



## Sharples Primary School

*Resourced for the Visually Impaired  
Stronger Together*

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The Sharples family ensures our children are resilient learners, healthy and aspirational citizens. We will create a love of lifelong learning that extends beyond the classroom as a result of an enriching curriculum. The school community will make a difference by fostering respect and tolerance of each other as unique individuals.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

21.10.22

The first part of the autumn term has flown by and school has been really busy. After the holidays, school will not have access to the texting service – all information will be sent via Weduc.

### Completing Online Applications for Reception 2023

If you know of any friends / family who are looking at primary school admissions for next academic year, we have an open day booked for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November between 9am – 11am. If you would like help completing an online application form, please contact the office to arrange an appointment.



### Change of details

We are updating our contact detail forms- if you have changed your mobile number or moved house please inform school straight away.

### Earrings

Since the return from the holidays we have noticed that some children are wearing earrings on their PE days. For health and safety reasons, children cannot participate in PE activities if they are wearing earrings. Following recent guidance, school can no longer place plasters/ tape over the earrings, as this is not proven to stop accidents occurring. We recognise that some children might have had their ears pierced over the summer holidays so could not remove their earrings before now. Please can you ensure that on the days your child has PE they do not come to school in their earrings.

### PE days:

Reception - Tuesday

Year 1- Monday and Tuesday

Year 2 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 3 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 – Monday and Thursday



### Parents evening

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening. We really appreciate your support and how we can work together to ensure the best outcomes for all children. We would also like to say a huge thank you for supporting our charity bake sale and non uniform – we will let you know how much was raised after the holiday.

### Car park



Thank you to all the parents who park sensibly or walk to school – we really appreciate your support in keeping children safe. Unfortunately, we have had a few parents driving up to the car park and reversing the car on the car park whilst children are leaving school. Safety is of paramount importance so when we come back after the holidays the gates will remain closed and parents and children from Y1 and Y2 will walk down the steps and exit via the pedestrian gates.

### Reading

The importance of reading cannot be underestimated. Children need to be able to learn to read so that they can read to learn.



### THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

- 1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.**  
After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do, and reading is no different.
- 2. Reading exercises our brain.**  
Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections.
- 3. Reading improves concentration.**  
Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If the read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.
- 4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.**  
Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.
- 5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.**  
Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.
- 6. Reading develops a child's imagination.**  
As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.
- 7. Reading helps children to develop empathy.**  
As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.
- 8. Reading is a fun.**  
A book or an e-reader doesn't take up much space and is light to carry, so you take it anywhere so you can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.
- 9. Reading is a great way to spend time together.**  
Reading together on the sofa, bedtimes stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.
- 10. Children who read achieve better in school.**  
Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

**Dates for the Diary** – specific information about times and prices to follow:

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	EYFS reading breakfast
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu jabs
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 9.05am	Y6 assembly – parents welcome to stay for a drink afterwards
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS stay and play
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Panto trip
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and KS1 Panto trip
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December pm	EYFS/ KS1 nativity tickets available soon
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December am	EYFS/ KS1 nativity tickets available soon
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Snow White Production tickets available soon
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Class parties
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Carols around the tree
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of term finish at 2pm.

Have a lovely half term break.

Kind regards,

Mrs Partington  
Head Teacher

