



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,

26.10.23

The first part of the autumn term has flown by and school has been really busy. The children have settled well and we have seen lots of learning and progress being made.

Completing Online Applications for Reception 2023

If you know of any friends / family who are looking at primary school admissions for next academic year, please ask them to contact the office to make an appointment to come and have a look around school. Admissions need to be completed online no later than 15th January: [Apply online for a school place – Bolton Council](#)

We have also arranged a stay and play for prospective children and parents.



CHANGE of ADDRESS

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 and PE

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.

All children should now be wearing the new purple PE tops. Please note

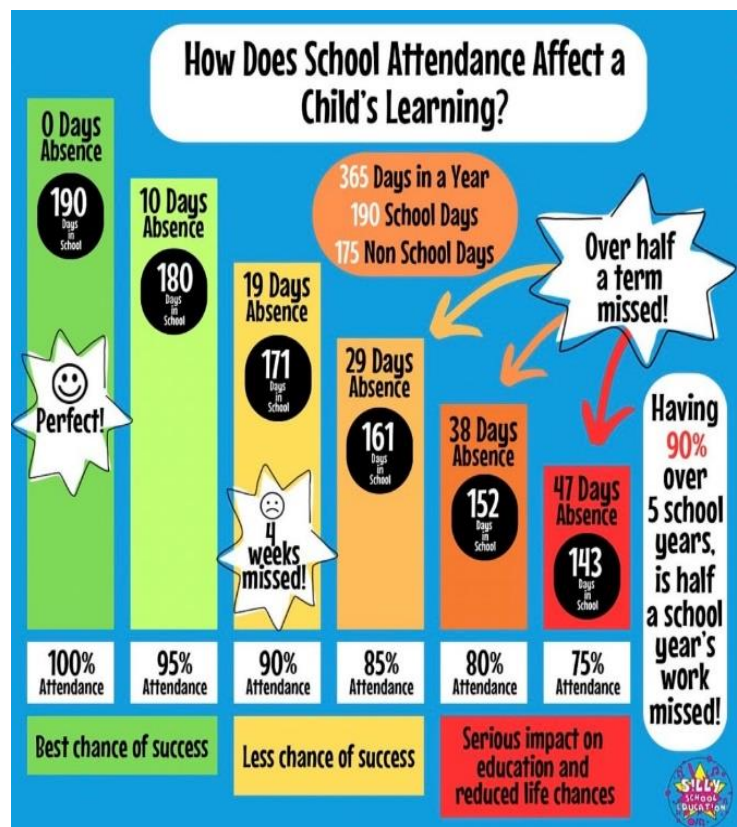
Astroturf trainers cannot be worn for school. If your child comes in them, we will be ringing for replacements to be brought in to school.



PE days:

PE DAYS AUTUMN 2

NURSERY - FRIDAY
RECEPTION - TUESDAY GYMNASTICS
YEAR 1 - MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY
YEAR 2 - MONDAY AND TUESDAY
YEAR 3 - TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
YEAR 4 - WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
YEAR 5 - WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
YEAR 6 - WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY



Parking

Thank you to all the parents who park sensibly or walk to school – we really appreciate your support in keeping children safe.

PARKING

There has been an increase in parking issues, in an around school. Highway Code breaches are as follows:

- Parking/stopping on yellow zig zag lines.
- Parking on a single yellow line without a blue badge.
- Parking across driveways
- Leaving your car on whilst you are parked up.

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 brain 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 –

We have tried to give as much advance notice as possible this year and have created an overview of events across the year. We will endeavor to stick to the dates but there may be times when dates need to change.

Have a lovely half term break.

Kind regards,

Mrs Partington
Head Teacher

