



# All Saints Primary School

## Weekly Parent Email

W/E 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear All,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break.

I am delighted to announce that our great friends at Woodbridge Farm are sponsoring a 'Decorate a wellie' competition as part of our Coronation Celebration on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. The wellie decorating could be either a physical wellie (which could include a plant) or a 2D paper wellie. Could all entries please come into school on 5<sup>th</sup> May for judging. Some of the entries will then go on display at Woodbridge Farm. There will be prizes for the first and second placed wellies in each year group!

We have been busy on the sporting front this week. After a warm up game against Sherborne Abbey on Tuesday, our Year 3/4 netballers performed brilliantly in coming second in the Sherborne Schools tournament on Thursday afternoon. Likewise, the Year 6 footballers won the plate competition in their Sherborne Schools tournament losing only one game in the process.

Over the Easter break, we had our new amphitheatre installed: it looks brilliant and will be well used as the weather improves. Dorset Schools Garden Trust have very kindly made a sizeable donation to us which has enabled us to purchase a number of new trees (some of these providing shade for the amphitheatre). This week, Castle Gardens have very generously planted the trees (cost free) and they are looking lovely. As a reminder, these works are part of a bigger project we have to improve our outside area and make it more inspiring for the children. The project was inspired and designed by Vanessa Boal, with ideas from the School Council: we are hoping to announce that further works will be carried out very soon.

As cricket season is upon us, please find attached a fantastic opportunity to get involved with cricket at Sherborne Cricket Club.

Enjoy the weekend,

Nigel

### Key Dates

5 <sup>th</sup> May	-	King's Coronation Celebrations
16 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Reception Vision Screening
30 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Sports Day (lunch and pm for families)
7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 5 Sleepover

## **Key Year 6 Dates**

9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	-	KS2 SATs
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Year 6 Residential
12 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 6 Performance
19 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Leavers Service

## **HEAD LICE – HAS YOUR CHILD GOT THEM?**

We have been notified that head lice are about.

It's an age old problem, but whatever stories you may have heard about head lice, rest assured that the only way they can be caught is through head to head contact. This is why school children are more likely to be affected and why every family should be checking every few weeks for head lice and act quickly to get rid of them effectively.

A lot of myths have grown up about head lice, but their presence has nothing to do with bad hygiene, they cannot jump or fly and they cannot survive for long away from the head. Another common belief is that itching is the first sign of head lice. In fact, itching is rare and only occurs weeks after head lice have appeared.

Children are more prone to getting head lice simply because they spend their days in close contact with other children, allowing the head lice to walk from head to head. Thankfully, there are three simple steps to successfully treating head lice.

### **STEP 1: DETECTION**

The best way to check for lice or nits (the empty white egg cases left behind when head lice hatch) is with a special detection comb. By wet combing regularly, infestation can be spotted early – and finding a live head louse confirms it.

### **STEP 2: TREATMENT**

An effective way to get rid of head lice is to use a head lice treatment. Chemists have a great range of high quality medicated head lice treatments including natural head lice products and combs for detection and lice removal. Ask a pharmacist for advice.

### **STEP 3: MAKING SURE**

The best way to clear head lice is with two applications, to remove lice from unhatched eggs missed at the first application. For medicated treatments the British National Formulary recommend two applications, seven days apart.

Please remember that if you do find head lice on your children, you should also check yourself and all other family members because they spread by close contact. It is a good idea to inform recent contacts so that they can also be checked themselves.