



# All Saints Primary School

## Weekly Parent Email

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W/E 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear All,

I hope you are coping with the changeable weather we have been experiencing this week. We try to get the children outside at break and lunch in most conditions so please make sure that they bring their coat to school every day. Likewise, children do need to have their Forest School clothing in school if they are to access these facilities. After my Forest School Club on Tuesday, I know only too well how muddy it can get!

The Year 5/6 Football team took part in an Under 11s tournament on Tuesday. In terrible conditions, they performed really well by winning by coming third amongst teams from all over North Dorset.

An extremely significant event for the future of the school, which happened this week, was the interviews for Lou's replacement. We were delighted with the quality of the candidates and I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Kirsty Batten. Kirsty currently works in our Diamond Class as a 1:1 and has made a huge impression on staff and pupils in her short time here. From half term, Kirsty will be working alongside Lou until 1<sup>st</sup> May when she will take the reins. During this handover period, Kirsty will regularly be outside at drop off and pick up which will give you the opportunity to get to know her.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Nigel

### **Request for Snowdrops**

If you have any snowdrop plants which you are willing to donate to school, we would be delighted to receive them. We are investing time and resources in our outdoor areas and are told that planting the snowdrop plants, rather than bulbs, is a lot more likely to be successful.

### **Stalbridge Community Larder**

Stalbridge Community Larder (not a foodbank but a shopping top-up service) is a super scheme where families can register and pay a small weekly fee (£5 for a 4 person household) and in return receive on average £10-£15 worth of food per household member (£40 -£60 worth). Collection is every Thursday at Guggleton Farm Arts, Stalbridge from 9 – 11am. To register, please request an application form from:

[FSSouthernCentral@fareshare.org.uk](mailto:FSSouthernCentral@fareshare.org.uk) or [larder@guggletonfarmarts.com](mailto:larder@guggletonfarmarts.com)

or phone 01963 363456 for more details.

### **Village Shop**

Dawn in the village shop is soon retiring, if you are interested in a part time job, please speak to Katie who manages the shop. Furthermore, the shop (a community, not for profit venture) is extremely short of volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours every week, or even every month, please speak to Katie.

There will be an Emergency Meeting about the future of the shop here in school at 7pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Please do attend if you are able and help to save this precious community asset.

### **Recommended Theatre Performance**

Actor Mark Carey will be performing his one-man play *Into The Breach* at the Sherborne Studio Theatre. The play is suitable for anyone 9 years old and above and is both enjoyable and educational.

There are three performances:

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

Tickets are available via the Amateur Players of Sherborne website (<https://www.aps-sherborne.co.uk/into-the-breach.html>), where you can also find more comments and full reviews. Adult seats are priced between £10 and £12, and under 16s can attend for only £5

### **Request for Support**

Lisa and the KS1 team have asked for support for the following events geared around their Local Area (farming) topic.

- Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Feb from 9:15 – 10:30am - **Tractors and farm machinery** in school car park
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Mar from 1:30 – 2:45 - **Farm Animals** on the school's court

If you are able to join us with tractors / farm machinery or animals, please contact Lisa via the school office.

### **Key Dates**

8 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Celebrate Our Own Learning in classrooms
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Spring Term Parent Consultation (details to follow)
7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 5 Sleepover

### **Key Year 6 Dates**

9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	-	KS2 SATs
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Year 6 Residential
12 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 6 Performance
19 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Leavers Service