

# Sherborne St John CE Primary School

# Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023



## Message from Miss Jolliffe

Welcome back to the new school year!

It has been lovely to see the children return this week. They have made an excellent start and have settled really well into their new year groups. Well done to them all.

For those that are new to the school, welcome! I try and share a newsletter with you each week which includes an update on learning in class, special events and important messages. Please do make sure you continue to read them so that you don't miss out. Key dates are published on the next page, do make a note of them.

In regards to admissions, we will soon be arranging tours for the next intake; ask your friends and family to keep an eye on the website for dates. Also, if you know someone looking for a school place in Year 4 or Year 5, we currently have a space in each so please let them know to contact the school office.

Finally, I wanted to draw your attention to the invitation on Page 2 to join the Sunday Club with St Andrew's Church starting on Sunday 17th. It is great that this is starting up again and I know that you will be warmly welcomed by the team who are all known by the children as they regularly support worship in school.

Have a lovely weekend. Miss Sarah Jolliffe.

## Attendance

As we start the year, it is a good time to remind you all of the importance of good attendance for your child. The target should always be 100%.

Children should be in school on time, every day unless they are too unwell to cope with the day.

During the winter months, we see lots of minor coughs and colds go around. In most circumstances, children can usually be in school with a packet of tissues. If you feel that they will need a dose of calpol through the day, you can provide permission to the office to administer this.

If you know that your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure that a leave of absence request is completed. Please be aware that I will not authorise absence requests or holidays unless I deem the circumstances to be exceptional.

## Free School Meals

If you think that your child might be entitled to free school meals, please follow the link below to check. It is very quick to do and if eligible the school receives additional pupil premium funding.

If your child is in the infants, we also ask you to check your eligibility in order for the school to receive accurate funding.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

## Key Dates:

13.09.23: Class 4 residential meeting at 3pm.  
 18.09.23: MHST meeting for Year 5 parents at 9am.  
 19.09.23: Class 3 start swimming lessons  
 19.09.23: New to Reception parent meeting at 6pm  
 19.09.23: Year 1 and 2 phonics meeting at 7pm  
 26.09.23: Class 3 swimming  
 02.10.23: Flu vaccinations  
 03.10.23: Class 3 swimming

10.10.23: Class 3 swimming  
 11.10.23-13.10.23: Class 4 residential  
 16.10.23: Whole school PSHE workshops  
 17.10.23: Class 3 swimming  
 18.10.23: Harvest festival at Church 2.15pm (all welcome to attend)  
 19.10.23: Individual photos  
 23.10.23-27.10.23: Half term  
 30.10.23: INSET day  
 31.10.23: Back to school

## Reception

What a wonderful start the Reception children have made! I have watched them dancing on the outside stage and playing in the sand and water trays. They have really impressed us with how well they are already settling into Class 1.

## Year 1 and 2

This week has seen the launch of our new phonics programme in school so the children have been busy revisiting the sounds that they already know and building on these. An invitation to a parent information session has been sent out so that you can find out about our new approach.

## Class 3- Year 3 and 4

The new Year 3 children have settled into life in the juniors really well. Earlier in the week, I had to pop my head in because I could hear an unusual sound coming from the classroom...Recorders! Class 3 are learning to play the recorder this term and I cannot wait to see how they progress. .

## Class 4- Year 5 and 6

I have been really impressed with the maturity already on show in Class 4. They have started a new food technology unit in DT and had a rather warm PE lesson up at the Chute. Our Year 6 children will find out about their new buddies at the end of next week.

## Sunday Club at St Andrew's

We are looking forward to welcoming children back to Sunday club at St Andrews on Sunday 17th September at 10am. Sunday club is open to all primary school age children and takes place every Sunday in term-time during the 10am service.

As this is our first week back after the summer break, we will be having a special celebration with fun & games and a short Bible talk. We would like to offer the children a soft drink and a small snack or fruit as part of this first Sunday club so if you're able to come please let us know of any allergies.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact a member of the team or our new Vicar, Stewart.

We look forward to seeing you!  
 Pippa, Caroline and Stewart.

## Collective Worship



At the start of every year, we revisit our values in the first half term of worship.

Our focus this week is on Trust.

We have listened to the Bible story from Luke 5 v 1-11 and learnt about Jesus' First Followers.

Simon trusted Jesus, even though he had fished all night and caught nothing. Jesus' followers left everything to follow him.