



# All Saints Primary School

## Weekly Parent Email

W/E 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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 keep an eye on our website diary for details of these up and coming events.

Here are the highlights from the tail end of term and this week:

**Maths Excellence:** We are overjoyed to report that four of our Sapphire Class children came top in a Sherborne area Maths Days at The Gryphon School. Dominic from Year 6 & Oscar, Yaz, & Lucas from Year 5 joined forces and convincingly beat the competition. This is extra impressive as this event is tailored for year 6s and included all the larger primary schools in the area. Congratulations to our four Maths superstars - we are so proud of you.

**Year 3 & 4 Netball Tournament:** We are also overjoyed to report that our Year 3 & 4 Netball Team recently won the Sherborne Area Year 3&4 Netball Tournament held at Sherborne Abbey. The team played beautifully, displaying impressive netball skills. The future looks promising for a very full All Saints Trophy Cabinet. Well done team

**Tractor tastic!** On Tuesday morning Diamond and Topaz class enjoyed a very special treat as 3 very large vehicles drove into our playing field to support this term's farming project. The troop included a Massey Ferguson Forager and tractor and a John Deere tractor. The children, who were very excited, had the opportunity to climb into the driver's seats giving us a perfect photo opportunity – all of which are on display in the Diamond class. Many thanks to all involved in organising this special treat.

**Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs:** Many thanks for supporting our clubs this half term. Following a successful taster day, our new Fencing club is very popular and all the children seemed to have enjoyed it immensely. The Breakfast clubs are slowly building in popularity with 'Special Projects' on Monday, Photography on Tuesday, Sports on Wednesday, Mindfulness on Thursday and Reading on Fridays.

**Welcomes:** Hello and a big All Saints welcome to Leon and Matthew in Year 1 and to Tilly in Year 2 who have joined our school. We so look forward to getting to know you all.

**Letters home this week include:**

- What's on this week w/c 27th March 2017
- Term Dates for 2017/18
- Swimming Letter 2017 (Already sent home in Book Bags)
- Yrs 3, 4 & 6 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Sherborne Girls School 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017
- Ruby and Sapphire Class Trip to the Tutankhamen Exhibition in Dorchester 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017
- Topaz Class Farm Trip 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 (Already sent home in Book Bags)

**A few more things....**

**Year 5 Trip to Hooke Court**

Our Year 5s embark on their first school residential trip to Hooke Court, an activity centre near Beaminster, this Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May returning to school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. Miss Newman and Miss Scott will be accompanying the children and we know that they will all enjoy a rewarding time, having fun whilst learning valuable experiences away from home. They will be joining other year 5 Children from our Cluster Schools; Buckland Newton, St Marys Bradford Abbas & Thornford School

**Other Trips**

As you will see from the attached letters, there is a selection of wonderful trips being organised for our children. At All Saints we are passionate about motivating children in their learning. We believe one of the best ways is to provide rich experiences outside the classroom. There are many more opportunities for our children this term.

**New Library Books**

Following the recent addition of new books to our library from the commission raised via the book fair, we are pleased to announce that we have invested a further £400 in more fabulous books – aimed mainly at our KS2 readers. They will be on display on Tuesday for all to see and enjoy

**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 and the government expects every pupil to maintain an attendance level of above 95%. 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.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and we will see you on Tuesday.

Kind regards

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