



## Headteacher's end of term update – Mrs Keller

It is hard to believe that I have reached the end of my first proper year at Sherwell Valley. The last year has been the most wonderful one of my career so far and being the headteacher of such an amazing school is the greatest of privileges. I have enjoyed seeing the children flourish and grow in confidence and it has been lovely to get to know so many of them over the months since I started.

Having spent much of the last week in hospital with my poorly one year old, I have been reminded of just how wonderfully unique and precious our children really are. This particularly resonated whilst watching the year 6 children at their graduation ceremony yesterday. The talents, memories and pride displayed by both the children and their families was moving to see and I truly wish every one of those fabulous children the very best as they move on to the next stage of their school careers.

### Upcoming Events

**04/09 – BACK TO SCHOOL!!**

Alongside the year 6 leavers we also have several staff members to say goodbye to. In year 5, Miss Lockyer and Mrs Northern are moving on to pastures new and we would like to thank them for all of the hard work that they have put in to teaching the children in their classes this year. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Warner who has been supporting children at Sherwell Valley for nearly six years. Mrs Warner has worked incredibly hard to build strong relationships with some of our most vulnerable children and I know that she will be very missed by them.

Mrs Seabrook, one of our talented Higher Level Teaching Assistants is leaving Sherwell after eight years of service to the school. During that time she has helped countless children through small group and individual work as well as taking whole classes during their teacher's PPA time. Mrs Skelton also joined the school 8 years ago and has been a well loved and respected teacher during her time here. Having returned from maternity leave at half term, Mrs Skelton has taken the exciting decision to take a break from teaching in order to focus on the more than full time role of being a mum.

Finally, and after 14 years of teaching at Sherwell Valley, Mrs Taylor is leaving in order to take up a teaching post at a school in Exeter. Her new school is much closer to home and also happens to be the school that her children attend which is, I'm sure, a huge bonus for both her and them! During her time at SVPS, Mrs Taylor has held a number of teaching and leadership roles. Most recently, she has been an outstanding member of the year 6 team who have worked tirelessly to ensure that every child achieves the very best that they can. Mrs Taylor has also been a key member of our English leadership team and her passion and drive to progress children's literacy learning has led to huge improvements in the teaching of reading and writing across the school. I am sure that we all wish every one of those staff members the very best as they move on from Sherwell Valley.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the support that you have given me since I started in my role. It matters hugely to me that we work together to do the very best for every single one of the children in our care and I am grateful for the partnership that exists between the school and you as parents.

Have a lovely summer holiday and see you all in September. **Mrs Keller**

### **FOSV news – Summer Fayre**

We would like to pass on our thanks to everyone who helped out at the Summer Fayre a couple of weeks ago – the children's 'enterprise' stands were amazing and everyone had a wonderful time!

We haven't quite finished totting everything up yet but we look to have made just under £2,000 which is a great effort for the afternoon/evening.

As always, we're looking for extra people to be on the FOSV committee, if you are interested in helping us out during the next school year, please let the office know – we'd love to see you in September. **FOSV**

### **Care Bears – in September**

With the introduction of Care Bears for Nursery children we have decided that we will be able to offer Breakfast Club and After School Club much better by moving this to the Infant Hall and what currently is Little Valley in September.

In the mornings, children will need to be dropped off and signed in at the Foundation Stage entrance (where Reception children currently go in every morning) and when collecting in the evenings you will "buzz" in at the current Nursery entrance to collect your child(ren).

If you have any questions or need any more information about any of this please let us know.

**The Office.**

### **School contact details over the Summer**

If you do need to contact the school over the Summer the best way to do this is via email: [admin@svps1.com](mailto:admin@svps1.com) this email address will be checked periodically over the holidays but please don't expect an immediate response. Although the children return to school on Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Sept the school will be open again from the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, if at all possible please leave any contact until then. **Thanks, The Office.**

If you have any Safeguarding concerns over the Summer Holidays please contact NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

### **School Playing Field – access over the Summer Holiday**

This Summer we will be opening up the school field every Wednesday from 11am - 2pm for school children to come and enjoy the school grounds and use the fixed play equipment we have on the playgrounds.

Children will need to be supervised by their adults at all times (this must be a parent/carer over the age of 16 rather than an older sibling) and only children of Sherwell Valley and their younger siblings are invited to attend. A member of staff will be on site but will not be responsible for any children that come into the grounds during these times.

This could be a great opportunity for children to touch base with school and friends over the long Summer Holidays and may help support them with their transition in coming back to school in September. You are more than welcome to bring games, footballs and even picnics if you wish, please just ensure you look after any equipment you use and tidy up after yourselves and others.

We look forward to seeing you then and if not during the holiday, when we all return in September.

Many thanks, **Mrs Sennett**

## Sherwell Valley's Got Talent

Many of us in school and the parents of those involved were lucky enough to see the children strut their stuff on stage this week as they performed a variety of skills and talents in our own SVGT competition. We watched so many children perform amazing acts - singing, dancing, ventriloquism/comedy, we saw the lot – it was a real privilege and reminder of how many truly, talented and dedicated children we have in our school.

After a rigorous audition and finals the champions were, George in Year 6 with his remarkable piano and singing solo and Isla in year 1 with her rendition of "It's a hard knock life" (pictured opposite). Thanks to all the children who took part and the families that supported them – it was magnificent! **Mr K.**



## Top Attendance – THIS YEAR!

2M – 97.5%

6W – 97.1%

4AB – 96.6%

Well done to 2M for being the best attending class across the whole school!



## Doodle Maths – new accounts

For those of you who have recently paid for a Doodle Maths account on the School Gateway there should be an envelope coming home this evening with log in details on for the new account. If you don't receive these or have any questions please let us know. **The Office.**

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