

Sherborne St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th September 2024

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts...

Attendance

You will have heard lots on the news about new laws that have come in to force regarding school attendance and how parents will be fined for unauthorised absences.

I have included a thorough overview of the process that will be implemented if you take your child out of school unauthorised.

Please be aware that holidays will not be authorised and you will face a fine as outlined for non-attendance.

Regular non-attendance will also be considered as un-authorised without adequate evidence and is subject to a penalty notice.

If you wish to take your child out of school for any reason, you must inform the school in good time and complete a request form.

Medical appointments should not take place during school hours wherever possible.

Message from Miss Jolliffe

Another week speeds by...it has been lovely to enjoy some good weather as we head into autumn.

Our Year 6 children started the week with their Bikeability lessons. They did incredibly well and received stunning feedback on how well they represented the school.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind all families about parking safely and respectfully at drop-off and pick-up. The parking situation in the village is far from ideal and I trust that you all do take the upmost care during these busy times. Please do not block the roads, corners, pavements, driveways or the disabled parking space. The Chute is an excellent space to park and get a few steps in too and when there are no events on, the village hall do allow us to use their carpark but please do so respectfully.

Our School Association met earlier this week and have already committed significant donations to help us add resources into school and the outdoor area. We have a big fundraising focus this year and are looking for companies who may be able to donate funds towards new ICT equipment. Please reach out if you think you may be able to help. Dates for all the upcoming events will be shared soon.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Sarah Jolliffe



New attendance rules!

There are new rules for unauthorised absences, whether this is due to holiday, irregular attendance, or otherwise. Don't get caught out!

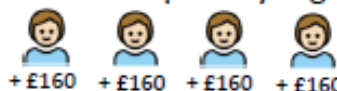
1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for 5 days.

Make sure you use the absence request form. Your holiday will not be authorised. Let the school know before you book anything. As your child will miss 5 school days, you'll be given a penalty notice fine.

1 parent & 1 child = £160
Reduced to £80 if paid in 21 days



For each child a penalty is given...



1 parent & 4 children = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

For a family of 2 parents & 4 children



£1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

What happens if school suspects children are actually on holiday?

Photos on Facebook?
Foreign mobile dial tone?
Other children talking about your holiday?
Amazing sun tan?
Home visit shows no-one at home?



Please don't be offended if we ask for evidence or mention these questions to you. We're required to do this to ensure a fair system!

2 What about subsequent absences? Is it still the same penalty amount?

No, not anymore. If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence OR pattern of irregular attendance, which is unauthorised, then...

2nd TIME
2 parents and...
1 child = £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960
4 children = £1280
NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT

3rd TIME
A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents and 4 children = £20,000

3 What about irregular attendance? Could I get a penalty notice? **YES**

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, then the school is required to consider penalty notices / prosecution.



So, half a day here and day there could all add up to 10 sessions in 10 weeks. If unauthorised, then it would be a penalty notice. Remember, 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).

4 What are typical reasons given that won't be authorised?

Examples of unauthorised absences

A family member's birthday	Sickness of parent or sibling
Shopping for uniforms	Sibling's school closed
Inadequate clothing for school	Refusing to attend, but able to
Child being used as a carer	Poor family organisation
Problems with transport	Family holidays
	No absence request completed

Where attendance is irregular, or historically poor, sickness absences may be unauthorised unless medical confirmation by a GP surgery is given.



EVERY DAY COUNTS – ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Key Dates:

25.09.24: Class 4 swimming
 26.09.24: Infant drama workshops
 30.09.24: Class 3 to QMC
 02.10.24: Annual SCARF (PSHE) workshops
 02.10.24: Class 4 swimming
 03.10.24: Class 3 to Stubbington
 07.10.24: NSPCC workshops
 09.10.24: Class 4 swimming
 11.10.24: School Association Quiz Night
 16.10.24: Class 4 swimming
 16.10.24: 2.15pm Harvest Festival at Church
 17.10.24: Individual children's photos
 WB21.10.24: Parent consultations
 23.10.24: Class 4 swimming
 25.10.24: INSET DAY
 28.10.24-03.10.24: Half Term
 06.11.24: Class 4 to Henley Fort
 11.11.24: Year 1 to QMC
 11.11.24: Remembrance- wear club uniforms
 15.11.24: Children in Need Cake Sale
 22.11.24: Dress down day for Fayre donations
 25.11.24: Festive Photo opportunity for families
 29.11.24: Christmas Fayre
 WB09.12.24: Infant Nativity
 13.12.24: Whole school to Panto
 16.12.24: Movie Mob
 18.12.24: 2.15pm Christmas worship at Church
 20.12.24: End of Term 2pm

Collective Worship

We have come together this week with Miss Jolliffe and Rev. Stewart to welcome back the new school year and think about all the opportunities and hopes we have. Miss Jolliffe has talked to us about our school vision and how this can help us to make the most of our time at SSJ. We begin our new theme next week.

Admissions

We currently have spaces in Year 1 and Year 6. If you know of anyone looking for a new school, please do let them know. We'd love to welcome new families to the community.

Vision statement

We have always used the tag line 'Enjoy, Inspire, Achieve' to describe our vision at SSJ. In the past few months, staff, governors, children and the Diocese have worked together to ensure that we all understand what that really means and to ensure that our vision works to guide all of us as move forward to achieve our goals. This is being shared regularly with the children so that they know what we want for them and see how they can play their part. We are sharing it with all of you now as important stakeholders in helping us to achieve our vision.



SSJ Vision Statement

At Sherborne St John C of E Primary School, our children will **achieve** their full potential, **enjoy** their learning and will be **inspired** by the experiences we provide. Our values of **Trust, Truth and Forgiveness** enable us to build a secure and loving environment where everyone works together so that the whole school community can thrive.

Our value of **trust** enables us all to develop strong relationships with one another and to explore our relationship with God.

Our value of **truth** inspires integrity and the courage to stand up for what is right.

Our value of **forgiveness** creates an environment of patience and understanding where we can own our choices and learn from them. Forgiveness helps us to move forward when things go wrong.

Together, these values, rooted in the Christian faith, will allow everyone to feel part of a caring community. Children will have a greater understanding and respect for the world around them and will be ready to embark on their next step. They will grow in confidence and develop their sense of self-worth safe in the knowledge that they are loved and valued by God.

We can **TRUST** in God the Father



Find **FORGIVENESS** through Jesus Christ the Son

Understand **TRUTH** with the help of the Holy Spirit

The fruit of the tree illustrates how the values affect our lives

Our values are rooted in the Bible

Trust

Teach.....people you can **trust** – Timothy 2:2
 Jesus said, "**Trust** in God....**trust** in me." - John 14:11

Forgiveness

Forgive each other – Ephesians 4:32
 "Father....**Forgive** the sins we have done" – Matthew6:12

Truth

Tell each other the **truth** –Ephesians 4:25
 Jesus said, "I am the **truth**." John 14:6



INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

We've got some exciting news to share with you.

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit asda.com/cashpotforschools



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SHERBORNE ST. JOHN CUBS

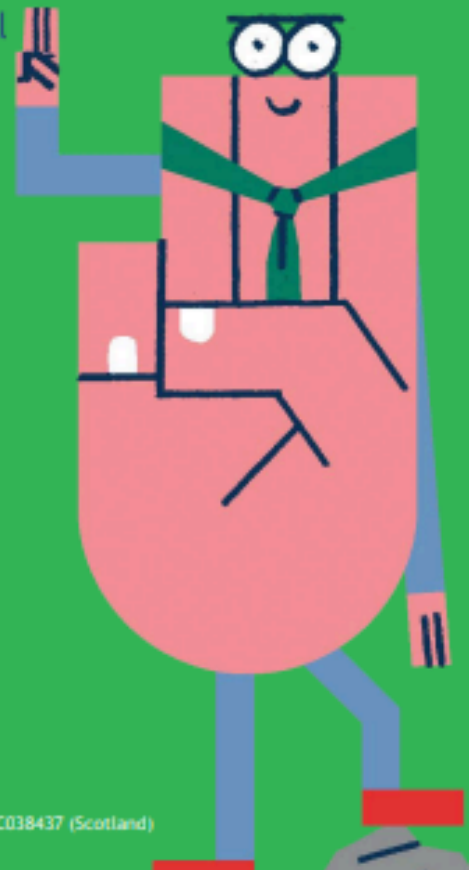
Start your journey to adventure and learn **skills for life** here!

We'd love you to come and join us for fun,
friendship and as much adventure as you can handle.

The fun starts at 6:30pm on Thursdays
at Sherborne St. Village Hall

bwds.org.uk
ssjcubs@hotmail.com

 /BasingstokeWestScouts
 @BasingstokeWest



NEON JUDOKWAI

Fun Judo lessons taking place at your school.

Gain Confidence by learning new skills and grade to the
coveted Black belt by following the BJA syllabus with
Neon Judokwai.

Students can train and compete at BJA Events*, some players
have also gained places in the Hampshire, Southern Area and
GB Squads.

WHEN

Tuesdays 7:40am-8:40am

Girls and Boys Years 1-6

10 lessons per term
(Dates on website)

WHERE

Sherborne St John School

Church Lane, Sherborne St John, RG24 9HT

ONLY £70 PER TERM

PAYMENTS SPREAD OVER 4 MONTH @£17.50PM

Payments taken via the membership system Coacha.

Suits are available to hire or buy direct. (Speak to the coach)



SIGN UP CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.NEONJUDO.CO.UK



COACH

Paul Hamilton 3rd Dan

**Basingstoke Pro Coach of
the Year 2015**

BJA Level 2 Coach

DBS Checked

First Aid Trained

Child Protection Qualified

BENEFITS

Fitness

Balance

Co-Ordination

Confidence

Flexibility

Self Defense

Discipline



Approved Provider

*Players must be a member of BJA to
grade and compete.

BJA membership available at:
www.britishjudo.org.uk



BASINGSTOKE VARIETY SHOW

Calling all Dancers...

School Years 4 – 7

The Basingstoke Variety Show Dance Squad is BACK! After another successful performance last year, we are thrilled to be recruiting for a 2024 squad to take to the stage in this year's Basingstoke Variety Show!

We are looking for children who are in school years 4-7 to take part who are NOT involved in any other 2024 acts!
There is no need to have previous dance experience!

Dancers MUST be able to attend the following rehearsals...

Sunday 29th September 12-4pm @ Everest Academy
Saturday 5th October 11.45-12.45pm @ The Anvil

PERFORMANCE: Saturday 5th October / Meet at 7pm

Full details and sign up information can be found via the link below...

<https://forms.gle/6c2AKonyKt3ZTBc2A>

Be quick... Places are limited and available on a first come, first served basis! Any questions, please contact thebvs@hotmail.co.uk