



Headteacher's News

It is incredibly hard to believe that I have been at Sherwell Valley for half a term already! I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for making me feel so very welcome and for making coming to work every day an absolute pleasure. I have really enjoyed getting to know the children, over the last eight weeks, and they are a wonderful bunch. Enthusiastic, caring, inquisitive and friendly are just a few of the words that I could readily choose to describe them.

Looking ahead to the rest of this term, there are lots of exciting activities coming up. Please do try, if at all possible, to support the school and the children by attending as many of the performances and events as you possibly can. The first of these is on Monday when we will be holding our fireworks display and bonfire. I, for one, am really looking forward to the evening although the 'high vis' illuminous yellow jacket that has been put aside for me to wear is almost a step too far!

As always, my door is open and I am genuinely keen to work as proactively with parents and carers as I possibly can. I believe very strongly that the partnership between home and school is hugely important and that we should do as much as possible to make this flourish. Our aim at Sherwell Valley is to create the most outstanding education that we can for your children and this will only be strengthened by your engagement and investment in their time in school.

Best wishes

Mrs Jayne Keller.



Upcoming Events

November:

- 5/11 – Firework Night
- 7/11 – Book Fair arrives
- 9/11 - Yr 5/6 Cinema Trip
- 12/11 – Parent's Evening
- 14/11 – New Parents Show
Around (2019 intake)
- 14/11 – Parent's Evening
- 15/11 – Individual + Family
Photos
- 20/11 – Shakespeare
School's Festival
(Princess Theatre)
- 30/11 – MP visiting Yr 6

December:

- 8/12 – Xmas Trail (FOSV)
- 11/12 and 13/12 – Nursery +
LV Xmas Show
- 14/12 – School Disco
- 17/12 – Yr R Kent's Cavern
- 17/12 – Nativities:
5pm – Yr 1/2
7pm – Yr 3/4
- 19/12 – Yr 1/2 Pennywell
Trip
- 20/12 – Nativities:
5pm – Nursery+Yr R
7pm – Yr 5/6
- 21/12 – End of Term**

School Clubs

- Mon:** Yr 5/6 Girl's Football
- Tues:** Yr 5/6 Boy's Football
Yr 5/6 Netball Club
Shakespeare Club
STEM Club
- Weds:** No clubs
- Thurs:** Yr 3/4 Boy's Football
Homework Club (KS2)
Athletots (Yr2)
- Fri:** Yr 2 Football Club

Attendance this week:

Congratulations to the classes who top the attendance charts this week:

3L: 98.9% 3J: 98.2% 5L: 98.6%

Fireworks Night (FOSV)

It's that time of year again! The weather's looking good so we look forward to seeing lots of you here on Monday night to enjoy the show.

As always we'd like to say a massive thank you to all of the committee members of FOSV as well as those who volunteer on the night – the event can't happen without all of this support and every year FOSV raise an amazing amount of money for the school from this (and the other events they run – including last night's school discos).

We are expecting the event to sell out again and **tickets will not be available to buy on the night** so the best way to get your tickets is to buy them online at:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/boxoffice/select/KjrFYTDGuCRV>

The gates will be open from 5pm with the display starting around 6:30.

There will be delicious food stalls including burgers, hotdogs, fish & chips, sausage rolls, pasties, jacket potatoes and a hog roast as well as multiple hot and cold drinks, popcorn, sweets and refreshments.

Doodle Maths

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, I have been researching programs, apps and ways in which to develop pupils' attainment and understanding of times tables and mathematical concepts. You should have received an email containing information about a new program called Doodle Maths, with a survey to complete too. If you'd like to find out more please see their website: <https://www.doodlemaths.com>

Owen in 5B had been trialling the apps for me and commented – "Doodle Maths is great because it lets you choose what level you feel you are before you star. It encourages little children (and older ones too!) with the stars you can collect, which are exciting. I have collected over 40 stars now! It also has a timer so it knows which questions you have found more difficult and took you longer."

Ground Force News

This week, our after school club, Ground Force, had an extremely busy and productive hour around our school grounds. We had 5 teams working on activities, making our grounds a better place for us all. One group had fun clearing leaves from the infant playground for composting, filling 10 bin bags!

Another determined team started clearing our wild flower area on the junior playground ready for new planting. We had a trio of enthusiastic litter pickers, collecting 3 bags full! Another group enjoyed shovelling and shifting woodchip into our woodland to line the pathways and the last eager group carried on with our new woodland mini beast hotel. All the teams worked really well together, getting lots done.

They were rewarded with drinks and biscuits and were excited to be the first to see our new set of additional cabin lights! Well done and thank you, Ground Forcers!

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