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Newsletter 2

Dear Parents

Project Big Pictures

Please find the Project Big Pictures attached for each class, giving you an overview of what your children will be learning about this half term.

Class 1 and 2 – Weather and Seasons

Class 3 – Growls, Howls and Roars

Class 4 – World War II

School Allergy Policy

Please can I remind you that as we have several children with allergies we operate a no nut or kiwi policy to ensure their safety while in school. Therefore, none of these products should be brought into school for snacks or in lunchboxes. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

School Association AGM

I would like to remind you that the School Association AGM is next Monday 17th September at 7.30pm in the school library so do please join us if you can as we would love to see some new faces on the committee.

Annual Conker Tournament

Our annual conker tournament will take place during next week. All children are invited to take part. They will need to have a **conker on a string**. The infants and juniors take part in separate knock out rounds until we have finalists, the whole school will then watch the final competitions. We do not provide any goggles or gloves, so if you feel that your child needs them please provide them too.

Confirmation of dates

I am pleased to be able to confirm that the Year 2 Parents Information will be taking place on Wednesday 3rd October at 7pm, further information will be sent to Year 2 parents shortly.



Open Hour after school will be on Monday 8th October. This is an opportunity for you to come into school with your child to look at their work and the class teachers will be available for you to talk to them informally.

Fitness Coaching Sessions

Class 1 and 2 both started their fitness training coaching sessions last week with Coach Debs. They will continue with these sessions over the term and will develop their fitness levels and work on their core strength.

Swimming Lessons

Class 4 begin their series of swimming lessons tomorrow at the Aquadrome, they will have 5 lessons over this half term. The rest of the school (apart from Year R) will also have lessons during the school year.

Junior Play Leader Training

Our Year 6 children will take part in their first session of Junior Play Leader training this week. They will continue the training for this half term and learn how to organise games and activities for younger children enabling them to run our lunchtime Huff'n'Puff sessions.

Year 5 are having dodgeball coaching sessions with the aim that they will be able to teach other year groups the skills to play this game.

Listen 2 Me Music

Class 1 and 2 have started their lessons this term playing percussion instruments and Class 4 are learning to play African drums.

Attendance

I am pleased to inform you that our attendance continued to be good last year and was still above the national average at 96.7% which compares to 97.3% for the previous year. I would like to thank you for ensuring that your child attends school whenever possible and I hope that we are able to maintain this high level of attendance again this year. As you are aware I had been monitoring punctuality as well as attendance last year and while the majority of children regularly arrive on time we had 151 recorded lates in the registers which is significantly higher than 98 for the previous year. I am also continuing to monitor the end of the school day and we still have a small number of children who are regularly collected late and if this continues I will speak to the parents of the children concerned.

I would also like to remind you that I am unable to authorise absence from school for holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances, I have attached a copy of the county guidance for parents which explains the policy and penalty notices.



Up to date contact details

Please can I remind you that it is essential that you inform us if your contact details change (telephone numbers, address and email address) as we need to ensure that the information we have is accurate.

Forthcoming events:

Tuesday 11th September – Class 4 swimming

Monday 17th September – School Association AGM

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

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Payne
Headteacher

Remember to follow our PE activities @SherborneSJPE

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

