



# All Saints Primary School

## Weekly Parent Email

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W/E 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear All,

Our Sapphire Class Tag Rugby team had their first outing of the year this week where they suffered a narrow loss to Sherborne Abbey. More important than the result was the fact that the players all thoroughly enjoyed the game and represented the school with pride whilst showing fair play, integrity and spirit.

Hamper tickets will be coming home today. Please do all you can to sell your tickets (plenty more are available from Kirsty) because the money raised does so much in enriching the school experience for all of our children. For each book a child sells, they will have a free entry into the children's draw. A reminder that next Friday (1<sup>st</sup> Dec) is another non-school uniform day where we ask the children to bring in a gift for our hampers in return for wearing their own clothes for the day.

Elfridges have been inundated with orders this year. Many thanks for your support of ASSA, but also, many thanks to our ASSA volunteers – in particular Emily – for their hard work and commitment in making this happen. ASSA do such a brilliant job for our children.

I was an extremely proud person on Thursday! A very experienced headteacher from another Dorset school came in, at the request of the governors, to do a 'deep dive' into all aspects of All Saints life including: behavior, teaching and learning, pupil engagement... Whilst I have not yet received a written report, the verbal feedback I received was a wonderful reflection on our outstanding staff and children and the very special atmosphere they have created here at All Saints.

Finally, a regular plea, could we all please be considerate to our neighbours when parking at drop off / pick up or for school events. We would rather hold onto pupils for a couple of minutes longer than have people parking dangerously or in a way that inconveniences locals.

Have a restful weekend,

Nigel

### **Preparing Autistic Children for Christmas**

Please see below a link to advice for preparing autistic children for Christmas.

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/professional-practice/christmas-resources>

### **Baptism and Confirmation**

School Governor and friend of the school Rev Jenny Nelson has asked me to inform you all that if you would like your child baptized or confirmed, please contact her via Kirsty in the school office.

## **Governors**

As a school, we are extremely lucky to have a dedicated, knowledgeable and hardworking set of governors: some of these are parent governors. Parent governors are elected by you, the parents, if there is more than one parent wanting to become a board member.

Laura Prowse, our Safeguarding Governor, is up for re-election and she will continue with the role if no one stands against her. Laura does an excellent job in supporting and challenging Lisa and myself in all areas of safeguarding and is also a member of the Finance Committee.

Furthermore, Catherine Bray has expressed an interest on becoming a governor and will be elected in as an Associate Member of the governing body with a view of becoming a full member when former parent Alicia Stoddart completes her tenure, providing no one else stands against her.

Our final parent governor is Emma Coleman who is not up for re-election and is a member of the School Development Group, the Pay and Personnel Committee and the Headteacher's Appraisal Group. If I do not hear from anyone else wishing to become a governor before 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023, I will inform the governing body that Laura and Catherine should be voted in. If other candidates make themselves known to me, I will arrange for an election to take place.

## **Important Dates for your Diaries**

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	-	Non School Uniform Day in return for gift towards hamper
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	Elfridges
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	KS1 Nativity Rehearsal
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	KS1 Nativity @ 2pm
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	KS1 Nativity @ 2pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	Christmas Jumper Day
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	Christingle Service in Bishops Caundle Church @ 10am
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	Ruby Class Party pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	KS1 Class Party pm
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	Sapphire Class Party pm
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	Carol Service in Bishops Caundle Church @ 6:30pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	Singing around the Christmas Tree in Hall @ 2pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	Santa's Grotto at Village Hall (shop led community event)
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 01 <sup>st</sup> Jan	-	Christmas Holidays
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	-	INSET Day, school closed for pupils
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	-	Pupils back in school