



All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

W/E 08th September 2023

Dear All,

I hope you had a fantastic summer: we are all excited to be back and starting the new academic year and I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming our new reception families. Also, a very warm welcome to Emma Skea-Strachan who has taken over the reigns of Topaz Class.

I am amazed at how quickly our children have settled back into school life: if they are anything like me they will have been exhausted, however, school has been the lovely environment we are all used to. I am also delighted to say that our new school meals are 'going down a storm'. Meals need to be ordered 1 week in advance. If you have any trouble booking meals or clubs, please speak to Kirsty in the office. Monday food order: you may notice Monday's selection has disappeared, if you know you have ordered food for your child for Monday it will still stand as Kirsty puts the orders in the week before.

For non-reception pupils, if photo permission has changed, if you child has changes to dietary needs and if there are any changes to your child's allergies, please call Kirsty in the office ASAP.

We are looking forward to seeing parents/carers of pupils from Year 1 – Year 6 for a 'meet the teacher' session at 3pm next Tuesday (12th September). If you are unable to attend, or have more than one child at school, slideshows used will be made available on the class pages on our website after the event. The Reception Parents Information Evening will be on Wed 20th Sept at 6pm.

A few pleas. Could you please ensure that all of your child's children's uniform and PE kit are named. Collectively, staff spend hours every week trying to locate unnamed items. Next, could you please ensure that your child has a full PE kit (including trainers not daps) and a warm hoodie / sweatshirt in school. This will generally be kept in school for the full half term, though we will send it home if it becomes smelly! Also, could we please make sure your child has named waterproofs and wellington boots which can be used for forest school activities. Failure to have the correct clothing could mean that your child misses out on activities. As ever, if you are struggling to source any of the items, please contact Kirsty as we may be able to help.

PE and Forest School days are:

	PE	Forest School
Diamond	Tuesday Thursday	Wednesday Friday
Topaz	Tuesday Thursday	Wednesday Friday
Ruby	Wednesday Thursday	Monday
Sapphire	Monday Friday	Tuesday

If you have a spare hour or so each week (or every fortnight), we are always on the look-out for volunteers to help hear the children read. Our lovely volunteers have done so much to help our children make the progress and attainment which has put us right at the top of all schools. If you are able to help, please speak to Kirsty.

Finally, until the current 'unseasonal' weather ends, could you please ensure that you apply sun cream and that your child has a hat in school.

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Your Child May Be Entitled to Additional Funds

If you 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

You will probably be entitled to additional support for your 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,)

To apply for this, either:

- Telephone 01305 221000 (you will need your NI number and child's DOB) or
- Apply on line <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/pupil-premium>. You will then immediately find out if you are eligible for this additional funding

Guitar Lessons in School

We have found a guitar teacher keen to run lessons at our school during school hours:

1:1 half hour session at £15

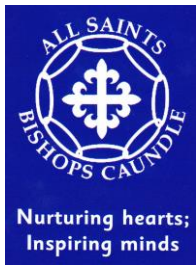
2:1 half hour session at £10 each

3:1 half hour session at £7 each

Please get in touch with Kirsty if you are interested in booking you child into any of these lessons.

Important Dates for your Diaries

Tue 12 th Sep	-	Meet the Teacher for Year 1 – Year 6 @ 3pm in respective classrooms ` (slideshows from this session will be made available on class pages on the website)
Wed 13 th Sep	-	Individual pupil school photos
Wed 20 th Sept	-	Reception Class Parents Information Evening @ 6pm (parents only please)
Thu 05 th Oct	-	Harvest 'Wellie' Walk
Wed 18 th & Thu 19 th Oct	-	Autumn term Parent Consultation. Booking details will be promulgated nearer the event
23 – 27 Oct	-	Half Term
Mon 30 Oct	-	INSET Day, school closed for pupils
Tue 31 Oct	-	Pupils back in School



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Thu 2 nd Nov	-	Diamond Class Celebration Worship @ 3pm
Thu 9 th Nov	-	Ruby Class Celebration Worship @ 3pm
Tue 14 th Nov	-	Sapphire Class Celebration Worship @ 3pm
Thu 16 th Nov	-	Topaz Class Celebration Worship @ 3pm
Tue 5 th Dec	-	KS1 Nativity Rehearsal
Wed 6 th Dec	-	KS1 Nativity @ 2pm
Thu 7 th Dec	-	KS1 Nativity @ 2pm
Mon 11 th Dec	-	Christmas Jumper Day
Tue 12 th Dec	-	Christingle Service in Bishops Caundle Church @ 10am
Tue 12 th Dec	-	Ruby Class Party pm
Wed 13 th Dec	-	KS1 Class Party pm
Thu 14 th Dec	-	Sapphire Class Party pm
Thu 14 th Dec	-	Carol Service in Bishops Caundle Church @ 6:30pm
Fri 15 th Dec	-	Singing around the Christmas Tree in Hall @ 2pm
18 th Dec – 01 st Jan	-	Christmas Holidays
Tue 2 nd Jan	-	INSET Day, school closed for pupils
Wed 3 rd Jan	-	Pupils back in school

