



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 and Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you well and ready to celebrate the end of what has been a very long autumn term.

As we reflect on the past few months, one thing that stands out is the incredible progress our children have made. Looking back at the children's books, it is truly mind blowing to see the breadth, depth, and variety of learning that has taken place, our children have truly excelled in every subject.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge the dedication and enthusiasm of our children in attending our lunchtime and after school clubs. The number of children participating in these extracurricular activities has been fantastic. It is heart-warming to see their eagerness to learn and grow outside of the regular school hours.

This term has presented some challenges for us in terms of attendance. Illness and other factors have contributed to increased absences, and we have noticed a rise in lateness. I want to remind everyone that the school day officially begins at 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm, in line with the Government's expectations. To help with the smooth running of the school, we offer a 'soft' opening and we are extending this with the gates being opened at 8.35 until 8.45. It is essential that your child is in school and in the classroom at 8.45. Children in reception will now make their own way up to the classroom with parents leaving them at the bottom of the steps.

Looking ahead, I would like to emphasise that we will continue to not authorise any holiday leave during term time. Our Attendance Policy clearly outlines the penalty notice protocol for leave that exceeds the specified periods. If your child arrives late on multiple occasions, you may receive a warning letter and be asked to meet with a member of the senior leadership team to discuss the reasons for the lateness. We are always willing to work with you to find solutions if there are genuine difficulties. However, persistent lateness may result in a meeting with the local authority's educational welfare officer (EWO) and the potential issuance of a fixed penalty notice.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to each and every one of you for your patience, assistance, and cooperation during our Christmas activities. This time of year can be incredibly chaotic, and we understand that things can sometimes be missed, misread, or miscommunicated. However, your unwavering support has made all the difference, ensuring that our events and celebrations ran smoothly and were enjoyed by all. From our delightful Bethlehem Bakeoff, where our talented young actors brought the story of Christmas to life, to our festive stay Panto where we saw lots of humor and adult participation to the school carols around the Christmas Tree. The

enthusiasm and dedication of our children, staff, and parents have truly made this a memorable season for everyone involved.

All the money raised this term, will go towards purchasing outdoor equipment for the children to use on the field.

I would like to say a thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire, this was extremely positive with 100% of parents saying that their child does well at school and 98% saying their child is happy and safe. If you ever need to chat with a member of staff or member of the SLT please ring the office and make an appointment.

The latest school information has been published and we are extremely proud of our results. Your children are achieving amazing results and the school has very high expectations for all our children. To enhance this further, in the New Year we are starting to introduce an aspirations curriculum which entails looking at different careers and what the jobs need.



As we move forward into the next term, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for all that is to come. I am confident that with the continued support of our dedicated staff, parents, and guardians, our children will achieve new heights of success and continue to flourish academically and personally.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and commitment to our school community. Together, we can ensure that Sharple's remains a place where children can thrive, learn, and make cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

Please complete the form below if you would like to go in the draw to be able to attend a Bolton Wanderers match. You need to do this by entering your child's name and contact number under each individual match. The week before each match a draw will be held in school and the person selected will be able to collect the 4 tickets from the school office. These must be returned to school the following school day. Please only enter your child's name and contact number underneath the matches that you are certain that you can attend. Your family is able to enter the draw for as many of the matches as you like, but if you are successful your name will be removed from subsequent draws to allow other families to be able to benefit. This form will need to be completed by 12pm on Tuesday 9th January. Many thanks and good luck. <https://forms.gle/8ZDPd3sC3FPSeswR6>

Have a lovely holiday and Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th January 2024.

Mrs Partington and the staff team

