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Newsletter 1

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new Academic Year

I would like to welcome back all of our existing children, parents and staff at the start of this new academic year. I would also like to welcome the New Year R children and their parents and children who are joining us in other year groups, as well as Miss Scott (our new Class 4 Teacher) and Mrs Hale (our new Admin Officer). We are looking forward to another very busy and productive year. I have attached a further copy of the term dates, which has been updated.

School Uniform

Our uniform policy states that the winter uniform should be worn during this term, however I am more than happy if you would like your child to wear the summer uniform for this half-term.

Collective Worship Theme

The theme for this half term is 'What in the world will I be?' The children will develop a Christian worldview through exploring some of the different occupations of people in the Bible.

Open Door Policy

I would like to remind you that both teachers and myself are always able to make ourselves available to talk to you if you are concerned about your child, we would much rather you come to discuss any minor issues before they develop into a significant problem. Please contact the School Office if you need to make an appointment to see either myself or one of the teachers.

Parking outside school

Please can I remind you to park with consideration for people living near our school, as well as other road users and pedestrians. The nearby Village Hall is regularly used by various groups and societies and they have priority parking at the Hall, having paid for their event. However, the Village Hall Management Committee has kindly agreed that the car



park can be used at school drop off and pick up times but only if the hall is not in use.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If you are in receipt of certain benefits your child may qualify for free school meals, which also means that our school would receive some extra funding to support your child in school. For further information and to check if you qualify please visit www.hants.gov.uk/HC3S and follow the link to free school meals.

Sherborne St John Sunday Club at St Andrew's Church and School

As you know we have very close links with St Andrew's Church and several of our children attend the Sunday Club. If you would like your child to attend please talk to Mrs Harding for further details.

Sunday Club provides an opportunity for the children to learn about Christianity in a context which is enjoyable and appropriate to their age group. It takes place every Sunday morning in term time.

The groups are: Creche (0-4 years), Climbers (4-7 years) and Grid (7-11 years).

Following the "children's spot" in church (10 am) children are taken over to the school for their own meetings. They return at the same time that church finishes – usually about 11.15 am.

Annual Reminders

Safeguarding Children

I would like to remind you that our School does have a Child Protection Policy (available on the school website) to ensure the safety of all your children, we are therefore legally obliged to implement the policy if we have any concerns about a child. Also I am sure that you will be reassured to know that all adults working with your children in school are DBS checked.

As part of our Safeguarding we teach the children about e-safety and how to stay safe online. There are further details about this and links to recommended websites on our school website.

Adverse Weather Conditions

In the event of snow or other adverse weather conditions I will make a decision based on a risk assessment as to whether or not the school will remain open as stated in our Policy for Adverse Weather Conditions (a copy can be made available to you upon request), which I am hoping I will not have to refer to for some time! Last year we were not affected very much by heavy snowfalls, however in the event that we are I would ask you to listen to Kestrel FM or Heart radio station and check the Hampshire website. I would also email parents and put a message on the school website in addition to this.



In the event of snow falling and the school remaining open, I will risk assess the outside areas for health and safety reasons and if I feel that it is safe to do so the children will be allowed to play outside in the snow. Please send your child with a change of clothes if the snow has fallen before the start of the school day. Last year we had several snowman building and snow balling sessions which the children, and some staff, thoroughly enjoyed! We also try to give the children a drink of warm squash when they come back into school. Unless you inform me in writing that you do not want your child to play outside in the snow I will assume that you are happy for them to do so.

Parental survey

As part of the Disability Discrimination Act I am requested to ask whether any parents are partially sighted and have difficulty in reading letters from school. If this is the case, please contact the school office and we will reproduce the letters in a larger font.

Forthcoming events:

Friday 7th September – School Association Coffee Morning

Tuesday 11th September – Class 4 swimming – details to follow soon

Monday 17th September – School Association AGM – separate letter to follow soon

Tuesday 18th September – Class 4 swimming

Tuesday 18th September – Year R Information Evening – letter to follow soon

Friday 21st September – Year 6 taster day at The Hurst

Tuesday 25th September – Class 4 swimming

Inset days

I would like to remind you that we have two INSET days booked for later this term on Friday 19th October for training at North Waltham Primary School and Monday 26th November which is a day in lieu for training which has been undertaken after school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Payne
Headteacher

Remember to follow our PE activities @SherborneSJPE

Please remember to help us raise funds by using:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sstjsa>

