

# Sherborne St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024



## Message from Miss Jolliffe

The week started with lots of excitement as Fun Science were in school leading an assembly for all the children. Sarah, who runs the club, even set her hand on fire! If you are interested in your child joining, please see the information you have been sent.

We have also been lucky enough to be joined this week by two work experience students from Germany. Both students are in the UK, staying with host families and worked with our infant classes all week. They have been a credit to their schools back in Germany and we feel very lucky to have links with members of our community who can facilitate this type of opportunity.

Some of you will have seen the positive news in the Gazette this week. Our results in Summer 2023 were the highest ranking, based on combined Reading, Writing and Maths outcomes, in Basingstoke. The staff in all year groups work exceptionally hard to ensure your children achieve their best by the time they leave us and this is a wonderful recognition of that. It also goes without saying that SSJ children are really great too and work so hard in school to their best!

It is a busy week next week with Year R heading out on their winter walk, Class 4 visiting Butser Farm and a Tag Rugby fixture at Silchester for the team. I hope the weather warms up a little over the weekend. See you next week!  
Miss Sarah Jolliffe

## Parent Consultations

You have all been sent the information needed to sign up for the upcoming parent consultations.

Spaces are booking quickly so please do sign up as soon as you can.

These meetings are valuable opportunities to discuss your child's strengths and next steps so that you can work in partnership with your child's teacher to ensure that they achieve as well as they can.

Your child's books will be out so that you can see what they have been doing in class and talk to them about it when you get home.

If your child has an IEP for a Special Educational Need, the class teacher is currently reviewing the progress in relation to previous targets and setting new goals for the term ahead. They will share this document with you when they meet with you.

## Attendance Policy

Our updated attendance policy can now be found on the school website in the policies section.

It outlines expectations on attendance and identifies the options school has in regards to how absence is recorded and action that can be taken to address absence.

## Parent Governor

You will receive your ballot sheets for the Parent Governor vote today. Please complete your ballot sheet and return to school by the deadline.

## Key Dates:

23.01.24: Reception Winter Walk  
 24.01.24: Class 4 to Butser Farm  
 25.01.24: Silchester tag rugby fixture  
 30.01.24: Infant drama workshops  
 02.02.24: QUIZ Night  
 WB.05.02.24: Parent consultations  
 07.02.24: KS1 gymnastics event  
 12.02.24-16.02.24: Half Term  
 19.02.24: INSET Day  
 01.03.24: Class 3 Virtual British Museum workshop  
 04.03.24: Year 2 to QMC  
 08.03.24: School Association Disco night  
 25.03.24: Class 3 trip to Selborne River  
 26.03.24: Movie Mob

27.03.24: Church service for Easter 2.15pm  
 28.03.24: Term finishes 2pm  
 29.03.24: St Andrew's Family Easter Service 10am  
 15.04.24: Summer Term begins  
 26.04.24: Fun Run at the Chute  
 07.05.24: Year R to QMC science  
 10.05.24: May festival- after school  
 13.05.24: Year 6 SATS week  
 20.05.24: Year 6 Bikeability week- details to follow  
 05.06.24: Class photos  
 15.06.24: Summer Fayre  
 19.06.24: Year 6 to Winchester Cathedral- Leavers' Service  
 21.06.24: Sports Day  
 05.07.24: INSET Day- School closed to children  
 23.07.24: End of Term 2pm



## Reception

In Reception, the children have been reading the story 'I want my hat back'. They have written sentences, designed their own hats, made their own bears and made puppets to retell the story. Why not ask them to tell you the story at home one bedtime?

## Year 1 and 2

Year 1 and 2 love their computing lessons. This week, Year 1 created some stunning recreations of Kandinsky's artwork on the iPads and Year 2 have been learning about the basics of programming with the Beebots.

## Class 3- Year 3 and 4

In PE with Mr Moria, Class 3 have been working on their hockey skills. They have focused on their stick handling, control and passing. Each skill they learn and develop will get them closer to being able to play a game of hockey.

## Class 4- Year 5 and 6

One of our Year R parents, Mrs Price, is a secondary science teacher and has offered her help in school. Today, she taught Class 4 and worked with them on their Forces unit. They looked at how to plan and carry out effective investigations. Thank you, Mrs Price!

## Y6 SATS meeting

Thank you to all the parents that came along to the SATS meeting. Hopefully, you heard some useful information regarding the assessments and preparation.

We really value your support in encouraging your child to revise, helping them to feel at ease about the tests and ensuring they come along to the booster sessions.

## Collective Worship



In Collective Worship our new theme is 'I am...'

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14v6.

The aim of this theme is to understand Jesus' identity as he describes it in John's gospel, and to reflect on how to respond to him.

This week, we have learnt about how Jesus keeps his people safe and gives them life in John 10:7-10. "I am the gate of the sheep."

# Message from School Association

## Quiz Night

Hosted in partnership by Sherborne St. John Social Club & Sherborne St. John School Association

Date: Friday 2nd Feb

Time: 7pm - 9:30pm

Location: Sherborne St John Social Club, Elm Road, Sherborne St John

Join us for an adults only QUIZ NIGHT. Have fun whilst raising vital funds for SSJ Primary School. Enjoy a fun filled social event with friends and neighbours.

Quiz Entry Tickets - £3.00 pp (up to 6 people per team)

To book: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/ssjsa-events/>

Tickets are limited so get in there quick...

We hope to see you there!