



All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

W/E 20th January 2023

Dear All,

Lessons rarely stop here at All Saints, however, I was delighted that on Wednesday all classes took the opportunity to go outside when the snow was falling heavily. As would be expected, there was much laughter and fun (not surprisingly far more popular than English)!

There was a very successful Village Shop meeting here on Tuesday evening. Year 6 are volunteering at the shop a couple of lunchtimes a week and, as a school, we are asking you all to help by using the shop whenever possible: every little purchase makes a difference.

Please see the note below about procedures in the event of adverse weather: let's hope we do not have to use them!

One of our parents, Josie Reay, is starting what sounds like a fantastic Sunday Art Club on 29th January and every Sunday from then on. The Club will take place here at All Saints and is open to primary school aged children whether they come to this school or not. The sessions will last from 2 – 4pm at the cost of £7 per hour. Please see the attached slip for further details.

Finally, we know that times are hard for many families at the moment. If you are struggling, please get in touch. I can't promise miracles, however, we do have access to other agencies and will do all we can to help. Naturally, any assistance would be discreet and confidential.

Have a great weekend,

Nigel

School Closure due to Adverse Weather

We will, of course, endeavour to keep the school open if at all possible, but severe weather conditions could make it necessary to close the school if it were dangerous or unreasonably difficult:

- for children or sufficient numbers of staff to reach school and provide an adequate educational service.
- for children or staff to journey to, and return from, school safely and without undue delay.

To check whether the school is going to be closed, please visit the school website www.bishopscaundle.dorset.sch.uk. A warning message will be clearly displayed on the home page. In addition, Dorset Council also has a website for schools to register with if they are closed due to severe weather. A member of staff will update this as early as possible if we are to close. This should be done by 6.45am.

The Dorset Council website can be accessed in two ways: www.dorsetforyou.com/winter or <http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/closedservices>, then click on Closed Schools and if we are closed All Saints Primary School will be listed.

Dorset Council will also advise radio stations on the school's behalf, so please listen to our local radio stations for information if you do not have access to the internet.

Local radio stations:

- Heart FM (Dorset) on 102.3 MHz
- Heart FM (Somerset) 102.6 MHz
- Midwest Radio / The Breeze in Yeovil 105.6 MHz

We will also send a text via your mobile phones to inform you of school closure so it is really important that we have your up to date details on file. In addition to this, we will update our school smart phone App which will send a push notification to your phone.

If conditions permit, a member of staff will endeavour to get to the office but it would be appreciated if you did not ring the school directly, except in extreme circumstances, to avoid 'blocking' our lines.

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 or larder@guggletonfarmarts.com

or phone 01963 363456 for more details.

Key Dates

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

Key Year 6 Dates

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| 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 |