



# All Saints Primary School

## Information

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Each day I go around the school, pop into classes, chat to the children and observe their learning. I have to say I am delighted with what I see and with what a positive learning environment there is here at All Saints. This is largely due to our wonderful staff. I have been flabbergasted by the support they have given me since my arrival and at the dedication they have to providing the best possible education for your children.

With the weather becoming less predictable, could I remind you of the need for children to bring their coats (or this in the case of this week sowesters) into school. With our outside learning areas being such an important part of the school, we will still be using them in most weather conditions providing the children have their coats.

### **LEARNING**

Your child may well have noticed a change to the pace of learning this year. We (as a staff) are trying fit in more (but in smaller chunks) into our teaching of Maths and English. We have already seen that this improves the attentiveness of pupils and thus their attainment. Each afternoon, pupils have the opportunity to go over aspects of the morning's work which they may have found difficult (we call this post teach). In addition, teachers are focussing on praising effort and attitude to learning rather than finishing first or getting all questions correct. We are encouraging a positive mindset in all our pupils across the whole school.

### **HARVEST CELEBRATIONS**

As previously advertised, our Wellie Walk and Harvest Festival will take place on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019**. Could all children please bring in their wellies and a waterproof coat for the walk. In addition, we would still benefit from a few more volunteers to help walk the children down to the church and back. If you are available, please contact Lou in the Office. Please refer to the attached letter for further details.

### **PLAY GROUP**

All of you parents / carers of pre-school aged children, please come along to our Bishops Caundle Play Group which meets in the school every Friday (term times only) from 9:30 – 11:00am. This group is a great opportunity for parents / carers to socialise whilst the children take part in planned, supervised, learning based activities.

### **DIAMOND CLASS**

Early Warning! In the next week or so, Diamond Class will be getting a wellie rack. When it does arrive, we will be asking all Diamond parents to bring in a pair of wellies that can be left at school. This will enable us to improve our range of 'continuous provision' for the Diamond pupils. We will be in touch very soon!

### **SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Our super Worship Group have asked me to remind you all about the Shoebox appeal. As per previous correspondence, all donations are to be in school by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### **NORTH DORSET FAMILY PARTNERSHIP ZONE DROP INS**

North Dorset Family Partnership Zone (NDFPZ) offer early help to children, young people and their families. They can provide information, advice and guidance, as well as direct support around anything relating to family life, including:

- staying safe
- keeping healthy
- parenting
- managing finances

They can bring together professionals to help your child, for example, by working with health visitors, doctor or school teacher, provide one-to-one family work, suggest parenting support courses that could help you and your family or offer help and advice for more complex needs. Our first 'drop in' session with our NDFPZ worker (Louisa) is on the morning of **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 8:45am**. To book a session, please contact Lou in the Office.

### **SPORTS FIXTURES**

As you may have noticed, our Y5/Y6 football and netball fixtures have already started. If your child is unavailable or if you do not want your child to compete, could I ask you to send in the reply slip ASAP. This will give us time to find a replacement.

### **E-SAFETY**

Our E-safety Committee are doing a fabulous job. All staff have been visited this week by the committee and instructed that we must display instructions on how to lock our computers besides our screens. In addition, they are keen for us to send out information on how to stay safe when using social media (please see attached newsletter).

### **YOUR CHILD MAY BE ENTITLED TO ADDITIONAL FUNDS**

Families who receive:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

will in all probability be entitled to additional support for their child (this includes free school meals throughout their schooling and money to spend on equipment, uniform, trips, clubs If you believe that you may fall in to this category, either:

- Telephone 01305 221000 (you will need your NI number and child's DOB) or
- Pop in and see Lou in the Office with your NI number. You will then immediately find out if you are eligible for this additional funding

### **ASSA FILM NIGHT**

This Friday, ASSA are organising a special film night to raise important funds for school. The film is Hotel Transylvania 3 (Rated U) and tickets are £3 each which includes a soft drink, popcorn and other sweet treats for your child to enjoy whilst watching the film. Viewing of the film starts at 3.45pm and collection time at 6pm. Please refer to the attached letter / consent slip.

Please enjoy a restful weekend.

Regards,  
Nigel Roberts

### **Letter Attached:**

- What's On Next Week W/C 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- ASSA Film Night Letter & Consent Slip
- Family Partnership Zone Information
- All Saints Online Safety Newsletter September 2019
- All Saints Autumn Term Dates 2019