

# Sherborne St John CE Primary School

# Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023



## Message from Miss Jolliffe

Conker Week!  
 There has been a real buzz around school this week as our annual conker competition has been underway. Thank you to you all for ensuring your child was prepared.  
 During the week, each class battles it out to find a finalist. We held our finals this afternoon with the whole school watching. There is so much excitement and support for each other; it has been the highlight of the term so far. Congratulations to our finalists and overall winners!

Infants:  
 Toby  
 Erin  
 Mila  
 Chiazam- Conker champion

Juniors:  
 Theo  
 Bella  
 Joseph  
 Cody- Conker champion  
 Have an enjoyable weekend whatever you may be doing. See you next week.  
 Miss Sarah Jolliffe.

## School Association Dates

You will soon be receiving a flyer from the School Association with all the key dates for the year on. Please get these in your diary now!

We are very grateful for the time that our parents volunteer to run these events. We have plans to develop our outside area to benefit the children this year so your donations and support at our events will make a real difference.

Make sure you've ordered your Doughies pizza and are collecting items for Bags2School.

## Christmas Boxes

Thank you to everyone who collected a box for the Christmas Shoebox appeal. We had to request more because demand was so high!

Please ensure your box is in school for collection on **Tuesday 31st October** (the first day back after half term).

Thank you!

## Uniform

We have noticed a few children wearing hooped earrings. Please be aware that this is not part of our policy and only stud earrings should be worn for health and safety reasons. Finally, please ensure that your child is wearing school shoes and not trainers or boots. Many thanks for your support with this.

## Key Dates:

09.10.23: Year 5 MHST CARE- final session  
 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  
 06.11.23: 7pm School Association Meeting at The Swan  
 07.11.23: Class 4 swimming begins  
 10.11.23: Children invited to wear Beaver/ Cubs/ Rainbows/ Brownie uniform for Remembrance  
 14.11.23: Class 4 swimming  
 17.11.23: Children in Need cake sale  
 21.11.23: Class 4 swimming  
 24.11.23: Dress down day for Christmas Fayre donations  
 28.11.23: Class 4 swimming

## Reception

In Reception this week, the children have been learning about patterns. They looked for patterns on clothing, in pictures and around school. They have now started thinking about repeating patterns and spotting these in the world around them.

## Year 1 and 2

This week, the clay was out for Year 1 and 2. They have moulded and sculpted their very own dinosaurs. What the children have produced is excellent and there are some very realistic looking dinosaurs on display.

## Class 3- Year 3 and 4

The children have been very enthusiastic about their writing this week. They have started to write non-chronological reports about their very own superheroes. In science, they have continued learning about circuits, why not ask your child about the 'Smartie lesson'?

## Class 4- Year 5 and 6

In readiness for the residential next week, Class 4 have been learning traditional camp fire songs. We all hope that they have a great time and can't wait to hear about all the fun things they will have done.

## St Andrew's Church

A reminder that Sunday Club is now up and running during term time Sundays. The team would love to welcome your primary age children. They do lots of fun activities whilst learning about the Bible too. Please do come along.

Finally, as a school, we are hoping to support the upcoming Remembrance service on Sunday 12th November. A number of local uniformed organisations will be there to lay a wreath and we'd like to invite our school children along to wear our uniform and support the wreath laying.

If you know that you will be able to make it, please let Miss Jolliffe or Mrs Hale know so that we can organise a wreath and give your child the opportunity to be part of the service.

## Collective Worship



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

Our focus this week has been Truth.

Our Bible story this week comes from Ephesians 6 v10-18. Wear the Truth- Armour of God.

The Bible describes an armour that will help us and keep us strong in character. We should tie the belt of truth around our waist. God is real, God loves you and Jesus dies for your sins. God is on your side- that is the truth.