to your child read daily, even in Year 6, and take time to ask questions and discuss the story. At home, children can be encouraged to keep a diary or enjoy some creative writing – little steps that will make a big difference to their learning.

Caring

Caring for Our New Receptions

A warm welcome to all our new Reception families – it is lovely to have you join our school community. The children have settled in beautifully, showing great enthusiasm for learning and play. One word that shines through is *Caring* – older children have been wonderful role models, getting to know the youngest members of our school at break and lunchtimes. It has been heartening to see this sense of kindness and responsibility flowing so naturally.

The Office on Mondays

With Mrs Glassborow no longer working on Mondays, we're pleased to welcome Ms Darker to the front office in this capacity. Although she has been a valued member of our team for several months, this is a new role for her, and she is currently familiarising herself with the many names and faces across our school community. As she settles in, we kindly ask for your patience and support while she navigates the varied responsibilities of the position. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Stavri and Mrs Greatrex-Smith for their dedication in covering Mondays last term.

Achieving

Celebrating Success, Focusing on the Future

We are proud to share the fantastic results from last year's KS2 SATs – a real achievement for our school. Once again, we were above the national average and secured an outstanding 100% in Maths. Congratulations to all the children and staff who worked so hard. As we celebrate this success, our focus now turns to this year's Year 6 class. Their preparation has begun, and it is vital that they establish good habits early to ensure they reach their full potential.

House Points & House Meetings

Our new house point system is in full swing and this week the children enjoyed their first official house meetings. Each house has a designated adult leader with the Y6 children taking up the roles of house captains. We are so excited to see this incentive launched and the children engaging so excitedly with it. By way of reminder, all house colours remain the same.

Yellow - Lovelace

Blue - Wilberforce

Red - Turing

Green - Potter

Together

Together for Crabapple Picking

It's that time of year again – we are asking families to support the school by collecting crabapples. Tracklements will donate 50p for every 1kg collected and 25p for every jar sold, with the potential to raise over £1000 for our school. This is a brilliant opportunity to work *Together* as a community and make a real difference. Every bag of crabapples helps, so thank you in advance for your support.

Get ready for the FSS Colour Run!

Join us on Friday 26th September from 4.30-6.00 pm on the school field for a colourful obstacle course.

Reception - Y4 (must have an adult present)

Y5, Y6 & Y7 (are able to come alone)

£6 (includes a drink & snack). Tickets purchased previously are still valid. If you would like a refund please email fss@sherston.wilts.sch.uk

Get your ticket now at <https://friends-of-sherston-school.sumupstore.com>

Don't miss out on the fun!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Towers