



All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

W/E 20th November 2020

Dear All,

I thought I would take the opportunity to let you know a little bit of what goes on behind the scenes prior to our Christmas break (and indeed prior to the end of every term); hopefully it will give you confidence in the thoroughness and extensiveness of the processes we use to ensure our teaching and learning is of the highest quality. Over the next four weeks, all pupils in Years 1 – 6 will have tests in Reading, Maths and English, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (EGPS). The reason for this is twofold, firstly it practices the pupils in sitting tests (something they will need later on in their education) and secondly it helps the teachers in assessing the pupils.

Once complete, teachers will assess every pupil in every subject against each objective covered so far. From there, teachers will track each pupil for progress in reading, writing, maths and EGPS based on last year's performance but also on their prior ability (most recent government assessment from either Reception end of year or KS1 SATs).

After this process, myself and Lisa Regan analyse each pupil's assessment and tracking data. We identify pupils who have not made expected progress and will have discussions with staff about what we can do to support them more (and in what areas). We will also identify pupils who we believe should be challenged more. We will be moderating teacher's assessments against classwork and test scores. Furthermore, in all other subjects, Subject Leaders will be assessing the data across the whole school, monitoring curriculum coverage, checking pupil's retention of key facts and evaluating quality of teaching. This whole process is overseen by and verified by our School Development Group of governors.

Waterproofs

As you are aware, we try to get pupils outside at break times in almost any weather; this – for the KS2 pupils who use the grass each day - inevitably means that at times they will get wet/muddy. If you have spare waterproofs, please do name them and sent them to school in a dedicated named bag.

Christmas Hamper Draw Tickets

Please do try to sell the raffle tickets, every penny will be spent on our pupils.

Non School Uniform Day – Friday 27th November

To top up our already overflowing Christmas hampers, we are holding another non-school uniform day on Friday 27th November. Again, ASSA ask children to bring in goods for the Christmas hampers in exchange for wearing their own choice of clothes for the day.

Applying for School Places

15th Jan remains the final date for applying for school places in Reception for next September. If you have a child who is coming here next year, please do apply online with Dorset Council sooner rather than later, we would hate for any of our current families to miss out. If you need any help or advice with the application, please do give Lou a call.

Please do remember that we are here for you. If you have any worries or concerns about school (or your child) or if there is anything we may be able to help you with, please do ask. If we can help we will!

Nigel Roberts