



All Saints Primary School Newsletter

April 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term and some lovely sunny weather! It has been great to see the children enjoying cricket on the field in our lovely surroundings - I hope you have managed to see the pictures on the website. We do hope to get outdoors and enjoy our wonderful environment as much as possible this term.

On return to school I received the exciting news that we have been selected as the nomination (from the whole of Dorset!) for the Royal Bath and West Environmental Youth Award. We have been selected for the way we make use of our surroundings for lots of exciting outdoor learning. The organisation that nominated us strangely remains secret but we were visited by a regional representative that secured our selection. On 29th April three judges will descend on our school to find out from our children about all the environmental activities at All Saints. Our eco-committee, along with some other children, will be involved in this as the judges are particularly interested in hear first hand from the children the impact of this learning. Wish us luck and we will let you know the outcome as soon as possible!

We would like to thank Stourton Caundle gardening club for providing each child with a plant which they hope the children will nurture and grow in order to be able to show at the annual flower show in Stourton Caundle in August 2015. Children will begin by looking after these at school and later will be bringing them home. Please look out for the information leaflet coming home.

Welcomes

We would like to extend a very warm All Saints welcome to Danielius in Reception and Urte in Year 1 who have joined our school this week. We hope they will really enjoy their learning journey with us.

Also, we welcome two trainees to the school this term – Mr West working in Rubies Class and Miss Banfield working in Sapphires. We hope they enjoy their time at All Saints and learn lots!

Swimming Pool

Mr Parker is working very hard to get the pool shipshape ready for a new season after half term. We continue to be extremely grateful for his support with this which keeps our swimming pool viable. Please support the work and necessary repairs that are taking place through the annual donation for the swimming season for your children. This remains at £20 per child this year and still represents extremely good value for money. Please also consider helping with our swimming by attending training taking place at the school on 6th May at 3.45pm which means you would be qualified to assist poolside during swimming sessions. If we can rely on some help from parents it keeps the groups smaller so that the quality of teaching is enhanced.

Start and end of day

The governors are currently attempting to have the speed limit in Giles Lane, just outside the school gates, reduced to 30 mph. The staggered nature of dropping off children at school means we are able to permit cars to continue to enter the school premises in the morning as it is safer to do so. We are lucky that being a small school with our current numbers, this is manageable. To ensure safety please could we respectfully ask that:

- You observe the one way system of entry and exit and that you do not reverse into the gateways.
- You avoid the car park spaces which need to be available for staff. With two extra trainees this term all our spaces are now taken.

- If you need to stop and park, please stop at the lower end of the service road past the netball court. Here there is room for the bus to exit if necessary and children getting out of cars do not need to cross the road.
- If this area is busy that you do not cause congestion that could risk an accident.

At hometime however, the only vehicles permitted to enter the school grounds are school taxis and the school bus. Of course we will continue to monitor the situation at both ends of the day. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to keep our children safe.

Start of day

Thank you for getting your children to school in good time to start their learning. I am often teaching and so the door needs to close promptly at 8:55 am. Registration is now completed electronically and children not present are marked as late. We will report late arrivals to you along with attendance figures.

PE kit

Please ensure your children have the correct PE kit to wear in school. We would be grateful to receive any pre-owned kit that is no longer required but perfectly wearable (including trainers, daps and swimwear) to keep in school for those times when children forget their PE kit. Thank you in advance for any donations.

Reminders

- Please could we ask that recent questionnaires sent home concerning Morning and After School Care be returned to school as soon as possible. The Governors would like to hear from **all** our families including those who do not require this service at the present time.
- As the weather gets warmer please remember that sun hats will be required for outdoor play and learning and suncream preferably applied before children come to school in the morning.
- If you are having a spring clean Miss Hosegood would welcome donations of old pots and pans for the soon to be created 'Mud Kitchen' for Diamonds Class! Also, any pairs of wellington boots that are out grown – thank you.

Website

Important dates for this term are being sent with this letter. It has been lovely to receive several compliments on our website recently. Thanks to our wonderful staff it is kept up to date and information is easy to find. Please remember that the contact page provides an excellent way to communicate with the school via email.

Lovely news

Finally, I am delighted to be able to share the news with you that Mrs Regan is expecting a baby in September. This is very exciting for all of us at All Saints and we all know that Mrs. Regan will be a brilliant mum! In the meantime she will continue to teach Rubies Class until the end of this school year. The Governors and I will be seeking to recruit a temporary replacement whilst Mrs Regan is on maternity leave.

Thank you for all for your wonderful support and here's to a great term's learning!

Anne Crumpler