



All Saints Primary School Newsletter

May 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have been enjoying the sunny weather that we have had recently. The beautiful setting of our school certainly comes into its own as the children are able to make maximum use of our outside space. Huge thanks go to Mark Smith for the fantastic improvements he is making to our pond area and the great new swimming pool fence!

We enjoyed an exciting trip to Hampton Court palace yesterday with Years 4, 5 and 6. The sun shone and it was a pleasure to spend the day with 32 beautifully behaved children. Once again, we received positive feedback about our children's good behaviour. Thank you to Mrs Regan for organising this opportunity and we hope to have some feedback on the learning from the day shortly.

As we head towards half term we look forward to all the Summer Term continues to bring – the Year 6 residential to Weymouth which is an amazing opportunity for personal development and to have fun, Sports Day and beginning to meet our new children for September. There are various trips organised and FOASS are busy planning a brilliant Pop-up Restaurant in Stourton Caundle Village Hall on Friday 13th June and the fabulous Summer Fair on Friday July 11th.

Welcome

Hello and a big All Saints welcome to Theo and Ben in Year 3 and to Ella and Jack in Year 5 who have joined our school. We look forward to getting to know you all.

Year 6

Well done to our wonderful Year 6 children who worked so hard during the National Curriculum testing week. I was extremely impressed by their attitude and approach to the week, and their preparation and hard work. Every one of them gave of their best and fully deserved their toast and treats to keep them going! We are very proud of you all.

Staffing

After a long association with All Saints, Mrs. Powell has announced her decision to retire at the end of this term. Mrs Powell has been a dedicated and committed teacher and it is hard to imagine the school without her! However we understand her desire to now spend some time pursuing interests outside of school. We will particularly miss her humour and enthusiastic involvement in all our many sporting activities. In the meantime we wish Mrs Powell a happy and fulfilling last half term at school.

The recruitment process was already underway to appoint one new teacher when we were informed of Mrs Powell's news. On behalf of the Governors, I am pleased to report that we were able to make two appointments last Friday to fill the two vacancies. Following a rigorous selection process from many applicants, Mrs Amanda Kellaway and Miss Victoria Hosegood were successful. I am sure parents and children will be pleased to congratulate Miss Hosegood on her appointment and will welcome Mrs Kellaway who currently teaches in an outstanding school, in Trowbridge. She is very excited to be joining our team and looks forward to meeting everybody soon. Details of class structures and teachers will be sent out later in the term.

Walk to School Week

Traditionally we have held this during the week before half term in the Summer Term. Due to two school visits taking place this week; we have decided to run 'Walk to School' week from 2nd to 6th June 2014. Please remember on our return to school after the break to walk if possible. If this is not possible, consider walking part way or across the field from the football club where there is some room to park. We will all be walking at lunchtimes to contribute kilometers to a 'journey' that will be revealed to us this Friday 23rd May.

Swimming

Please refer to the attached letter for detailed information regarding next half term's swimming programme. We are only again looking for parent volunteers to help with swimming supervision. Please let Lou know in the office if you are available to help. There will be a Life Saving refresher course on Thursday 5th June 3.30 – 5.30pm which you will need to attend if you are interested. We owe special thanks to Steve Parker who is working hard to prepare the swimming pool for this period.

A little plea from the office!

Please could reply slips on letters be handed in to class teachers. They can then be collected and returned to the office with the registers. This will help ease traffic in the office in the mornings and evenings. Thank you

A Safeguarding reminder

All Saints Primary School recognises the important responsibility for Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children. We recognise that because of their day-to-day contact with children, school staff are ideally placed to observe the outward signs of abuse. Staff in school will therefore:

- Report any inappropriate behaviour / activities to designated staff.
- Establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk and are listened to.
- Ensure that children know that they can approach any adult in school if they are worried and they will receive a consistent, supportive response.
- Provide, within the PSHE curriculum, opportunities for children to develop the skills they need to recognise, and stay safe, from abuse.

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils please contact the school to speak to Anne Crumpler (Designated Safeguarding Person) or Lisa Regan (Deputy DSP).

And finally thank you for the returned questionnaires. We value your opinions and will be using your feedback to reflect on current practice and in discussions for possible action and future developments.

Wishing everyone a happy half term with lots of sunshine,

Anne Crumpler