

# Sherborne St John C of E Primary School

# Newsletter

Friday 19th April 2024



## Message from Miss Jolliffe

Welcome back to the Summer Term. Let's hope that some warmer weather is on the way.

This week, I wanted to share some staffing news with you all.

At the end of last term, we said farewell to Mrs Archer who has worked across the school during her time with us. She has moved onto a new role in another Basingstoke school and we wish her all the best.

Next Friday, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Scull, one of the Class 4 teachers. Mrs Scull is leaving to explore a career outside of teaching. We are very grateful for all that she has done for us during her time here and wish her lots of luck in the future.

It is with a heavy heart that I also share that at the end of the Summer Term, we will be saying a very sad farewell to Mrs Harding. Mrs Harding has decided the time is right to retire having been involved with the school for over 20 years. Her dedication to the children and staff at SSJ has been so valued by all. We still have a whole term to enjoy with Mrs Harding and we will be sure to recognise her contribution in a special way.

Finally, some exciting news. In September we will be welcoming Mrs Sophie Clarke to the SSJ team. Mrs Clarke will be taking on the role of SENDCO 2 days a week. She comes with a wealth of experience and we are very excited to welcome her and I know that she is looking forward to getting to know us all and working alongside staff and families.

Miss Sarah Jolliffe

## Author Visit

On Friday 3rd May, we have Lucy Cooley, a local author coming in to school to talk to all the children and share her most recent publication.

We will send out further details next week but you will be able to buy her book and have it signed on the day. Please look out for the email.

### Author Visit

Lucy Cooley



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Meet and greet after school with option to purchase signed books!

Payment by cash, contactless or cheque

## Bag2School

Our Bags2School collection is taking place next Friday morning. Please fill those bags with your unwanted items and bring them in as usual.

The more we donate, the more money we raise for the School Association.



## Key Dates:

19.04.24: Year R Spring Walk	17.06.24: Class 4 Roman Day
26.04.24: Bag2School collection	19.06.24: Year 6 to Winchester Cathedral- Leavers' Service
26.04.24: Fun Run at the Chute	21.06.24: Sports Day
03.05.24: Author Visit- Lucy Cooley	05.07.24: INSET Day- School closed to children
06.05.24: BANK HOLIDAY	16/17/18 July- Junior Production 7pm
07.05.24: Year R to QMC science	19.07.24: Founder's Day
10.05.24: May festival- after school	23.07.24: End of Term 2pm
13.05.24: Year 6 SATS week	
20.05.24: Year 6 Bikeability week	
27.05.24-31.05.24: HALF TERM	
05.06.24: Class photos	
15.06.24: Summer Fayre	

## Outdoor Area Project

Before the Easter break, I wrote to you about an exciting project that the School Association are helping to fund.

Our first session, working with Catherine Eldred will be on Monday 13th May.

Parents, you are invited to attend the following workshops alongside your child. We would love to see lots of you there to contribute your thoughts and ideas to the long-term project.

**1.15-2pm: Infant Parents**

**2.15-3pm: Junior Parents**

## Playtime Snacks

We welcome your children bringing in a snack for playtime but would like to remind you that this should be a snack of fruit or vegetables.

If your child has a specific need meaning that they may need another option, this should be discussed and agreed with Miss Jolliffe.

## INSET Days 2024-2025

We have now confirmed our INSET dates for the next academic year. Please see the dates below and add them to your diaries...

Monday 2nd September 2024  
 Friday 25th October 2024  
 Friday 14th February 2025  
 Monday 2nd June 2025  
 Friday 4th July 2025

## Collective Worship

We have started a new theme in Collective Worship this week.

This term we will be learning about the Lord's Prayer.

Matthew 6 v 9 'Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name..."'

The aims of this theme are:

- Through considering each section of the Lord's prayer, to understand the basis for Christian prayer, the priority of seeing God honoured, and the need to depend on God in our necessities and relationship with God and others
- To understand this liturgical text, which is part of almost every act of Anglican worship
- To become familiar with this prayer by praying it in Collective Worship every Wednesday
- To understand how this prayer is relevant to our lives today



## School Attendance is a priority.

What is an acceptable absence?

- Contagious illnesses and recognised medical conditions

What is unacceptable absence?

- Minor sniffles
- Feeling a little tired
- The alarm didn't go off
- Car wouldn't start
- Shopping
- Helping out at home
- Birthdays
- Holidays
- Didn't feel like it

If you know that your child will be absent from school for any reason other than illness, you **MUST** complete a request form.  
Please be aware that holiday requests will not be authorised.

At the end of each term, we write to every family whose child's attendance has fallen below 95%. This is an important part of understanding how absence impacts on your child and so that you can take the necessary action to improve the attendance of your child.

## Did you know...

Honeyguide

If your child's attendance during the school year was...

Your child lost approximately...

This is the same as approximately...

95%

9 days from school

50 lessons

90%

19 days from school

100 lessons

85%

29 days from school

150 lessons

80%

38 days from school

200 lessons

75%

48 days from school

250 lessons

## Free Courses for Parents This Summer Term!

To book type in the link: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses>



Course Title:	Location:	Dates:	Times:
<b>Get Ready for School</b>	Online	23 April – 21 May	7pm – 8:30pm
<b>Paediatric First Aid</b>	Basingstoke Discovery Centre	4 May – 11 May	9:30am – 4:30pm
<b>Paediatric First Aid</b>	Fleet Library	1 June – 8 June	9:45am – 4:45pm
<b>Makaton Signing with Babies and Families</b>	Bridgemary Library	3 June – 8 July	12:45pm – 1:45pm
<b>Time Out for Parents</b>	Alton Library	4 June – 9 July	9:30am – 11:30am
<b>Positive Parenting</b>	Online	10 June – 8 July	6:30pm – 8pm
<b>Paediatric First Aid</b>	Alton Library	15 June – 22 June	9:30am – 4:30pm
<b>Emergency Paediatric First Aid</b>	Bridgemary Library	5 July	9:15am – 4:30pm

*These courses are aimed at Hampshire residents aged 19+. Attendance is expected at each session to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and to minimise disruption for other learners. Please advise the venue/tutor of any absence you may have.*

Participants will be required to use Zoom. No account is required, Not sure how to use Zoom? Check out these helpful videos: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175906>

