



All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

W/E 02nd October 2020

Dear All,

A major part of my job is to monitor the quality of teaching and learning in the school. I am assisted with this by Lisa Regan, the governing body's School Development Group and also external representatives of Dorset Council and Salisbury Diocesan. I can safely say that the writing happening across the school – on a daily basis – is of an extremely high standard and the focus and drive in maths lessons is a joy to see. Also, the additional support and challenge happening to individuals or small groups of pupils each afternoon is well beyond what would be expected. I am extremely proud of the provision our staff provide to your children.

With the drop in temperature, we are having trouble keeping the swimming pool up to the required minimum temperature. If the water temperature does drop too low, sadly we will have to cancel sessions. I do apologise, for this however, we have never operated the school in the autumn before and we are obliged to operate the pool at a minimum temperature level. Needless to say, the pool heating is working overtime and we are hopeful we will be able to carry on as planned.

As a reminder, the ASSA AGM is being held on Monday 5th October 2020 at 5:30pm. Please do either join us at a socially distanced meeting at school or virtually via TEAMS (please speak to Lou in the office for a link).

As a healthy school, we encourage pupils to drink only water at All Saints. Pre-COVID 19, we supplied water jugs and cups in each classroom and then allowed pupils to have water or a soft drink with their lunch. However, as we are currently unable to use cups in classroom, we feel it unnecessary to ask parents to supply two bottles of drink each day (the children have enough to carry into school as it is!) To that end, whilst I strongly encourage all parents to have water in their child's drinks bottle, I understand that there will be a very few pupils, who for medical reasons (or other), will have a suitable alternative.

We are holding a Wellie Walk / Harvest Festival with a difference this year. On the morning of Friday 16th October, we will head out as a school and walk some local footpaths. Naturally we will separate the bubbles. We will be holding an abridged Harvest Festival (outside) with Vicar Richard leading the service. Please can we make sure that all pupils have boots and coats in on that day.

For your information, nasal flu vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 18th November for the each year group. You will be notified, in due course, about how to access the new 'online' consent form.

Another reminder, could pupils in Ruby and Sapphire Classes please have a set of wellies in school so we can use the school playing field at break / lunch time in (nearly) all weather.

Have a great weekend.

Nigel Roberts
Headteacher

