



# SHERSTON C O F E

PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning,  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a brand-new academic year at Sherston CE Primary School! We hope you've all had a fantastic summer break. The staff team and I are thrilled to see the school buzzing with life again and to welcome both familiar faces and new families into our growing school community.

There is **a lot of important information in this newsletter** (thank you for reading it carefully), but everything here will help make the term run smoothly and ensure our children have a happy, successful start.

## A Growing School

Our school continues to thrive, and we are delighted to have **128 children** with us this term! This growth is a real testament to the hard work of our staff and the supportive community around us.

We're also excited to welcome **Mrs Thomas** and **Mrs Grieve**, who are joining us as Teaching Assistants in Oak Class. They bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and we know the children will love working with them.

## Something New: House Points!

We are introducing a brand-new **House Points system** this term. It's designed to build team spirit, encourage positive behaviour, and make school life even more fun! Children will soon find out which House they belong to (although their house colour will remain the same), and we can't wait to see the healthy competition begin.

## PE Days and Kit

PE will remain a key part of our curriculum, so please make sure children come to school **wearing their PE kit on their PE days**:

- **Oak** – Tuesday & Thursday
- **Rowan** – Wednesday & Friday
- **Chestnut** – Monday & Thursday
- **Willow** – Tuesday & Wednesday
- **Sycamore** – Monday & Friday

## Uniform update:

- From **3rd September**, children should wear the **new navy PE top** (or a plain navy t-shirt).
- Old white PE tops can be recycled in the clothing bank in the car park.
- A reminder that **white socks** should only be worn on PE days or with the summer dress
- From next spring/summer, children in summer dresses should wear **dark socks (navy, grey, or black)**.

Thank you for supporting us with these small changes – it makes a big difference in keeping our school looking smart and consistent.

## Parent Helpers Needed – Theatre Trips

We are very lucky to be taking the children to the theatre this term! These experiences are such an important part of their learning and creativity. If you can help on either of the following trips, please contact the office:

- **KS2 – *The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe* – Thursday 18th September**
- **EYFS & KS1 – *The Three Little Pigs* – Wednesday 24th September**

Please email: [admin@sherston.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sherston.wilts.sch.uk) if you are available to join us. Your help makes these trips possible!

## Art Competition – Deadline Reminder

This year's **Apple Day Bottle Label Design Competition** is in full swing! All entries need to be handed to class teachers by **Friday 5th September**. Please make sure your child's **name and class** are clearly written on the back.

Miss Ponting will be judging entries alongside Eleanor Lines (Sustainable Sherston) on Friday – good luck to everyone taking part!

## Meet the Teacher Sessions

These sessions are a great opportunity to find out more about your child's learning this year and ask any questions you may have. All sessions take place in **Maple Class at 9am**:

- **Monday 8th** – Rowan
- **Tuesday 9th** – Oak
- **Wednesday 10th** – Willow
- **Thursday 11th** – Sycamore
- **Friday 12th** – Chestnut

We really encourage you to come along if you can – your involvement makes such a difference.

## Healthy Snacks Reminder

A little reminder that we are a **nut-free school**. Healthy snacks for morning break include:

- **Fresh fruit** (whole or chopped)
- **Veg sticks** (carrot, cucumber, pepper, celery)
- **Cheese cubes/Babybel**
- **Hard-boiled eggs**
- **Wholegrain crackers, oatcakes, breadsticks, pitta**

Please avoid sweets, chocolate, crisps, cereal bars, tinned fruit in syrup, or sticky dried fruit.

Thank you for supporting us in keeping our snack choices healthy!

## Muddy Hands is Back!

We are delighted that **Muddy Hands** is relaunching this term with Miss Linda at the helm. She has created an exciting programme, bringing back the outdoor learning experiences that so many children loved in previous years. Please read the attached letter for all the details.

## Site Improvements

A huge amount of work has gone into improving our school over the summer:

- **New heating system** to keep us warm in winter
- **Electric Velux windows with electric blinds** in classrooms – helping us stay cool in summer and improving ventilation
- A big thank you to **Mike Pope and Sustainable Sherston** for maintaining our Green Fingers garden over the break
- Mike has also nearly completed the new **'Club House'** for Green Fingers Club (a big treat for our ever-popular club!)
- We've also removed the fencing around Rowan Class to create a bigger playground space

We are incredibly grateful for the support and hard work that has gone into making our school environment even better for the children.

## Key Dates

An updated **Key Dates document** is attached. Any changes have been highlighted in **yellow** for your convenience.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter – we really appreciate your support in keeping on top of everything. It's going to be a fantastic year at Sherston, and we can't wait to share it with you and your children.

Kind regards,

Mr Towers