



Sharples Primary School

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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.

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Transitions and School Leavers

Once again, the staff team have worked their magic, ensuring that all the children across school had a positive transition experience in their new class. The teachers, support assistant and cohorts of children loved working together and produced some wonderful work and made some great memories. The year 6 class all had positive experiences with their own secondary school transitions. It is safe to say that all the children have an excellent secondary experience ahead of them.

Nursery had their very own assembly where the children celebrated their nursery journey in readiness for school. It was great to see how mature and prepared they are for the new school year. Not all our pre-school children will move to Sharples reception class, however they have all had a fantastic transition, meeting with their new class members and teachers.

New School Members

I am thrilled to welcome some new children into Nursery, Reception, Year 3 and Year 5. Starting a new school can bring many differing emotions to the surface. I am really confident that all our newbies will love our school and look forward to returning every day. The children across school are fantastic at supporting our new arrivals and working together to make them feel right at home. In the first couple of weeks of the new term, parents and carers will be welcome to visit their child's class and view their learning environment, work and meet their child's class teacher.

Parking and Walking to School

Please can I also remind children that road network around school at pick up and drop off times are extremely busy. Staff are present to provide additional support regarding traffic and safe transition into the school premises.

Parents are responsible for making the decision for the children to either walk by their side, or run a head. Allowing children to run ahead and cross the road independently, especially for our younger aged pupils is of huge concern around these busy collections and drop off times.

School Uniform

Our expectations for the next academic year continue to remain high for all children and I would like to thank you on ensuring your child comes to school in the correct uniform. Following national work around the cost of uniforms, the Governing Body will be reviewing our uniform requirements next year, we do have the option of non-badged jumpers and polo shirts. When the children are wearing shorts, these can be a fitted or a relaxed fit but must be a length at mid-thigh down to their knee. Some children, particularly girls, are wearing shorts that are significantly higher than mid-thigh and on some occasions not noticeable due to their jumper hanging low.

Our school policy for the children's uniform can be found on the school website.

Curriculum Achievements

The school team continue to inspire me and the children with their creativity, resourcefulness and knowledge of the curriculum and world around them.

Our main school celebrations this year, have been as follows:

Gold Sports award

Eco Green Flag award

Silver woodland award

Lamda exams

Everyone a leader award

In a recent safeguarding review, all pupils who were spoken to with had positive views about school. They said that 'teachers are kind' and that 'learning is fun.' Nearly all said that the work set for them in English and Maths was at the right level of difficulty for them. This really supports us being confident that we know our children. All children felt safe in school.

Our whole school activities have once again filled the school and community with joy and love for learning. Sports Day was a huge success and it was excellent to see you being part of the learning journey of your child, development and growth.

The children, staff and families of school, and in particular those linked to Year 6, will agree with me what a very proud moment it was to watch our wonderful Y6 leavers showcase 'The Wizard of Oz'. A truly spectacular performance from a wonderful cohort of children. I have no doubt that these children will go on to become truly courageous advocates and valued members of our communities.

School Data Achievements

We are very proud of all our children this year and we can see how much progress they have made. National assessments for Reception, Phonics, Year 2, Year 4 multiplication form and Year 6 have shown tremendous achievement.

School Improvement Themes

As we move into the new academic year our achievements will be reflected upon. From doing so, we are then able to determine our improvement themes for the year ahead. We are a school built on the foundation of 'lifelong learning' and share with all stakeholders the importance of continued reflection

and improvement. Our school improvement themes for the next academic year will be shared in the new year.

Staffing Update

Many of you will now be aware that we have some new members of the teaching team joining us and they have already started to introduce themselves to you all.

Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant Deployment		
Nursery	Miss Hamer	Mrs Rushton and Ms Knight
Reception	Miss Gillespie	Mrs Pollitt and Mrs Gija
Year 1	Mrs Tomany	Mrs Owens
Year 2	Mrs Bradshaw	Ms Knight and Mrs Johnson
Year 3	Miss Burns	Mrs Adam and Mrs Mayat
Year 4	Miss Slater	Mrs Mayat
Year 5	Mrs Tomlinson	Mrs Giovanazzi and Mrs Munshi
Year 6	Mr Slater Mr Lloyd	Mrs Corbett

Once again, please join me in wishing our departing staff the very best of luck in their next chapter. So many exciting times for our outgoing staff. We are very lucky to have had you in our staff team.

Return in September

Children should return to school on Tuesday 5th September. We will have a staggered start where children can come on to the premises between 8.40-8.45am. Parents will still drop their children off at the gate in the morning, both gates can be used. All classes will continue to use their classroom doors to exit at the end of the day. School will finish for all children at 3:15pm.

As always we ask that parents do not park on Hugh Lupus or drive up so that we can keep our children safe.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy summer holidays. Stay safe, continue to make family memories and I cannot wait to see you all in the new academic year. Once again, a huge 'thanks' to the staff, children and families for making this another successful school year for us all.

Take care,

Mrs Partington
Head Teacher

