

# Sherborne St John C of E Primary School

# Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023



## Message from Miss Jolliffe

It has been lovely to welcome you all back this week. We are well and truly in Autumn now so please do make sure that your child brings a suitable coat to school. Our main photo shows our Reception children out for their Autumn walk. There were a few wet feet on their return.

Woody Ruane, our Chair of Governors, joined me on the gate on Wednesday. He was then able to spend some time in classes with your children. He enjoyed meeting many of you and certainly enjoyed being taught some phonics by the infants. We are very lucky to have such a supportive governing body.

This half of the Autumn term is always busy. There are trips and visitors in school as well as lots of Christmas activities and events which fill the last month. Please keep an eye on key dates and emails from the office so that you know what is happening.

See you all next week.  
Miss Sarah Jolliffe.

## Remembrance

On Friday 10th November, we would like to invite children who are part of a uniformed club such as Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies, Cadets etc. to wear their uniform to school as a mark of respect for Remembrance.

We would also love to see you attend the Remembrance service at the Church on Sunday 12th November at 10am.

Children from school are invited to support laying a wreath on behalf of the school.

I look forward to seeing you there.

## Uniform

We have noticed a few children still 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:

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  
 07.11.23: Year 1 to QMC for science  
 10.11.23: Uniformed clubs to wear them for Remembrance  
 12.11.23: St Andrew's Remembrance service at 10am  
 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!  
 10.12.23: Christingle service 4pm St Andrew's  
 11.12.23: Movie Mob- SA event  
 13.12.23: Christmas Church service 2.15pm  
 15.12.23: Term ends 2pm  
 02.01.24: INSET day  
 03.01.24: Children back to school

## Reception

In Reception this week, the children have been introduced to the story of the Colour Monster. They have been learning about different feelings and emotions and how to describe what they feel using the colour monster to help them.

## Year 1 and 2

This week, the children have been having a Dino Fest! The clay dinosaurs that they made a few weeks ago have been painted and they have also been making their own moving dinosaurs for a moving picture.

## Class 3- Year 3 and 4

Class 3 have been hooked into their new project which looks at food, teeth, digestion and more. On Thursday, school had a very homely feel to it as the smell of 4 different breads baking filled the air. The children had to follow instructions to bake some very yummy breads.

## Class 4- Year 5 and 6

Class 4 have been exploring electrical circuits this week. With their growing knowledge of how these work, they will be working towards making their own light up Christmas decoration.

## Christmas Shoeboxes

Thank you for your kind donations to the Shoebox appeal. The boxes have been collected and, as is tradition at SSJ, every child in school took part in passing the gifts through school to be handed over to representatives from the Rotary Club.



## Collective Worship



We have started a new theme this week in our Collective Worship. Over the coming weeks, we are learning about Jesus' family tree.

**A branch will grow from a stump of a tree that was cut down. So a new king will come from the family of Jesse. Isaiah 11 v1.**

Our Bible story this week comes from Joshua 2 v1-21. Rahab trusts God so she protects the two spies and they promise to save her life.