



All Saints Primary School Newsletter

January 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

A belated Happy New Year to all our families and I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. With great pleasure we welcome Mrs Kellaway back to school this week. We congratulate Mary Willis and her family on the arrival of a new baby brother, Alfie. Lovely news!

NEW TERM, NEW LEARNING

We have started the New Year and term well with all children focussed on their learning. Curriculum leaflets sharing information on your children's learning this term should be with you if not already, then very shortly. As usual, if you have any areas of expertise you would like to share please come and talk to us.

HOME READING

We were delighted to award over 40 book awards to children from Yr2 upwards for their home/independent reading last term. We would welcome your support with encouraging your children to read at home and record in their reading logs so that it may be discussed with them in school. It is obviously our aim that **all** children should achieve this and we continue to check independent reading weekly so that the children understand that they are working towards a book award.

CURRICULUM COOKING

We are excited that Curriculum Cooking is starting this term led by Miss Scott. This will be a series of classroom based learning alongside practical cooking sessions in smaller groups. We have recently purchased a new cooker and look forward to the delights the children will be producing! Following the National Curriculum the children will be learning about the importance of healthy eating and how to prepare some healthy recipes. With this as a renewed focus in school we would appreciate packed lunches to reflect our focus on healthy eating.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Work has begun today on a new outdoor learning shelter where even more learning opportunities for children in Diamonds Class will be able to take place. I am sure the children will watch with much interest as the project unfolds!

START OF DAY

We have received many positive comments around our new arrangements for the start of the day. Certainly it gives the children a calm start to learning and a chance to engage with their teacher before the start of the day. Please be mindful however, that learning does start from 8.55am. The children are involved in activities before Wake and Shake that they will miss if they arrive during Wake and Shake. Also, I am often teaching at this time and so need to be in class, therefore the children's entrance will close at 8.55am. It is not difficult to 'drop off' at our school as it never gets too busy so we would love to have everyone in school by 8.55am please.

Please remember that any concerns about your child are best shared with the class teacher or myself. The morning arrangements ensure that teachers are available so that any concerns can be acted on at the earliest opportunity.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

We are still looking for an extra midday supervisor to join our team. Mrs Jackson has been an excellent appointment and we thank her for her patience and extra hard work whilst we try to fill this vacancy. If anyone is able to offer some help in the interim or on a temporary basis, we would love to hear from you.

100 AWARDS

We look forward to awarding badges to children who have received 100 stickers on their achievement charts. This will take place during our Achievement Assembly this Friday, 16th January.

FINALLY

Very sadly I need to inform you that Mr Paul Miller; Headteacher at St Andrew's School, Yetminster was tragically killed in a road accident on Thursday 8th January. The Sherborne Schools Partnership Heads are a group who work very closely and co-operatively together and who held Mr Miller in the highest regard as both a friend and colleague. We are all naturally devastated at the news and will be offering our full support for the school at this dreadfully sad time. Please keep his family and school community in your prayers.

With best wishes,

Anne Crumpler

A message from the office: Please ensure that we have your correct email addresses so that information can be shared effectively and is not missed.