



All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

W/E 02th December 2022

Dear All,

I am going to start this week with some sad news. Lou, who as you know has been the friendly face of the school for so many years is leaving us at Easter. Excitingly for her, she and Mark are moving down to Cornwall where he is being posted. Naturally, we will be wishing Lou and her family the best of luck, however, it is hard to overstate how much we will miss her. We are currently advertising for a replacement who will have a lengthy hand over period with Lou.

Congratulations to the Year 6 football team who progressed to the next round of the Davison Cup by beating Milldown (a much bigger school from Blandford) 0:2. The Davison cup is a tournament for all North Dorset schools.

Wednesday afternoon was an absolute joy. Firstly, we were treated to the Ruby Class ukulele concert which was a treat for everyone. The amount of progress they have made in such a short period of time is amazing. This was followed by a visit by some Gurkha soldiers (Queen's Gurkha Signals) based at Blandford Camp. We arranged this visit partly as part of our future careers programme but the add on was the chance to listen to, ask questions of and to get to know a set of wonderful, brave, loyal people who were born and raised in Nepal and who largely follow the Hindu or Buddhist faiths. They treated us to a Kukri Dance, we saw the clothes they wear in Nepal and they showed us their specialist equipment: what a treat!

Many thanks to Debbie Ashman who – via Mole Valley Farmers – very kindly donated us a wonderful Christmas tree for our school hall. We very much appreciate this kind gesture.

Finally, Lou and I were lost for words early this week and this doesn't often happen! In a quite remarkable act of kindness, one of our parents (who wishes to remain anonymous) popped in with a sealed envelope in which there was a sizable amount of money. This family asked for the money to be used to support All Saints children and families who might otherwise go without this Christmas.

Nearly Christmas!

Nigel

Extras....

Nourysh

Nourysh are a start-up company from Falmouth University. They believe that the best way to build healthy habits for life is to get children into the kitchen. They are creating a portal where families can access age-appropriate recipes

that include cooking skills, fun activity packs, useful information such as seasonality of ingredients, for parents to use at home. These will be completely free to use. To try out their refined sugar free mince pie recipe, sign up to their newsletter at: www.nourysh.co.uk

Artwork

Katie (from the village shop) is looking for festive artwork (from all ages) to use as decorations. Any colouring, drawing or painting which is festive, merry and no bigger than A4 in size would be gratefully received. Please drop off any artwork either at the shop or in the school office.

Sherborne's Indoor Christmas Market

Sherborne's Indoor Christmas Market happening on Sunday 4th December from 10 – 4pm. This event is organized by one of our parents so please do support it if you can.

Round Chimney's Farm Christmas Market and Lambing

Please find attached details of Round Chimney's Farm Christmas Market and Lambing happening on Sunday 11th December from 11 – 4pm.

Key Dates

7 th & 8 th Dec	-	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Mon 12 th Dec	-	Elfridges Present Shop
Mon 12 th Dec	-	Christmas Jumper Day
Tue 13 th Dec	-	Santa's Grotto 3:30 – 6pm
Wed 14 th Dec	-	Santa's Grotto 3:30 – 6pm
Wed 14 th Dec	-	KS2 Carol Service 6.30pm
7 th – 9 th July	-	Year 5 Sleepover

Key Year 6 Dates

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