



All Saints Primary School Newsletter

June 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

Phew, what a busy term this is! There is so much going on at school that it is difficult to keep up!

Walk to School

We started the half term with a successful 'Walk to School' week organised by Mrs James when the whole school went on a Tudor 'progress' following the footsteps of Henry VIII. Congratulations to Ollie Smith who walked the furthest during the week and achieved the award.

Weymouth Residential

On Friday we welcomed back our delightful Year 6 children who, as we would expect, did us proud with their enthusiasm, energy and fantastic behaviour on the Weymouth residential trip with our Cluster schools. Mrs Regan and I enjoyed visiting them all on Wednesday evening and had fun judging the sandcastle competition on the beach. Although we missed them in school they have all had a brilliant week challenging themselves with a range of outdoor and adventurous activities in the sunshine. Thank you to Mrs Powell and Mrs James who gave their whole week to be with the children on this trip. I know from experience just how exhausting this is!

Other year groups have enjoyed outdoor trips and Yrs 3 and 5 have been busy learning new skills through some Forest School provision on site.

The Tudor Day was a great success – thank you for your support with costumes, the children looked truly spectacular. The children were engaged in high quality activities that really served to enrich their learning this term.

Pop Up Restaurant

Those of you that supported the Friends of All Saints School event on 13th June will know what an amazing event it was. Stourton Caundle Village Hall was transformed into a restaurant venue where the atmosphere was vibrant, the food was delicious, and maybe best of all brought all stakeholders (except the children!) in our school together in community. I know the team has received many wonderful comments about the evening from the people who came. Huge thanks go to Lisa Harvey, Chair of FOAS and her team – Claire Lewis, Steph Bond and Michelle Smith who together masterminded and made the event happen. Matt Lewis, Amy Mortimer and Sam Dodd supported on the evening. The three lovely waitresses Jasmine, Libby and Charlotte were all ex pupils and Jess (Scott) played for us at the beginning of the evening just proving what a true community effort it was. In addition over £700 was raised for the school! Thank you all for your support - All Saints is a great place to be.

Swimming

We have been blessed with wonderful weather at the start of our swimming season. Thank you to everyone who has sent in a contribution towards the cost of running this wonderful facility, this is essential to the future of the pool.

Thank you to Candy Smith, Jo Stevens and Sarah Salmon who agreed to train so they can assist poolside during lessons as a minimum of two adults is required. This reduces staffing costs, which could be prohibitive. The training takes 1 ½ hrs – so if you have some time to spare maybe you would consider this next year. Also a big thank you once again to Steve Parker for taking such great care in looking after the pool and ensuring that we can swim every day.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you for completing and returning these to school. The governors have collated the information and will be sharing it shortly. Please remember the door is always open for you to share any worries or concerns with us at any time.

E Safety

We had very positive feedback from the few parents who attended our ESafety event in May. Please spend some time reading the ESafety information published on our website especially if you were unable to attend the information evening. Everyone needs to know about the CEOP button which can be accessed from the Home Page. This can be used to keep children safe online. Please show it to your children and explore the links you find there.

Free Hot School Meals

From September 2014 every child in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be entitled to free school meals through the Government's 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' initiative. We would like some idea of what the take up is likely to be in order to be organised for September and would be grateful if you would return the attached slip indicating if you would be likely or unlikely to opt in to this. Obviously this is not a binding decision! Other important news is that Dorset County Council has appointed a new Catering Company - 'The Creative Kitchen' - to provide meals from September onwards. Being launched in parallel with this is a new online ordering and payment scheme. More detailed information will be sent home shortly.

Mary's Meals

Last week Ann White visited our school and gave a very interesting assembly on the work of the charity Mary's Meals and in particular, the 'Backpack Project'. In developing countries poverty and the difficulties in providing enough food prevent many children from receiving an education as we have also learnt through our links with the primary school in Kaabong, Uganda. Mary's Meals are now providing 890,000 children every school day with a meal. Ann asked us to particularly support the Rucksack Project and there is a leaflet about this with this letter. If the children have an old rucksack they don't use any more perhaps they would like to bring it in to school? The recycled rucksacks are then filled with basic commodities to allow the children to make the most of their education. The items required are listed and second hand items in usable condition are fine. We are not asking anyone to fill a rucksack – we would like the children to support in any way they can, just one or two items would be great. Please bring in items during the next couple of weeks.

Children in parked cars!

A school governor was approached recently by a parent expressing concerns that some parents were leaving children in their cars whilst they took their older child(ren) into school and there was an incidence of a child removing the car's handbrake! Please ensure that the safety of all our children is always in mind. Parents do not drive into school at pick up time, but the school bus and a couple of taxis do, therefore please ensure that you collect your children next to the school building so there is no risk of an accident if they are crossing the service road.

School Structure 2014 -2015

It has been very exciting to welcome our new children into school for their visits this term. Tomorrow our Year 6 children head off to The Gryphon School for their induction day.

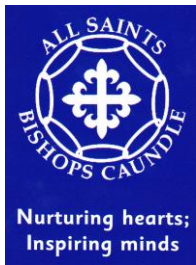
This will give us the opportunity to give the children a morning in their 'new' classes for September. The class structure will be as follows:

Diamonds – Reception and Year 1 – Miss Hosegood

Rubies – Years 2 and 3 – Mrs Regan

Sapphires – Years 4, 5 and 6 – Mrs Kellaway

Mrs Kellaway currently teaches a Year 4,5,6 class at a school in Trowbridge. She will be joining us for the day tomorrow so do please welcome her and say hello if you see her!



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In December 2013 Mrs Rachel Harris came to do some supply teaching at our school and she quickly became a valuable member of our team. She has become fully involved in the life of our school supporting us in extra curricular events and 'going the extra mile' in her planning and delivery of learning to the children. We are pleased for Rachel that she has secured a full time teaching post for two terms in another school in September but we will be sorry to see her go and wish to say a big thank you!

Summer Fayre

There is still plenty to look forward to as we head towards the end of term. The annual Summer Fayre is always much anticipated and enjoyed and we are asking for some more help this year to ensure it is! There are lots of lovely ideas for stalls but we are lacking in people to run them! Please think about volunteering a little of your time to make this year's fair the best ever. This year's event is **on Friday 11th July** so please see the board outside school and let Lisa Harvey or Lou in the office know if you can help.

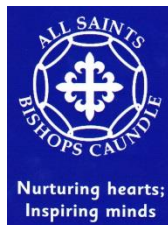
Years 4-6 will be busy rehearsing for their production of Shakespeare's **The Tempest**, the perfect finale to a term's learning on The Tudors. Performances will be on **Wednesday 17th & Thursday 16th July**.

We look forward to seeing you at Rubies and Diamonds Celebration of Learning assemblies shortly and then it won't be long before our Year 6 children and Mrs Powell will be bidding us farewell at their Leavers' Service on **Tuesday 22nd July**. Where has the year gone?

Finally a big thank you to all members of the school staff who continuously give so much to ensure our children get so many wonderful opportunities.

Thank you for your support in all that we do,

Anne Crumpler



KS1 Free School Meals

Intent Form

Children(s) Name:.....

Year(s):.....

We **will be** ordering a Free School Meal

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We **will not be** ordering a Free School Meal

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Please tick appropriate box

Parent's Name:.....

Signature:.....

Applicable to children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 from September 2014

Please return by Friday 4th July.