

# Sherborne St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024



OUR SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
QUIZ NIGHT RAISED:  
**£370.00**

We couldn't have done  
it without your support.

## Quiz Night

It was great to see such a good turn out for the return of the SSJ Quiz Night.

A big thank you needs to be said to Steve Howe for being a wonderful quiz master, the Social Cub for hosting and running the bar, and our School Association for organising the night, selling raffle tickets and ensuring all went smoothly.

The evening raised £370 for the school. Given the fun that was had and the funds raised, we will be looking to get another date organised soon.

Please see information later in the newsletter about the upcoming Disco!

## Message from Miss Jolliffe

Wednesday was a very special day in school- for the first time in 24 years, we had the Bishop visit us and lead our Collective Worship. Bishop David, who is the Bishop of Basingstoke, spoke highly of our children and the way in which our school enables all children to be confident and proud of all we do. Two Year 6 Ambassadors took him on a tour of the school and he was able to spend time with all the children. The infants certainly gave him a memorable time as they enthusiastically led him around the playground and to the Buddy Bus Stop! We have promised that we won't leave it so long before we invite him again.

We have now made it to half term. Please remember that Monday 19th February is an INSET day. We return to school on Tuesday 20th February. I hope you have an enjoyable break and I look forward to seeing you on the other side of the break.

Miss Sarah Jolliffe



## World Book Day



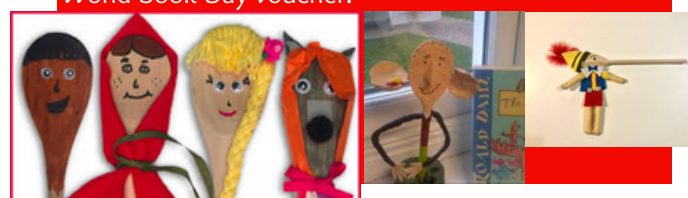
We wanted to give you plenty of notice about World Book Day. This year we will be celebrating this on Thursday 7th March.

We would like your child to dress up as a book character of their choice for the day.

We are also asking that your child dresses up a wooden spoon as a favourite book character and brings it into school to show on World Book Day.

As always, the staff will have a theme. Last year was Julia Donaldson, this year you will spot a range of Roald Dahl characters. If you are struggling for costume ideas, your child could come dressed (but definitely not acting) as a revolting child from Matilda.

At the end of the day, each child will bring home a World Book Day voucher.



## Key Dates:

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| 12.02.24-16.02.24: Half Term                      | 26.04.24: Fun Run at the Chute                             |
| 19.02.24: INSET Day                               | 07.05.24: Year R to QMC science                            |
| 01.03.24: Class 3 Virtual British Museum workshop | 10.05.24: May festival- after school                       |
| 04.03.24: Year 2 to QMC                           | 13.05.24: Year 6 SATS week                                 |
| 08.03.24: School Association Disco night          | 20.05.24: Year 6 Bikeability week- details to follow       |
| 25.03.24: Class 3 trip to Selborne River          | 05.06.24: Class photos                                     |
| 25.03.24: Infant trip to Portsmouth               | 15.06.24: Summer Fayre                                     |
| 26.03.24: Movie Mob                               | 17.06.24: Class 4 Roman Day                                |
| 27.03.24: Church service for Easter 2.15pm        | 19.06.24: Year 6 to Winchester Cathedral- Leavers' Service |
| 28.03.24: Term finishes 2pm                       | 21.06.24: Sports Day                                       |
| 29.03.24: St Andrew's Family Easter Service 10am  | 05.07.24: INSET Day- School closed to children             |
| 15.04.24: Summer Term begins                      | 23.07.24: End of Term 2pm                                  |

## Collective Worship

Bishop David joined us for our Collective Worship this week. He spoke to us about what Jesus meant when he said "I am the way, the truth and the life." He helped us to understand that Jesus is the one who tells about his Father's house and brings us there. We read the Bible verse John 14:1-6.



## Class 3- Egyptian Mummification

Last week as part of their Ancient Egyptian project, Class 3 took part in a mummification. Some of the children have provided a write-up of their day to share their learning with you. Have a look below...

### Fish mummification – by Edith

We had lots of fun! Mummifying fish is amazing. I was grossed out at the start but in the end I was bouncing off the ceiling! Taking out the inner parts (lungs, liver and intestines) wasn't my cup of tea but it was fascinating. I felt sorry for the rainbow trout! We named ours Finn-lay. We made shabtis for it and gave it lucky charms. To get to the afterlife your heart has to be lighter than the feather of truth; I hope Finley's is. When we bandaged him up we put little clay amulets in (amulets are lucky charms that they use for the afterlife). I felt a mixture of happiness and excitement. We wrote prayers to say to our fish when we buried him. The teachers went to Year 5 and 6 to look at their fish that have been wrapped up for two years!



### Fish mummification – by Bahati

First we waited for the fish to come round. Some people were scared and some were feeling brave. I was feeling confident – that was until the fish was cut open! It was a rainbow trout and it was beautiful but I was terrified (I think everyone else was too!). I managed to touch the scales of the fish and it wasn't that bad. A few minutes later, our teacher came to us and took some organs out (like the liver, intestines and stomach). I touched the heart and held the fish. I felt more brave but still a bit anxious. Whilst the fish were drying, we got clay and made some amulets; like died pillar, ankh, eye of horus and heart. We also made scarab beetles and shabtis. Everyone's shabtis were fish because we were mummifying a fish! Once the fish had dried, we made it extra dry by patting it with paper towels. In Ancient Egypt, they put it in salt for 40 days but we couldn't do that so we packed it with loads of salt. Then we put baby oil on it and then wrapped it up with bandages. We put lucky charms (the amulets we made) in between. We put it in a plastic box and put the shabtis in and then we went outside, said a prayer and buried it.



### Fish mummification – by Hallie

Yesterday we got to mummify fish, which was based on our project – Ancient Egypt. When I arrived almost everyone was terrified; including me! First we cut the fish open and pulled out the intestines, the liver and the stomach and put them in Canopic jars. By the way if you were wondering, the fish was a rainbow trout. Next, we washed the fish and dried the fish but being careful when drying it otherwise its scales would come off. Next, I did a picture of the fish and a Canopic jar lid. Next, with clay, we moulded amulets to put in the fish. This was the part I was waiting for – to wrap it up! First, we filled it with salt and gently rubbed oil on it. Last but not least, we wrapped the big fish, whilst putting the amulets in, in lots and lots of bandages. Next, we stuck our pictures on the box and put the fish in the box. After that, we wrote prayers to say to the fish. Lastly, we had to say goodbye to the fish and bury the fish.





ARE YOU READY TO BOOGIE WITH US?  
IF SO, PLEASE JOIN US ON  
FRIDAY 8TH MARCH FROM 5 - 7 PM  
AT SSJ VILLAGE HALL

**SSJ**  
**School Association**  
**Disco**

HOT DOGS AND TUCK SHOP.  
ADULTS ONLY BAR.  
FACE PAINTING. RAFFLE.

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