

Sherborne St John CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023



Message from Miss Jolliffe

Well, I am not sure where that half term has gone...

The children have worked so hard since September and are now very well settled in their new year groups. Thank you to everyone who came along to parent consultations this week to talk about your children. These meetings are so important; when school and home work together, the children really do benefit.

Last week, Class 4 (Year 5 and 6) were away on residential. I was lucky enough to be able to join them. It was a great few days away and I was so proud of the children as they challenged themselves and overcame their worries to fully embrace all that was on offer. A few photos are shared on the next page for you all to see. I also want to pass on my thanks to the staff that put so much in to ensuring that all the children had a special time.

Lastly, I hope that you all have a lovely half term break. Children return to school on Tuesday 31st October. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Miss Sarah Jolliffe.

School Association

You will have received your Bags2School bag today. Please have a clear out over half term and fill the bag ready for collection on Monday 6th November. The collection will take additional bags so if you have more, we'll take it. The more bags we donate, the more money school makes!

To those of you collecting your Doughies pizza today, I hope it's delicious and a nice way to enjoy time together.

Christmas Boxes

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

All children will be part of the shoebox event as we pass the gifts around school and load them up to be taken away to new homes.

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:

20.10.23: Class 3 to QMC for Science
 23.10.23-27.10.23: Half term
 30.10.23: INSET day
 31.10.23: Back to school
 03.11.23: Year R Autumn Walk
 06.11.23: Bags2School
 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
 12.11.23: Remembrance service at Church
 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
 01.12.23: Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
 05/06/07 December- Infant Nativity performances 10am
 08.12.23: Whole school to Panto!



St Andrew's Church

In school, we are supporting 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.

Another date for diaries:

Sunday 10th December at 4pm.

We will be joining the Christingle service and all families are welcome to come along. Every child will be making a Christingle in school and these will be lit at the Sunday service.

Collective Worship



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

This week we have been thinking about Sharing the Truth.

Our Bible story this week comes from Matthew 28v16-20.

To know the truth about Jesus for real is to want to share God's good news with others.

We also had a whole community service for Harvest. Thank you to everyone who joined us on Wednesday and for your very kind donations to the Basingstoke Food Bank.