

Sherborne St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024



Message from Miss Jolliffe

Well we had a glimmer of summer this week and it was glorious although short lived... fingers crossed the good weather and dry field return next week as it really is a buzz to see the children enjoying having more space to enjoy during playtimes.

There are a few updates to the dates section so please take a look and make sure you have made a note of them.

Next week is a shorter week but still lots to fit in. Year R are off to QMC for the first time and we end the week with our May Festival.

I hope that you all enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend. See you on Tuesday.

Miss Sarah Jolliffe



Reception- September 2024

We have just a couple of spaces remaining for Reception children starting this September. Please let your friends and family know that if they are looking for a place and are interested, they should get in touch with admissions as we do have space and would love to welcome them to SSJ.

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

May Festival



Please remember to add Friday 10th May 3.30-5pm to your diaries for this year's May Festival. You all received an email from the School Association with details in it.

Class 3 are looking forward to performing their Country Dancing and May Pole dances with you.

Key Dates:

- 03.05.24: Author Visit- Lucy Cooley
- 06.05.24: BANK HOLIDAY
- 07.05.24: Year R to QMC science
- 10.05.24: May festival- after school
- 13.05.24: Year 6 SATS week
- 16.05.24: Class 3 Vyne habitats
- 20.05.24: Year 6 Bikeability week
- 27.05.24-31.05.24: HALF TERM
- 05.06.24: Class photos
- 06.06.24: Class 3 Vyne House Tour
- 07.06.24: Dress down day for Summer Fayre donations
- WB10.06.24: Year 4 National times table check and Y1 phonics testing
- 11.06.24: MHST in school working with Y6- transition
- 13.06.24: Tag rugby festival
- 15.06.24: Summer Fayre
- 17.06.24: Class 4 Roman Day
- 19.06.24: Year 6 to Winchester Cathedral- Leavers' Service
- 21.06.24: Sports Day- parents invited PM at The Chute
- 05.07.24: INSET Day- School closed to children
- 12.06.24: Listen2Me concerts for Y1/2/5/6
- 16/17/18 July- Junior Production 7pm
- 17.06.24: Whole school worship at Church- 2.15pm.
- 19.07.24: Founder's Day
- 23.07.24: End of Term 2pm

Bag2School

Thank you for all your donations last week.

We raised a fantastic £110.40! This goes straight to the School Association who support activities and resources for your children in school.



Message from the Village Hall

I received an email this week from the team at the Village Hall and am sharing it with you asking that you do respect the agreement we have them and treat the hall, its carpark and surrounding areas respectfully.

Just a friendly reminder that although we allow the parking of parent's cars in our carpark for school collection and drop off only whilst the hall is not in use, it is not an extension of the school playground. We have witnessed for many months now children jumping off the back wall near the back ramp, banging their scooters and footballs into the glass and doors, throwing of stones towards the building and into the carpark while parents stand there for a good 20-30 minutes each day chatting. This is happening each day after school. Even to the extent of taking their little ones between the fence and the social club to spend a penny!

We do not want unnecessary damage to the hall or to hear of a child having an accident.

Collective Worship

This week in Worship we have focused on the line in the Lord's Prayer- 'Give us today our daily bread'.

We know that this means that we can trust God to give us what we need today and we do not need to worry about the future. Jesus teaches us to pray 'Give us' so we need to share what we have with others.

Proverbs 30: 8b-9



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

