



All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

10th January 2025

Dear All,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are enjoying a great start to the New Year. A cold start to the calendar year has highlighted the need for the children to have warm coats, gloves and hats in school every day.

Just before Christmas, we were delighted to have confirmed that, in the DfE league table, we are the best performing primary school in North Dorset for the second year running. Whilst we are more proud of our values, the care we give our children and the unique feel we have here at All Saints, the league table is a fitting recognition to the diligence of our fantastic pupils and staff.

As you know, James Passmore, the CEO of Pickwick Academy Trust, was in school yesterday to meet the parents / carers, staff and governors. Many thanks to those of you who came along, I have no doubt that any fears and concerns were allayed by what James had to say. By way of an update, if all goes to plan, it looks like we will be becoming part of Pickwick sometime after 1st April (there are no set dates yet and it may be as late as June). As a reminder, we chose Pickwick because, unlike other academy trusts, they align with our values and vision. They will also support us without taking our money and without changing everything we are so proud of. We are extremely excited about the opportunities that joining Pickwick will bring us.

As previously mentioned, our Action Group have decided to support the charity Shelter to raise awareness of homelessness in our local area and nationally. We want to empower the pupils to realise that their actions can positively affect the lives of others. Hence, on Friday 7th February 2025, school staff will be sleeping 'rough' in the school grounds. We invite you, at the same time, to support the event by sleeping out in your gardens. We would love to see photos of you doing this. The pupils have set rules for the staff and families that no creature comforts are allowed (such as electrical devices, pillows and mattresses). If you wish to help with the fund raising, please use the following link to make a donation.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/all-saints-school-community-sleep-out>

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Nigel and Lisa

Notices

Caundle Marsh Church are holding a special event on Sunday 12 January 2024 known as PLOUGH SUNDAY starting at 10am. This is aimed at all local children celebrating farming and all pupils from All Saints are warmly welcome. Children will be able to look at a few farm animals and a tractor after the service; refreshments and bacon butties are also provided! There will also be a wonderful model farm to look at and a short quiz – just for fun.

Bikeability Level 1 courses are available to book for our Year 4 pupils. This is a free lesson and addresses the extremely important skill of being safe on a bike on public roads. Any parent / carer of Year 4 children, please follow the following link to book a slot for your child:

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Giles Lane, Bishops Caundle, Dorset DT9 5NQ, 01963 23450
www.bishopscaundle.dorset.sch.uk office@bishopscaundle.dorset.sch.uk

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/mill-steel-room>

Fare Share Pop-up Larders in Dorset

The Pop-Up Larders open for 1 to 2 hours each week and are designed to provide more affordable food for up to 250 people. They operate as food clubs using a membership model. This model is sometimes known as a Social Supermarket. They are staffed by volunteers offering a warm welcome to the members.

Once a location has been identified, and a local team is in place to support the Pop-Up Larder, a Fare Share van and team then visits the location once every week for a year, bringing food to be shared among the Larder members. Typically a family member would pay £5 for the week's groceries, and the value of the goods received will be approximately £20-25. Local volunteers help the FareShare team to run the Pop-Up Larders, and connect them into the wider community support.

Where does the food come from?

The food supplied to the Pop-Up Larders is sourced from outside Dorset through regional supply networks run by FareShare. This source does not affect the supply of food to existing local food projects.

<https://www.helpandkindness.co.uk/organisations/3482/sherborne--fareshare-friday-pop-up-larder>

<https://www.helpandkindness.co.uk/organisations/3406/stalbridge-fareshare-thursday-pop-up-larder>

Important Dates for your Diaries

Fri 7 Feb	-	Action Group Sleep Rough night
17 – 21 Feb	-	Half Term
25 Feb – 3 Mar	-	Scholastic Book Fair
Thu 6 Mar	-	Ruby Class Celebration Worship
Mon 10 Mar	-	Diamond Class Celebration Worship
Wed 12 Mar	-	Topaz Class Celebration Worship
Thu 13 Mar	-	Sapphire Class Celebration Worship
Tue 18 Mar	-	Parent Consultation (1:30 – 6pm)
Thu 20 Mar	-	Parent Consultation (1:30 – 6pm)
Fri 4 Apr	-	Easter Service @ 10am
Fri 4 Apr	-	Last day of term
7 – 21 April	-	Easter Holiday
Tue 22 April	-	Children back in school
12 – 15 May	-	Year 6 SATs
19 – 21 May	-	Year 6 Residential
26 – 30 May	-	Half Term
2 – 13 June	-	Year 4 Multiplication Check
9 – 13 June	-	Year 1 Phonics Screening
10 June	-	Class & Year 6 Leavers Photos
Wed 25 June	-	Aquathlon
Fri 27 June	-	Sports Day
20 – 22 June	-	Y5 Sleepover
Tue 1 July	-	Year 6 move up day @ Gryphon School
Fri 18 July	-	Leaver's Service @ 1:30pm (Year 6 parents, carers & families)
Fri 18 July	-	Last day of academic year
21, 22 & 23 July	-	INSET Days, pupils not in