



SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1 - JANUARY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term. We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break. It has been fantastic to welcome the children back to school and hear all about what they have been up to over the holidays. We would like to say a massive thank you for all of your support at the end of last term, especially with the FOSV Christmas Fayre, this made an amazing £604. Thank you FOSV for organising this. If you would like to join our Friends of Sherwell Valley team, please do contact the school office. It was also wonderful to hear our children singing and performing both at school and at Upton Vale Baptist Church during the last week of term. They were all wonderful and performed with such confidence. Thank you for your support, it was great to have our school community coming together to celebrate.

We have had a great start to the new year with our History Learning Enquiry. The children have also been amazing at sharing lots of the previous learning from last term and talking about all that they have enjoyed. The children have worked extremely hard on their writing this half term, I have been really lucky over the past few weeks as lots of the children have been down to share their fabulous writing, it has been a real privilege to congratulate them on their progress and see the pride they take in their learning. Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Cristy Nelson

Headteacher

Pupil Voice This week our School Councilors have been sharing their ideas about learning;

'We make sure we try hard and it's important to learn from our mistakes.'

'Anyone can achieve anything. Inspirational people and stories inspire us!'



Christmas at Sherwell Valley





Notice Board

Staffing Updates

At the end of last term, we sadly said 'Goodbye' to Mrs Devonshire. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her many years of dedication to Sherwell Valley. We also said goodbye our fabulous Mrs Jones, Mrs Langley and Mrs Lee. We would like to wish them all the best in their future endeavours, they will be greatly missed by us all.

We have welcomed Mrs Oswald and Mrs Tout to our Sherwell family, they have accepted positions as TAs and MTAs. We have also recently employed some fantastic new cleaners who are doing an amazing job. Thank you Kev, Gwen, Nigel, Deb, Natalie, Reagan and Adam.

Towards half term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Adderley, who will be retiring. Mrs Adderley has been at the school for 22 years! We know that she is looking forward spending time with her grandchildren.

Thank you Grace

Last week, Grace came in to school to share her journey to become a Sub-Lieutenant within the Royal Navy.

There was a really inspiration story which engaged the children and reflected our school values .Thank you for sharing this with us Grace.



If any more of our families or friends would like to come and share their journeys with us, we would love to hear

Whole School Attendance: 30th November - 19th January

Reception	93.68%
Year 1	95.30%
Year 2	92.09%
Year 3	93.48%
Year 4	94.90%
Year 5	93.47%
Year 6	93.00%



We also monitor individual children's attendance and use the traffic light system above to identify which children we have attendance concerns with and how we can support.



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School Council

Our School Council have been busy thinking about ways we can support and make our school even better. They are a great team showing enthusiasm and dedication. Over the next few weeks, they will be leading assemblies across the school. One of the roles of our school council is to decide on charities that we will support. We have had a number of children requesting to do activities to raise money which is absolutely fantastic and great to see them taking responsibility for the wider world, and helping others. We ask that all children wanting to do this write to the school council with their ideas, who they are raising money for and how this will work. The school council will then make a decision and plan a calendar of events to support this.



Parking

Again, please can we ask parents / families to be mindful and respectful when parking around the school. Please do not park on the Zig-Zag lines or over our neighbours drives. We know that drop-off and collection times are busy, but we want to ensure that we keep our whole community safe and are we are being considerate.

Scooters

It is great to have so many of our children walking and scooting to and from school. This week, we have reminded all of the children that the scooters need to be pushed when on school site to avoid any accidents. Thank you for your support with this.



FOSV

We are so lucky to have an amazing 'Friends of Sherwell Valley' Team who come together to raise vital funds for the school, providing the children with amazing resources, opportunities and experiences. FOSV have contributed to projects such as the school mini-bus, Christmas celebrations, leavers gifts and sports development.



This year we want to ensure that our team goes from strength to strength and grows in numbers. We have lots of exciting new projects planned to benefit the whole school and would love to have many friends and family members supporting us and joining our team as possible. If you would like more information about this, please contact the school office.



Online Safety



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Online Safety Tips For Children

Do's

- 1 KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION PRIVATE ONLINE**
Only share it with people you know like friends and family. Ask a trusted adult, like your teacher or a family member, to help you change your privacy settings so that strangers can't see it.
- 2 SPEAK POLITELY AND BE KIND TO OTHERS WHEN YOU SPEAK TO THEM ONLINE**
Treat them like you would treat them in real life and always remember your manners.
- 3 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED ONLINE**
If other another person is sending you nasty messages, a trusted adult will be able to help you collect evidence and report the person to the relevant authorities.
- 4 USE PASSWORDS TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**
Ask a trusted adult to help you create a password that you can easily remember but which is hard for other people to guess.
- 5 ALWAYS CHECK WITH A TRUSTED ADULT FIRST BEFORE USING A DEVICE OR DOWNLOADING A NEW APP**
This is so that they can check it is safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right.
- 6 TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU SEE SOMETHING ONLINE WHICH YOU DONT LIKE**
This can include anything that upsets you, makes you feel sad or which you're unsure about.
- 7 USE THE INTERNET TO HAVE FUN AND TO HELP YOU FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT THINGS**
Remember to ask your trusted adult for help and always use child friendly search engines so that the information you get back is safe.

Don'ts

- 1 ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS OR PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW**
Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know tries to contact you online.
- 2 SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON YOUR DEVICE**
Instead, go out and play with your friends, get some fresh air and try to exercise more. This will help you stay fit and healthy.
- 3 REPLY TO MESSAGES FROM ONLINE BULLIES OR PEOPLE WHO SEND YOU NASTY MESSAGES**
The most important thing to do is to tell a trusted adult and then block the person from contacting you.
- 4 COPY PEOPLE'S WORK ONLINE OR PRETEND IT IS YOURS**
This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.
- 5 BE MEAN OR NASTY ONLINE**
Behave online like you would in real life and don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person. Things that you post online can stay there for a very long time.
- 6 USE YOUR DEVICES CLOSE TO BEDTIME**
This will allow your brain to rest so that you can get a good night's sleep, stay focused at school and perform better in class.
- 7 SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET WITH STRANGERS**
Always tell a trusted adult if somebody you don't know asks you for your personal information.

Please see some useful links below:

<https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/safer-internet-day-2024-free-advice-for-parents-and-carers>



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SVPS TERM DATES 2023 - 2024



Sep-2023					
Monday		04	11	18	25
Tuesday		05	12	19	26
Wednesday		06	13	20	27
Thursday		07	14	21	28
Friday	01	08	15	22	29
Saturday	02	09	16	23	30
Sunday	03	10	17	24	

Oct-2023					
02	09	16	23	30	
03	10	17	24	31	
04	11	18	25		
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08	15	22	29		

Nov-2023					
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05	12	19	26		

Dec-2023					
Monday		04	11	18	25
Tuesday		05	12	19	26
Wednesday		06	13	20	27
Thursday		07	14	21	28
Friday	01	08	15	22	29
Saturday	02	09	16	23	30
Sunday	03	10	17	24	31

Jan-2024					
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Feb-2024					
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Mar-2024					
Monday		04	11	18	25
Tuesday		05	12	19	26
Wednesday		06	13	20	27
Thursday		07	14	21	28
Friday	01	08	15	22	29
Saturday	02	09	16	23	30
Sunday	03	10	17	24	31

Apr-2024					
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May-2024					
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Jun-2024					
Monday		03	10	17	24
Tuesday		04	11	18	25
Wednesday		05	12	19	26
Thursday		06	13	20	27
Friday		07	14	21	28
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Sunday	02	09	16	23	30

Jul-2024					
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Aug-2024					
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04	11	18	25		

School Holidays
Bank Holidays
Inset Days
25 Dec 2023 (Christmas)
26 Dec 2023 (Boxing Day)
1 Jan 2024 (New Years Day)
29 Mar 2024 (Good Friday)
1 Apr 2024 (Easter Monday)
6 May 2024 (May Day)
27 May 2024 (Spring Bank Holiday)
26 Aug 2024 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Term Lengths		
Sept to Oct half term	34	69
October to Christmas	35	
Jan to Feb half term	29	58
Feb to Easter	29	
Easter to June half term	29	68
June to end of term	39	
	195	
Training Days	-5	
	190	



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DIARY DATES 2023 - 2024

January 2024	
Monday 22nd January	Y3 visiting Torquay Museum
Monday 22nd January 2:45pm	Y1 Maths Parent Workshop
Wednesday 24th January	Space Dome visit for Y2
Wednesday 24th January 2:30pm	5LR / 5RB Curriculum Sharing Event
Thursday 25th January	Swimming Gala
Thursday 25th January 2:30pm	Y3 Curriculum Sharing Event
Friday 26th January 2:30pm	5HB Curriculum Sharing Event
Monday 29th January 2:45pm	Y2 Maths Parent Workshop
February 2024	
Monday 5th February 2:45pm	Y3 Maths Parent Workshop
Tuesday 6th February 2:45pm	Y4 Curriculum Sharing Event
Tuesday 6th February 3:30pm	Y4 Beam house Parent meeting
Thursday 8th February	FOSV Valentines Disco
Friday 9th February	Break up for Half term
Monday 19th February	Return to school
Monday 19th February	4BN Swimming (start of 6 week block)
Monday 19th February 2:45pm	Y4 Maths Parent Workshop
Tuesday 20th February	Shaldon Zoo visiting Reception children
Thursday 22nd February	Dentist visiting Y2 children





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March 2024	
Monday 11th March 2:45pm	Y5 Maths Parent Workshop
Monday 18th March 2:45pm	Y6 Maths Parent Workshop
Monday 18th March—Friday 22nd March	Y5 Bikeability
Monday 25th March 2:30pm	RW Curriculum Sharing Event
Tuesday 26th March 2:30pm	Y6 Curriculum Sharing Event
Tuesday 26th March 2:30pm	RGP Curriculum Sharing Event
Wednesday 27th March 2:30pm	RB Curriculum Sharing Event
Thursday 28th March 2:30pm	Y2 Curriculum Sharing Event
Thursday 28th March	Break up for Easter Holiday
April 2024	
Monday 15th April	Return to school
Wednesday 17th—Friday 19th April	Year 4 Beam House Residential
Wednesday 24th April	School Production
Thursday 25th April	School Production
Friday 26th April	School Production