



All Saints Primary School

Information

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another week at All Saints flies by! I would like to apologise that I have not been 'out and about' as much as I would have liked. It is my aim to spend as much time as possible getting to know you and more importantly your children. However, at the moment my school-time hours seem to be taken up by meetings and more meetings. I do hope that changes soon!

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.

PICKING UP AT THE END OF THE DAY

With the safeguarding of our pupils paramount, we are always looking to sharpen up our practices. Could I please remind parents/guardians that if someone different is picking up at the end of the day, please let Lou in the Office know. At this early part of the year, when staff are still getting to know your faces, please be understanding if we have to confirm who you are. Better safe than sorry!

MORNINGS

If you have any messages at the start of the day, could I ask you to please pass them to the member of staff on duty at the main Children's Entrance or email the School Office. Our morning routine is generally the busiest part of the day for our staff (settling pupils, setting them off with their learning, generating a positive learning environment...) and they, unfortunately, will not have the time to dedicate to queries or concerns from parents. Staff will, however, get back to you at the earliest possible opportunity about any issue raised. In addition, I am generally available at the start of the day to deal with any issues.

COMMUNICATION

Teachers do not read with every pupil every day so messages written in Reading Records may be missed. If you have a message for any member of staff, please call in or email Lou in the School Office.

COATS

With the weather due to deteriorate over the next few weeks, please ensure that the children have a coat with them when they come into school.

PE FOOTWEAR

As often as possible, at least one PE session each week will be outside. Please be aware that it is strongly recommended that pupils have training shoes rather than plimsolls for outside sessions.

PUPIL VOICE

We are so lucky that our dedicated staff give up their lunchtimes to run clubs and committees which give pupils the opportunity to contribute their ideas (and the ideas of their classmates) on how to make life better for our school community and people elsewhere in the local community and the wider world. Our pupil voice is heard in groups such as the Eco Committee, the School Council, the Play Leaders, Worship Leaders and E-safety Champions. They do a fantastic job and we truly do listen to and act on their ideas. Current lunchtime clubs are:

Monday: KS2 Football & KS1 Obstacles

Tuesday: KS1 Forest School & KS2 Volleyball

Wednesday: KS1 Skipping & KS2 Netball

Thursday: KS1 Hide & Seek & KS2 Cricket

Friday: Running & KS2 Forest Schools

SCHOOL COUNCIL'S ASSEMBLY

The school council led an excellent assembly which was focussed on bullying. They, together with the rest of the school, have come up with the agreement that here at All Saints, bullying can be described as behaviour that is **Several Times On Purpose (STOP)**.

SPORTING FIXTURES

Our netball and football fixtures against the other Sherborne schools are due to commence next week. As a rule, we will select pupils from Year 6 and 5. If there is no interest from our Sapphire Class pupils, we may invite Year 4 pupils to play,

SCHOOL PLAY GROUP

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

OPEN MORNING REMINDER

Another reminder that our Open Morning this year is taking place on **Saturday 19th October** from 8:30 – 10:30am. It will be lovely to see as many of you as possible there.

HARVEST SERVICE

Many thanks to those of you who have offered to help out on the Harvest Service / Wellie Walk on Friday 4th October 2019. We are still a few helpers down, so if you are available to help from approximately 9.30am until 12.30pm, please let Lou know.

READERS

Again, if any of you can spare some time each week (preferably in an afternoon) to listen to pupils read, could you please let Lou in the office know. You could have a really positive impact on the learning of some of our pupils!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Following the receipt of your child's school photograph proof, if you are interested in purchasing any photos please ensure you return the proof in the envelop provided with full payment by Friday 27th September. Many thanks.

Nigel Roberts
Headteacher

Letters Attached

- **What's On W/C 23rd September**
- **The Gryphon School Year 6 Open Evening**
- **School Health Nursery Nurse Parental Drop In**
- **Link to Hop Shoebox Appeal**