

All Saints Primary School Newsletter June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our swimming season has got off to a great start! Our new pool looks stunning thanks to Mr Parker who, in addition to the weeks of work he has put into building the pool, now manages the daily running of it. Huge thanks also to our parent volunteers who make daily swimming viable. It is great to see the progress children are already making after only 1½ weeks!

School News

We warmly welcome Mrs Regan back to school this week. Mrs Regan will generally be working all day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and on Thursday and Friday mornings because we now have to share her with baby Noah! We have welcomed Myles (Yr3), Frasier (Yr1) and Jet (Yr1) to our school recently and they have all settled in beautifully, it feels like they have always been with us!

Sadly, we say goodbye to Temi, Tobi and Tola Babalola at the end of this week. We always knew that they would only be at All Saints for a short period pending relocation, however they have quickly become an asset to the school and we will miss them all very much. We wish them well in their new home.

Unfortunately we have been missing Mrs Green this half term, as she is unwell. Regretfully she will not be returning to school before the end of term. We send her our love and best wishes for a very speedy recovery.

Well done to Mrs Kellaway who completed a 10-mile 'Pink Ribbon Walk' last Saturday in aid of Breast Cancer Care. If you would like to support this very good cause Mrs Kellaway would be pleased to accept any donations.

Well... the team captains were elected, the motivational flags were created so I do apologise for the cancellation of Sports Day yesterday. This sort of decision is never taken easily, however storms were forecast! The reserve date is Wednesday 6th July at 9.30am. We hope to see you there.

All Saints' got Talent!

Feverish rehearsals can be seen taking place around the school at the moment for one of our most popular events. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible support our School Council who are hosting 'All Saints' got Talent' this Friday 17th June at 6.30pm.

Some regular (and gentle) reminders...

Start of day

The school day begins sharply at 8.55am and a 'late' marked following closure of registers counts as an absence. Teachers are concerned that there are a number of children who are regularly missing their 'Quick Maths', which is our starter activity of the day. (We do this before Wake and Shake.) This is important as children practise and increase their arithmetic skills. The children enjoy the challenge and tracking their improvement through Maths Passports.

Attendance

Despite the recent publicity around holidays in term time, the school is not able to authorise any holidays taken in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Every holiday that is taken, contributes to the overall attendance figure of the school, which is judged under Section 2 (Behaviour and Safety) of an OfSTED report when the school is inspected. We appreciate everyone's support in trying to improve our attendance figures.

Safeguarding

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils please contact the school to speak to Mrs Crumpler (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs Regan (Deputy DSL). The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

Looking ahead...

Summer Fair

We are looking forward to the Summer Fair on **8**th **July** - our biggest fundraiser that helps run our swimming pool. Please support our non-uniform day this Friday by contributing towards your children's class stall(s):

Diamonds Class : Teddies Ruby Class: Packet of Biscuits Sapphires Class Yr 4s: Raffle prizes

Sapphire Class Yrs 5&6: Jars filled with goodies!

Caundlefest

Our very talented Dance Crew have been asked to perform at this event on **Saturday 16**th **July**. We are very proud of the standard Miss Scott and the girls have achieved and this is good opportunity to showcase our school. We would love to secure the commitment of the crew to this event as it is difficult to perform rehearsed group dances with only a fraction of the crew. The performance time will be approximately 3pm and last for no more than half an hour. We hope also that as many of our families will support this local event held in aid of the school and other local worthy causes.

Poetry Recital in Sherborne Abbey

Our Yr5 and Yr6 children will be part of this cluster event to be held on 11th July at 5.30pm. Again we ask for full commitment as we work with the children in school towards this exciting opportunity.

I can hardly believe that next week it is time to send our Year 6 children on their residential trip to Weymouth where they will be climbing, sailing, kayaking and abseiling to name a few activities. We wish them, Mrs Kellaway and Miss Scott, a perfect trip. Diamond Class and Ruby Class are also looking forward to an exciting trip to the seaside! Soon we will start to welcome our September intake children as they visit the school, and be preparing to celebrate our wonderful Yr 6 children as they think about moving on in their learning journeys. Where has the time gone?!

Finally, as always, please come and talk to me about any worries or concerns (or even when things are going well!) – we pride ourselves on being accessible and keen to resolve any anxieties.

Thanking you all for your support of all we do, Best wishes

Anne Crumpler