

Dear parents,

## Learning

### Welcome Back – A Term Full of Learning!

Welcome back after what we hope was a restful half term break! This term promises to be full of rich learning experiences across the school. We encourage all parents to continue supporting their child at home by reading regularly together, practising spellings, and working on times tables – these small habits make a huge difference. A big thank you to everyone who attended this week's Maths Workshop; your engagement plays a vital role in helping your child build confidence and understanding. At Sherston, we believe that learning goes beyond the classroom – it's about discovering how to *be*: to play, explore, visit new places, and stay active. Every experience contributes to your child's growth and development, both academically and personally.

### Daring to Try, Learn, and Grow

Our school value for this term is *Courage*. Throughout the coming weeks, we'll be encouraging children to show bravery in many different ways – whether that's having the confidence to try something new, standing up for what is right, or persevering when things feel challenging. Courage isn't just about big, bold actions; it's often found in the quiet moments when children push themselves to keep going or share their ideas in class. We'll be exploring stories, discussions, and activities that help children understand what courage looks like in everyday life, both in school and beyond.

## Caring

### Remembering Together

This week and next, we have been selling poppies to support the Royal British Legion and to help our children reflect on the importance of Remembrance. We are very much looking forward to attending the village Remembrance Service on Sunday and would like to thank all parents who have signed their child up to take part. Please remember that children should wear their school uniform and poppy, meeting at the Scout Hut at 10:30am. With no army presence in the parade this year, it's especially important that our children help uphold this act of remembrance within our community.

### A Well-Deserved Staff Welfare Week

The week of 17th November will be dedicated to Staff Welfare Week. As the Christmas term is always an especially busy and demanding one, this initiative encourages staff to prioritise their well-being by starting later and leaving earlier. Parents, please note that teachers will not be available for meetings during this time. We thank you for your understanding and support as we ensure our staff remain refreshed and ready to continue delivering the best for your children throughout this busy festive period.

## Achieving

### Pedalling Towards Independence

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who have completed their Bikeability course! This essential training teaches children how to ride safely and confidently on the roads – an important life skill that promotes both independence and awareness. A huge thank you to Mrs Glassborow for her tireless efforts in ensuring this valuable course continues to run at Sherston. We are so proud of how sensibly and enthusiastically the children have approached this exciting opportunity.

## Together

### A Busy and Joyful Term Ahead!

As we head into this busy and joyful term, there is so much to look forward to in the run-up to Christmas. Next week, we will be celebrating our Art Festival, with children taking part in creative projects throughout the week. We also have Children in Need coming up, providing another wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community. With so much happening, we ask parents to please check the *Key Dates* document carefully to ensure nothing is missed – it's going to be a fantastic, festive few weeks ahead!

### Smart and Ready to Learn – Updated Uniform Expectations

We would like to draw parents' attention to our updated uniform policy, which is **attached** to this newsletter and can also be found [here](#). Following some confusion last year around sock colours, we would like to clarify that children are expected to wear **navy or dark socks** with their school uniform – this includes when wearing the summer dress. Consistency in our uniform helps children feel a strong sense of belonging and pride in being part of Sherston Primary School. We have also added clear guidance around the wearing of makeup, which should **not be worn in school**, including nail varnish. Thank you for supporting us in maintaining high standards and ensuring our children come to school smart, ready to learn, and representing our school with pride.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Towers