



# Newsletter

4/10/19

Dear Parents

We've had a busy couple of weeks in school. Our School Council has been voted in, in a true democratic process which was exciting to watch unfold. The children discussed British Values and Democracy in Collective Worship. Some then prepared speeches to read to their classes in order to win votes. The classes voted and we finished with seven school council members. An eighth will be voted in after Christmas when our youngest children will vote on a representative.

On Thursday this week, we were visited by the Arch Deacon of Sarum, Alan Jeans. He took part in Collective Worship and visited classes.

The children have also spent a day writing and sharing poetry. As I visited classrooms, the children were having fun with wordplay and writing poems in all manner of forms- some even written in boxes! The poems shared with each other at the end of the day were fantastic, well done everyone.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Service will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 2:15pm in St Giles' Church. Please come along and join us as we celebrate the season.

We will be collecting dried and tinned food for the Trussell Trust this year. If you would like to help we will be collecting donations in the classrooms on the morning of 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**SAFETY**

*On gate duty in the morning I am always aware of the dangers the road outside school can have so as always please take care when dropping off and picking up your children.*

*Please do not park on our yellow zig-zag lines or across from the school next to the church wall. This creates a blind spot for those crossing the road and means our buses and taxis struggle to drop off safely.*

*Please be aware of our children's safety when parking.*

### Parent Reps

Last week our parent reps met with me. We started by looking at all the school's Christian Values and identifying a focused six. The School Council also completed this activity in their role of guardians of the school ethos. These six focus values will now form the basis of our Collective Worship and underpin our curriculum.

Our parent reps discussed how we fund and cost our out of school learning visits. Our learning visits are now entirely paid for by your voluntary contributions. The school is unfortunately not in a position to help with the cost of these visits so your voluntary contributions are necessary to cover both the costs of the activity itself and the transport costs. Depending on the times of travel, this transport cost can vary incredibly and actually form the majority of the visit cost. We agreed that in future letters both the cost of the trip, and the cost of travel could be broken down and reported. Hopefully this will allow a clearer understanding of visit costings.

Our parent reps also let me know that due to logoeed uniform being mainly on line now, it can be difficult to get hold of. Please call in and see us if you are unable to get online for any reason. We may be able to help.

A huge thank you for your time, our meeting was very informative and helpful.

### **Important date changes:**

We have received notification from the Electricity Board that we will be without electricity between the hours of 9:00am and 12:30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. We will be open on this day and will have planned around this.

However, if the electricity stays off, as the evening draws in we will be facing poor light and cold temperatures in our school hall.

For this reason we have arranged to change our Harvest Festival Service; this will now be at 2:15pm in St Giles' Church on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Please join us there to help our children celebrate the season.

We are delighted to be able to let you know that we have been able to organise some additional after school clubs. After half term we will be able to provide two new gymnastics club for Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils. We are also looking into providing pottery, robotics and yogalates (a mix of yoga and pilates). Once we get all the details through of specific days etc parents will be able to sign up on line for these after school activities, so look out for further details soon.

### **Nasal flu vaccination – Electronic consent**

As last year, the Immunisation Team will be offering the Flu vaccination to **all Primary aged children**. This will take place between October - December 2019 across Wiltshire and as last year, the consent will need to be completed electronically.

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please access the consent portal via the following link:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2019/wilts>

We would like to request that consent is provided as soon as possible as the link closes 7 – 14 days prior to the session in school. This link is secure, please **carefully** select your child's school from the drop down menu and this will ensure that the consent is in the right place. Full details and information to assist you in completing the consent is detailed on the portal including full FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to a nurse regarding the nasal vaccination.

**If your child is medically vulnerable, early clinics will be available please contact the team to book in on 0300 247 0082.**

If you have any difficulties or queries with this process please do not hesitate to contact the team on 0300 247 0082.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

### **DIARY DATES**

4.10.19- Celebration Worship

7.10.19- KS1 Sports Club 3:00pm

8.10.19- KS2 Sports Club 3:00pm

11.10.19- Celebration Worship

14.10.19- KS1 Sports Club 3:00pm

15.10.19- KS2 Sports Club 3:00pm

15.10.19- Parent/Teacher Evening, from 3:30pm

16.10.19- Harvest Service at St Giles' Church PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE, ALL WELCOME 2:15pm

16.10.19- Parent/Teacher Evening, from 3:30pm

18.10.19- Celebration Worship

21.10.19- KS1 Sports Club 3:00pm

22.10.19- VIP Lunch

22.10.19- KS2 Sports Club 3:00pm

22.10.19- END OF TERM 1 FOR CHILDREN

23.10.19- MAT TD Day (Teaching staff)

4.11.19- START OF TERM 2 FOR CHILDREN

14.11.19 Friends of the School Disco, School Hall 6-7.30pm

**Certificates and Awards:** The certificates and awards given in the Celebration Assembly 27/09/19 were as follows:

Highest Classroom Attendance – Skylark 99.6%

Class Certificates –

Daisy Laws – Owl Class

Joan Arrington – Kingfisher Class

Corbin Cullingworth – Skylark Class

Tabitha Reynolds – Peregrine Falcon Class

Expectations Awards –

Aspiration – Sophie Tribbeck

Belief – Ivy Henstridge

Determination – Isabella Noke, Jenson Burnett

Pride – Phoebe Cooke

Resilience – Oliver Brain, Oscar Nicholson

Respect – Charlie Hopkins

Responsibility – Olivia Spencer

Gold Awards (250 house points)

Tegan Randall, William Brain, Lacey Hallums, Ella Blackburn

Top house point pupils:

Silvie McCloskey (13)

Maths Whizz – Jack Noble

English Star – Matilda Pillans

**Certificates and Awards:** The certificates and awards given in the Celebration Assembly 04/10/19 were as follows:

Highest Classroom Attendance – Skylark 99.6%

Class Certificates –

Milly Bolton – Owl Class

Nesrin James – Kingfisher Class

Melek Bilgic – Skylark Class

Florence Coombes – Peregrine Falcon Class

Expectations Awards –

Aspiration – William Brain

Belief – Cohen Grant

Determination – Phoebe Pennels

Pride – Lacey Hallums

Resilience – Callum Blake, Alfie Chalk

Respect – Jack Noble

Responsibility – Amber Nash

Platinum Award (500 house points)

Olivia Spencer

Gold Awards (250 house points)

Freya Bevis

Silver Awards (100 house points)

Amia McKee

Top house point pupils:

Dylan James (12)

Maths Whizz – River Forrester

English Star – Billy Shergold-O'Brien