

## All Saints Primary School Weekly Parent Email

W/E 04th December 2020

Dear All,

Just two weeks to go until the Christmas break and the decorations have gone up! This week has seen some assessments going on across the school and it has been lovely seeing the application and focus of the children. Also, despite a very disjointed 5 months of the last academic year, it has been heartening to see progress being made across the whole school.

I would like to pass on a big thank you to Lisa Regan and Debbie Legg who are our resident staff video experts. They will be spending hours of their own time putting together videos of the Nativity, the ukulele concert and other events so you can see them from home. They are truly dedicated to the school and we are very lucky to have such support.

Drop off and pick up times are (as I am sure you are aware) short and swift. Because of this, when we are passing on messages at these times, it may seem a little rushed. If this is the case I do apologise. If you would like us to elaborate on any point or if you have any questions, queries or concerns, pop in and see Lou and we will arrange a time to meet without any time constraints. We are proud that we have an open door policy at All Saints (even in current times) and we treasure the relationship we have with our parents and families.

## **Reading at Home**

Reading at home to your child and regularly listening to your child read is the single most positive influence you can have on his/her progress and attainment. Please support us, by far more importantly support your child, by setting 10 minutes reading time aside as often as possible (preferably every day).

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

Please remember the School Council's Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day is next Friday (11<sup>th</sup> December). Children can come to school in their own Christmas wear. This does not have to be a jumper, it could be anything festive (a piece of tinsel will do). The School Council have asked that pupils bring in any amount of money in return for this rather than the usual £1.

## **Community Scheme**

Dorset Council are running an appeal asking families to donate new or nearly new warm coats and pyjamas for children aged 3-12, so these items can be passed on to families who need them. There will be one week where people can drop off items, an isolation period for the clothing to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission, and then a week where families can drop-in and pick-up coats and pyjamas. No checks, forms or pre-booking – simply help where it's needed.

**Venue:** Sherborne Children's Centre
Address: Tinney's Lane, Sherborne, DT9 3DY

Tel: Tel: 01258 474036

Drop off dates/times: Fri 4, Mon 7 – Thu 10 Dec from 9:30am – 4pm

Pick up dates/times: Mon 14 – Fri 18 Dec from 9:30am – 4pm

If there is anything we can do to help you or your family, please do give us a call.

**Nigel Roberts**