



# All Saints Primary School

## Weekly Parent Email

W/E 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fabulous start to the summer term! We are so pleased to report on the many interesting things that have taken place, and we are pleased to report that the plans for rest of the term are just as exciting with Sports Day, Summer Fairs, Swimming Galas, Theatre Productions to name a few. Please refer to our website diary for details of these up and coming events.

Here are the highlights from this week:

**County Netball Tournament:** We are delighted to announce that our fabulous netball team secured an incredible 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a County Netball tournament that took place Sir David's centre in Bournemouth on Wednesday. The team included - Yahya, William, Annie, Isobel, Giorgia, Cali and Leanne, and they were accompanied by the wonderful Mrs Regan (& baby Lucy). All the children played brilliantly and never had Mrs Regan been so proud of their achievements, coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the whole of Dorset! Many thanks to those parents who transported and brilliantly supported the children at this important event. A full match report is available on our school website.

**Year 5 Trip to Mill on the Brue:** At the end of last term our Year 5s embarked on their first school residential trip to Mil on the Brue, an activity centre near Bruton. Ms Barnes and Miss Scott accompanied the children who enjoyed a rewarding time, having fun whilst learning valuable experiences away from home. They joined with other year 5 children from our Cluster Schools; Buckland Newton, St Marys Bradford Abbas & Thornford School

**KS2 Assessments:** Our Year 6s are working really hard towards their KS2 assessments which are taking place w/c 14<sup>th</sup> May. The booster breakfast club that takes place every Thursday morning, is extremely well attended (could that be due to the toast and the marshmallow hot chocolate I wonder?). Please find attached an important document for all Year 6 parents.

### Letters home this week include:

- What's on this week w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018
- Swimming Letter 2018 (Hard Copy sent home in book bags)
- KS2 Assessment Parent Information

### A few more things....

**Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs:** Many thanks for supporting our clubs this half term. However, please ensure that bookings and payments are made in advance of children attending any clubs. Unfortunately, there are outstanding payments from last term **and** bookings have been made for this term without payments. For example, there are quite a few forms with 'Paid On-line' circled but with no payments being processed through SIMS Agora. Please ensure that in future all payments are made along with the bookings. Many thanks for your support

**Safeguarding:** At All Saints Primary School we are committed to safeguarding children. Our first priority is your child's welfare and we will usually discuss any concerns we might have about your child with you. There might be rare occasions, however, when we have to provide information to or consult with other agencies such as Children's Services Social Care before we contact you. Our responsibility to do so is determined by the Inter-Agency Safeguarding Procedures, which can be found on the Dorset Safeguarding Children Board website. If you want to know more about these, or the school's child protection procedures, please

speak to Mrs Crumpler who is the designated Safeguarding Lead. You will find the school's Child Protection Policy on the school website.

**Attendance:** We recognise the strong link between good attendance and good academic outcomes at All Saints. Children who are persistently late or absent soon fall behind in their progress and their ability to meet age related learning expectations. A pupil whose attendance drops below 90%, regardless of whether the absence is 'authorised' or 'unauthorised', is classified as a persistent absentee. 90% attendance over their time at primary school would equate with a child having missed two whole terms of learning.

The Department for Education now stipulates that below 90% attendance is unacceptable in any school year and that schools should respond proactively with families when attendance falls below this level. We will always be open to supporting families who request help with their child's attendance. Please see our Attendance Policy which can be found on the school website.

Some important facts...

\* There are 190 school days each year and 175 other days for shopping trips, birthday treats, non-urgent appointments and holidays.

\* One day a week absence is the equivalent over a school career of 2 ½ whole years of education missed.

\* 10 days holiday leave a year is the equivalent of two whole terms of education missed.

\* 15 minutes of lateness a day equals one whole year of education missed.

\* Full attendance leads to the best educational outcomes – please give your child the best chance and make sure they are in school every day.

Kind regards

All Saints