



All Saints Primary School Newsletter

October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term the sun has shone and we have enjoyed some lovely whole school moments. A wonderful day on Brownsea Island was spent together and we were delighted by the brilliant responses to Roald Dahl day and Wacky Hair day. A walk together for Harvest was very successful and the generosity of the school community in contributing harvest goods was heartwarming. In addition there has been a lovely celebration of learning assembly provided by Diamond and Topaz classes and a family science afternoon in Diamonds Class. Thank you all for your fantastic support with these events.

We have however, been disappointed at the very low numbers of parents attending some events such as the School Development evening and our Open Morning. These are both good opportunities to gain more insight into your children's learning journeys at school and we would love your involvement!

ASSA, our school PTA, held their AGM this week. We are delighted and grateful that we have a committed group of people to plan and organise events that bring our community together as well as raise funds for our school. Fundraising is essential to enable us to run the school swimming pool. New members are always welcome so if you would be interested in joining this group or would be willing to help at some events please let Lou know in the office.

A couple of reminders...

- Children attending after school clubs may be collected from outside the main entrance to the school at 4.30pm
- We kindly ask that nuts are not included in children's packed lunches.
- Thank you for the responses to the recent PE questionnaire and please return any outstanding ones. The results will be used in forward planning PE provision at All Saints.

Outdoor PE

Can we please ask you to support your children to be equipped for our PE sessions on Wednesdays? As we employ a sports coach it is our intention that these sessions will take place outside in all but the most extreme weather. Last Wednesday over half of one class did not have adequate clothing for outdoor PE. I'm sure you understand that this results in the loss of valuable teaching time as we attempt to ensure the children are adequately dressed. Following half term the weather will be getting considerably colder and the field muddier! For outdoor PE the children require:

- Long sports trousers
- A polo shirt
- A long sleeved warm sweatshirt
- Outdoor trainers (black daps are not suitable when the field is damper)
- Girls wearing tights will need socks for PE.

All items are available from our school uniform suppliers but if alternative suppliers are used please ensure these are plain (no logos) black, grey or blue. Please ensure all clothing is named.

Christmas is coming!

Next half term will see preparations for the wonderful Christmas events that take place at All Saints. We have just heard that our Church community will be giving every child The Real Advent Calendar this year.

This calendar will contain Fairtrade chocolate (Sapphire Class are learning about Fairtrade at the moment) and a booklet telling the story of the first Christmas. I'm sure you will agree that this is a lovely and generous gesture and is another example of our fantastic community in action.

Finally a belated welcome to baby Tiger, a welcome addition to Tyler's family!

Have a great half term everyone and I hope to see you at our first After school cafe of the year.

Very best wishes,

Anne Crumpler