

Sherborne St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024

CENSUS DAY, WHAT IS IT?

It's an important day in the primary school calendar, as the Government will use the numbers of children who eat school meals on this day to identify the level of funding each school receives. Put simply, the more children eating a school lunch on this day, the more funding our school can access.

Thursday Lunch!!!!

We need your help...

Thursday 3rd October is Census day and this determines the funding that our school receives.

Our budget, like many, is stretched and we need help to generate income.

A small thing that you can do is to ask your child to order a school lunch on Thursday. We are having the children's favourite- Pizza!

We receive funding based on the number of children who have a lunch on Census day and it can make a huge difference.

We hope your child will enjoy a pizza party on Thursday with us.



Message from Miss Jolliffe

It has been another busy week in school with even more to look forward to next week. Class 3 have two trips next week!

4 of our Year 6 children attended Sports Leader training this week and were an absolute credit to the school. We look forward to seeing them apply some of what they learnt in school over the course of the year.

The School Association have now shared their dates for the year. This has been emailed to you but is included in this newsletter too, please make a note now so that you don't miss out!

At the start of the week, we wrote to you about welcoming Mrs Mel Rennison to SSJ as Acting Head from November. She will be in school on Monday and Tuesday and I hope a few of you do get to meet her.

Enjoy the weekend, see you next week.
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!

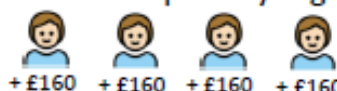
1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for 5 days.

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

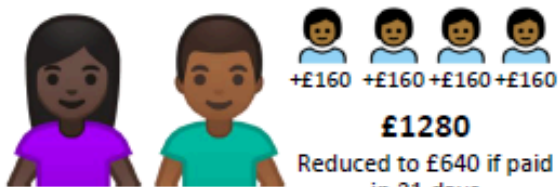


For each child a penalty is given...



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

For a family of 2 parents & 4 children



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
Shopping for uniforms
Inadequate clothing for school
Child being used as a carer
Problems with transport

Sickness of parent or sibling
Sibling's school closed
Refusing to attend, but able to
Poor family organisation
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:

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 been looking at the value of Trust this week. We thought about how we can trust in Jesus- He knows our needs.

Our Bible reading this week came from John 2v1-11.

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.

Harvest Festival Sunday 6th October

10.30am

Harvest Service for all ages
St Andrew's Church Sherborne St John

12noon

Community Lunch
Sherborne St John Village Hall
(suggested donation: £5)



All donations received will go to support the work of Basingstoke Foodbank



Macmillan COFFEE MORNING

Monday 7th October 2024

9am- 12noon

Sherborne St John Village Hall



Lots of cakes, muffins, loaves, tea, coffee and a raffle.

Cash or card
All proceeds towards a great cause.

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

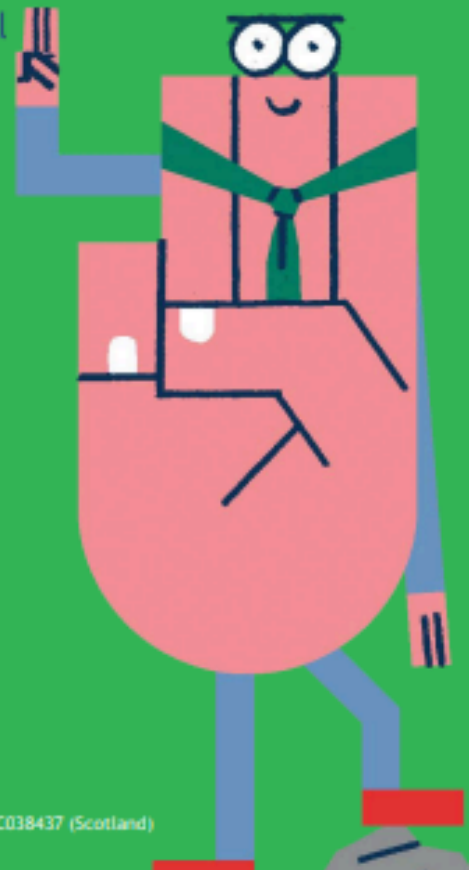
Start your journey to adventure and learn **skills for life** here!

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

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NEON JUDOKWAI

Fun Judo lessons taking place at your school.

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coveted Black belt by following the BJA syllabus with
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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

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COACH

Paul Hamilton 3rd Dan

**Basingstoke Pro Coach of
the Year 2015**

BJA Level 2 Coach

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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



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