SHEREDES PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,
Welcome to the new academic year. The children have returned positively this week and I have been able to visit all classrooms. I have been very impressed with their attitude and enthusiasm. A special welcome to children new to our school. We look forward to seeing you flourish at Sheredes!

We continue to use Schoolcomms as our regular means of communication, as well as this newsletter to bring you up to date with events that are happening. Unfortunately, due to some technical issues with Schoolcomms currently, this newsletter is being sent in paper form, however most correspondence will be online.

School Sessions

Here is a reminder of our

Dates for your diary:
Specific details of events to follow, where appropriate.

Sept

Mon. 7th Swimming begins- Year 5

w/b 7th Years 1 to 6 take home **sponsored spellings** to learn
w/b 15th Children are tested on their spellings
w/b 22nd Children bring in sponsored spell monies
The money raised will be used to purchase new class reading books and library books for the children.

Tues 8th Year 5: Class Aspen/ Miss Martin (only)- Meet your New teacher
Wed. 9th Years 1 to 6 Meet Your New Teacher

We are looking for two parents from each class to become **Link Parents** for the year. Link parents meet with the class teacher to find out what plans have been made for the term and what help is needed. Their role is to enlist the help of other parents in a variety of ways to help in the classroom, exciting visits out, school occasions and helping our Parents Association, FOSS, with fund raising. If you could give a little of your time for this important and interesting role, we would love to hear from you. Do let your child's class teacher know.

Mon 14th Year 6- Meet the Teacher/ New to Year 6 meeting

Tues 15th Year 6- Crucial Crew- details to follow
DOT Day- Children will be taking part in activities in school related to DOT Day

Mon. 21st Clubs start

Wed. 23rd **World Languages Day (Celebrating the European Day of Languages)**

Mon 28th and 29th **Scooter training** for Year 4- TBC
Tues 29th Flu Vaccinations
Wed 30th Harvest Festival Assemblies- details to follow

October

Mon 5th and Wed 7th **Pedestrian skills training** for Year 2- TBC
Tues 6th Individual Photos- whole school

Wed 14th Year 6- Year 6 Health Questionnaire

Mon. 19th Open Evening 3:30 – 6:00pm

Tues 20th Reception Parents' Phonics Workshop
Wed. 21st Year 6 trip to British Schools Museum- Hitchin

Week beginning 19th October and w/b 2nd November **Parent Consultations** *Telephone, or face to face consultations*
Face to face Years 1 to 6 : Tues. 20th 5:30 – 8:30,
Wed. 21st 3:30 – 6:00

26th-30th Oct HALF TERM

November:

2nd November – 6th November: Maths and Science Week

Face to face consultations for FS - Nursery and Reception: Tues. 3rd 5:30 – 8:30, Wed. 4th 3:30 – 6:00

Fri 6th Non Uniform Day (Maths and Science Week)

Fri 13th Non Uniform Day (BBC Children in Need)

Mon 16th Flu Vaccinations (mop-up)

Mon.67th – Mon. 23rd : Workshop week KS1 production

KS1 production: 24th November 2:00pm and 6:00pm
25th November2:00pm and 6:00pm
Fri. 27th Occasional Day: School Closed
Dec.

Wed 2nd FOSS Christmas Fayre
Tues. 15th Years 1-6 at BEAM for Panto
Thurs. 17th End of Term Christmas services
Reception Nativity Class JF 9:15am *with NM/AC* Class LF 1:15pm *with SD*
with Year 6 reading from the gospels.
Parents and Carers of each Reception/Y6 class invited.
Fri 18th End of term

Class Assemblies:

Thursday 8th October Class: Cedar- NM/AC
Wednesday 14th October Class: Elm- MK
Thursday 15th October Class: Pine- SD Class: Fir-AJ
Wednesday 21st October Class: Cherry-LA/SR
Thursday 22nd October Class: Aspen- EMA
Thursday 12th November Class: Oak- CC/KK Class: Beech- EMC
Thursday 19th November Class: Sycamore-TW/LC Class: Willow-JF
Thursday 26th November Class: Maple- CD/LC Class: Ash-LF
Thursday 3rd December Class: Yew- NH
Thursday 10th December Class: Birch- GT

KS1 assemblies take place at 9.15am in the upper hall
KS2 assemblies take place at 9.00am in the upper hall
Reception assemblies will take place at 2.45pm in the upper hall.
Having listened to feedback, we hope that these new timings will be more suitable for parents.

Class studies ~ here are details of the topics that the children are studying this term.
As part of the curriculum, all children, from Reception onwards will be learning **French,** and our Year 5 and Year 6 children will be learning **Spanish** weekly. We are also offering **German and Spanish** as clubs, and La Scuola Italia Broxbourne offers the opportunity for children in Years 1 to 6 to learn **Italian**; do see the clubs list.

The Nursery
Do see Mrs. Kearns' topic web in the classroom, or our website, under Class Work: Nursery.

Reception: Willow-JF, Ash-LF
In science children will be learning All About Me, focusing on our bodies and how we use our five senses. Children's studies will be complemented by a science workshop provided by STEMPOINT Hertfordshire. They will also be studying seasonal change, incorporating a walk through our woods. In design and technology children will be developing their cutting skills and using a wide variety of construction materials to make their own wooden spoon puppet, based on characters from traditional tales such as The Little Red Hen and The Gingerbread Man. In history children will be focusing on their growing up memories, and stories that develop their understanding of change. In religious education the children will be examining the events in their lives that they celebrate and why. In art they will be learning the skills involved in painting, including colour mixing, and will be painting self-portraits. In music they will be learning new songs and exploring sound patterns, as well as singing familiar songs. They will also be learning a range of nursery rhymes. In computing children will become familiar with Beebots and iPads. In Personal and Social Education (PSED) children will learn about relationships and rules to support getting on with one another, turn taking and sharing.

Year 1: Beech- EMc, Cherry- LA/SR
In science the children's topic Animals including Humans focuses on what their body is like, investigating their senses and comparing the structure of common animals. Their studies will be enriched by a visit by Zoolab and Animal Edge Mobile Farm. In English they will be studying stories and poems with a familiar setting. The children will be exploring poems written by Shirley Hughes. They will also be learning to write labels and captions for images. In computing children will learn how to use the functions of a computer to create their own digital texts and images. In geography children will be exploring the surroundings of our school. In history children will be learning about significant events in the past, including the Gunpowder Plot, and their studies will be enhanced by a visit by Trunk theatre on 10th November. In art children will be studying portraiture and in design and technology they will be exploring textiles. In religious education they will be

focusing on the beauty and wonder of nature and how Christians thank God for this, and they will also explore the celebrations of Harvest, Christmas, Diwali and Hanukkah. In music children will be learning about pulse and rhythm, and exploring sounds inspired by fireworks. In Personal, Social, Health Education and Citizenship (PSHE&C), children will further their learning about developing knowledge of feelings, belonging to their class and celebrating how we are all different.

Year 2: Elm- MK, Fir- AJ

In science the children's topic Uses of Everyday Materials focuses on the properties of materials and their uses for specific purposes. In computing children's studies will focus on email communications and simulation programs. In geography the children will be exploring the local area and taking part in a walk to reinforce their understanding. In history children will be learning about significant events in the past, including the Great Fire of London, and their studies will be enhanced by a visit by Trunk theatre on 10th November. In art children will be creating a storyboard of the Great Fire of London, using different media. In music children will further their understanding of pulse and rhythm, and develop their singing ability. In religious education they will be discussing how people care for each other, drawing examples from religious stories. In design and technology children will be making a vehicle, after looking at mechanisms. They will also be exploring the poetry of Roger McGough. In PSHE&C children will further their learning about feelings, belonging to our class and celebrating how they are all different.

Year 3: Yew- NH, Birch-GT

In science children are studying the topics of Rocks and Soils, and Animals, including Humans. Their studies will be consolidated with a visit to Hertford Museum (date to be confirmed) In art children will be exploring the portrayal of relationships. In design and technology they will be designing and making healthy pizzas. In computing they will be exploring still and moving images. In their geographical studies they will be exploring land use in Hoddesdon town and comparing this with land use in Bournemouth. children's musical studies will be based on the Wider Opportunities for Music programme, focusing on the glockenspiel. Their studies in religious education will focus on Christianity and Sikhism, and what it means to belong to a group. They will also be exploring the poetry of A.A. Milne. In PSHE&C children will continue to build on their knowledge and skills with regards to building positive relationships and celebrating difference.

Year 4: Maple (CD/SF) and Sycamore (TW/LC)

In English children will be studying historical stories, short novels and poetry. In science the children will be studying Electricity and their design and technology project will complement their study as they make winter inspired decorations that light up using circuit components. Later in the term, their scientific studies will include learning about Animals, including Humans, with a focus on digestion. In history children will be examining Britain during the Stone Age and Iron Age, focusing on how people lived during these periods. A visit to the Celtic Harmony Camp on the 10th November will complement their studies. Children's geographical work will focus on physical and human land features in the United Kingdom, including a case study on changes in land use in the Lake District. In art children will be studying Aboriginal art and cave painting, and in religious education their learning will focus on Christianity and Islam. In computing, children will be exploring a variety of different computer programs to create and edit texts and graphics. In music children will continue learning to play a stringed instrument. They will also be exploring the poetry of Paul Cookson. In PSHE&C children's learning will relate to the themes of New Beginnings, Going for Goals, and they will further their understanding of celebrating difference.

Year 5 Classes Aspen/EMa and Oak/CCKK

Children's scientific studies are focusing on the topic Properties and Changes of Materials. In history, children will be introduced to the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, and a visit by History Off the Page, on 19th November, will enrich their studies. In design and technology, children will be creating Lucet bracelets, a design technique used by the Vikings. Children's art work will explore Anglo-Saxon illuminated lettering. In computing, children will be learning how to record, assimilate and predict data from a variety of different sources. In music, children will be exploring the musical elements of rhythm, pitch, dynamics and notation. In religious education, children are studying Christianity and Judaism. They will also extend their understanding of the poetry of Roger McGough. In PSHE&C, children's learning will relate to the themes of being assertive, building self-esteem, talking and writing about feelings, and celebrating and setting achievements and goals.

Year 6 Cedar (NM/AC) and Pine (SD)

Children's scientific studies will focus on the topic Evolution and Inheritance, with a focus on adaptation, and Living Things and their Habitats. In history they will be studying the Changing Power of Monarchs, with a case study on Queen Victoria. Their Victorian studies will be complemented by a visit to The British Schools museum in Hitchin on Wednesday 21st October. In art, children will be exploring the work of William Morris, and creating their own patterns and a textile panel inspired by his designs. In religious education the children will be studying Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism and Humanism, looking at worship, festivals and symbols. In design and technology, children will be investigating and building different types of structures, for example towers, domes and bridges. In computing, children will be investigating automated systems and creating and debugging algorithms. They will programme physical devices, controlling inputs and outputs. In music children

will be studying and performing music from the Victorian music hall tradition. They will also study the poetry of Victorian poets including Robert Louis Stevenson and Emily Dickinson. In PSHE&C children's learning will relate to the themes of 'being me in my world' and relationships. They will also have the opportunity to participate in Crucial Crew on Tuesday 15th September, which will further educate them about personal safety and how to handle unfamiliar situations.

Clubs
Children will be making their choices on a club sheet that they will be taking home to share with you. On behalf of us all, I look forward to our continued partnership in helping your child to enjoy all the opportunities for learning that they have with us.

Yours sincerely
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Headteacher