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Newsletter

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Reception 2018

If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 you will need to apply for a place at primary school for 2018 - 2019. You can apply at any time up **until 15th January 2018**. If you apply after that date your application will only be considered when everyone else's has been dealt with so you may not get a place at your preferred school. Even if you have one child in school already you must still apply for a place for each subsequent child.

Before applying you should read the TIPS 5 booklet, which is available to download from the website <http://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/admissions/>. This contains details of the application process and the admission criteria for each primary school. You will also need to complete the Common Application Form.

The online application process is available between 1st November 2017 and 15th January 2018. This is the quickest and easiest way to apply. You will need to have an e-mail account to apply on-line. If you do not want to apply on-line you can complete a paper Common Application Form CAF 2 and take it to your local Connections Office (Paignton). Remember to keep a copy for yourself and ask the Connections staff to date stamp your copy. Alternatively you can send it by post to: Admissions & Student Services, First Floor South, Tor Hill House c/o Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR. Enclose a stamped, addressed postcard if you want to know that they have received your form. Paper forms are available from Connections Office (Paignton) or from Admissions and Student Services.

The national allocation date is **16th April 2018**.

Kitchen Porter Vacancy - permanent

Grade A, spinal column point 6 (£7.78 per hour) 7.5 hours per week

Sherwell Valley Primary School is recruiting a Kitchen Porter to support our existing friendly, hard-working and dedicated team. If you, or you know someone who may be interested in this post please complete an application form which can be collected from the School Office.

The role will involve cleaning all areas of the kitchen following hygiene processes, including a significant level of washing and clearing up duties to ensure the smooth running of a kitchen serving over 300 children and staff each day. They will need to be good communicators and team workers, demonstrated in their contact with staff and co-workers. Ideally, we are looking for someone with experience of catering although this is not essential as full training will be given.

Sherwell Valley Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children who attend, we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Therefore, before an appointment is made the position is subject to a full enhanced DBS check with child barred list check. Medical checks and two suitable references will also be required before an offer of appointment can be made.

If you have a concern about your child

This is Sherwell Valley's policy regarding concerns about your child in school.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher before school please do not try to access the classrooms but go to The School Office, write a message on the message forms available in the rack by the doors and your message will be passed rapidly to your child's teacher.

If you would like a conversation with your child's class teacher please speak to them when they bring the children out at the end of the school day or request an appointment at a mutually convenient time. Thank you.

Step 1: Meet with your child's class teacher

Step 2: Most issues are resolved through a conversation with the class teacher. If you are still concerned please ask to meet with the Assistant Head Teacher, Mrs Gaywood or Mr Briant or Mr Kingston Deputy Head Teacher.

Step 3: If you are still concerned please request an appointment with the Head Teacher through the School Office.

Free School Meals – can you claim your free school uniform voucher?

Did you know that parents are able to apply for free school meals online? You can apply online at www.torbay.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals via a computer, mobile phone or tablet device. If you think your child may qualify for free school meals please visit their website and check for more information. The school receives extra money from the government if you qualify for free school meals which enables us to support your child in other events such as payment for school meals, trips and residential trips. Even if your child doesn't have a school meal it could mean that a considerable reduction for a residential trip is paid by you. **We are also giving all families who qualify a voucher for £25.00 to spend on school uniform in Riviera Schooldays where you can buy uniform items up to this value (one voucher per year given in the Summer term).** If you are in receipt of Income Support, Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit or Income-based Job Seekers Allowance you may qualify for free school meals so visit the website above to make your application.

Online Payments

We use the online payment system Schoolcomms Gateway which provides parents with a convenient way to make payments to school when it suits you. You will also be able to see a history of all the transactions you make for your child and you will receive an email receipt in your inbox when you make a payment, if you have registered your email address with the school.

We would appreciate, where possible, that payment for trips, school meals etc. are paid by this method. This reduces the amount of cash going through the school office and ultimately the amount of banking of cash and cheques. It will also provide you with a clear history of your transactions. To activate your account please go to www.schoolgateway.com and click "I'm a new user". If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Medical Conditions

If your child has any medical conditions that the school should be aware of, please complete and sign a Health Care Plan (HCP) form available from the Office. Completed forms should be returned to the Office as soon as possible. Please ensure that you update your child's form in the event of any changes to information. It would be useful for the First Aid Staff if we were to have a small photograph attached to the form. Also, if your child suffers from asthma please check that they have an in date and full inhaler in school.

Medical Appointments

Medical appointments must be confirmed by production of the appointment card/letter please. It would be appreciated if you could present the letter when collecting your child from the School Office. Siblings should not be taken at the same time unless the appointment is very close to the end of the day.

Medicines Form

Please fill in a green form for any medicine, which you want your child to take at school. To ensure that our records are up to date, we need you to complete a new green form each September for on-going medication, e.g. inhalers. The medicine and green form should be taken to the School Office at the beginning of the day where it will be kept safely and should be collected at the end of the day.

Open Classrooms

Year Group	Date	Time
Nursery	2 nd February	2.50 pm
Reception	8 th February	2.45 pm
Year 1	5 th February	2.50 pm
Year 2	6 th February	2.45 pm
Year 3	7 th February	3.00 pm
Year 4	1 st February	3.00 pm
Year 5	2 nd February	3.00 pm
Year 6	9 th February	3.00 pm

Dates for your Diary

2018			
Feb	9 th	School closes for Half Term	3.20/3.25 pm
	19 th	School opens	8.50 am
Mar	6 th	Parents' Evening	4.00 – 6.30 pm
	8 th	Parents' Evening	4.00 – 6.30 pm
	28 th	School closes for Easter break	3.20/3.25 pm
Apr	16 th	School opens	8.50 am
	17 th	Year 2 Residential - Cockington	
	18 th	Year 2 Residential - Cockington	
May	4 th	School closed – INSET Day	
	7 th	School closed – Bank Holiday (May Day)	
	w/c 14 th	SATS week	
	w/c 14 th	Year 3 Residential – Pixies' Holt	
	19 th	FOSV Spring Fair	
	25 th	School closes for Half Term	3.20/3.25 pm
June	4 th	School opens	8.50 am
	w/c 4 th	Year 6 Residential - France	
	w/c 18 th	Year 4 Residential - London	

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

Sherwell Valley Primary School

2017/2018



SEPTEMBER

Mon	4	11	18	25	
Tues	5	12	19	26	
Wed	6	13	20	27	
Thur	7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	

OCTOBER

Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tues	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
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NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		Inset Day	

Term 1: 4 th September 2017 – 20 th October 2017	35 days
Term 2: 30 th October 2017 – 15 th December 2017	35 days
Term 3: 2 nd January 2018 – 9 th February 2018	29 days
Term 4: 19 th February 2018 – 29 th March 2018	29 days
Term 5: 16 th April 2018 – 25 th May 2018	29 days
Term 6: 4 th June 2018 – 25 th July 2018	38 days
Total days	195 days
Minus 5 Inset Days	190 days

Christmas	- 25 th & 26 th Dec 17
New Year Bank Holiday	- 1 st January 2018
Good Friday	- 30 th March 2018
Easter Monday	- 2 nd April 2018
May Day Holiday	- 7 th May 2018
Spring Bank Holiday	- 28 th May 2018
Summer Bank Holiday	- 27 th August 2018

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