

Sherborne St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024



Message from Miss Jolliffe

It was lovely to welcome you all back on Tuesday, I hope that Half Term was enjoyable.

There are a number of additional dates added to the school calendar so please make a note of them. This newsletter also contains updates about some events linked to school and beyond so do read it carefully.

The children have returned keen to learn this week and I know that will enjoy their projects, trips and activities over the next few weeks. As ever, thank you for all you do to support the children's learning at home too.

Have a nice weekend.
Miss Sarah Jolliffe

Parent Survey

Every year we conduct a parent survey and you will receive the link in an email today.

We would really appreciate all of you taking just a couple of minutes to complete the survey which helps staff and governors to reflect on our successes and areas for further development.

The survey can be completed on any device and should only take a few minutes to complete.

The survey will close on Friday 8th March.



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:

01.03.24: Class 3 Virtual British Museum workshop
 04.03.24: Year 2 to QMC
 07.03.24: World Book Day
 08.03.24: School Association Disco night
 15.03.24: Red Nose Day
 19.03.24: Class 3 The Vyne-litter picking
 25.03.24: Class 3 trip to Selborne River
 25.03.24: Infant trip to Portsmouth
 26.03.24: Movie Mob
 27.03.24: Church service for Easter 2.15pm
 28.03.24: Infant Easter Bonnet Parade- 1.30pm
 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
 17.06.24: Class 4 Roman Day
 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

Easter Bonnets- Infants

Our annual Infant Easter Bonnet Parade will take place at 1.30pm on the last day of term (Thursday 28th March).

The children in Class 1 and 2 should design and make their own Easter Bonnet and bring it into school on that day.

At 1.30pm, parents are invited to join us as they parade around school. Prizes are then given to a number of winners in each class for categories such as the most 'eggcellent'!

I have shared a few photos from last year for inspiration...



Message from Rev. Stewart

Youth Hope Explored:

St Andrew's Church are running a group for 9-17 year olds on Saturdays 2nd, 9th & 16th March 6.30-8pm. It will be an informal get together with snack, game & bible discussion in age appropriate groups. If your child is in Class 4 and would like to come you can find out more and sign them up by clicking [here](#) or emailing stewart.deering@sherborneswithpamber.org.

Collective Worship

We have started our new theme this week. In this half term, we will be learning about Moses.

Steve came to talk to us about Moses' birth as told in Exodus 2v1-10. The Egyptians treat the Israelites harshly, but Moses' parents hide him in the bulrushes where he is found by Pharaoh's daughter.



School Attendance is a priority.

What is an acceptable absence?

- Contagious illnesses and recognised medical conditions

What is unacceptable absence?

- Minor sniffles
- Feeling a little tired
- The alarm didn't go off
- Car wouldn't start
- Shopping
- Helping out at home
- Birthdays
- Holidays
- Didn't feel like it

Did you know...

Honeyguide

If your child's attendance during the school year was...

Your child lost approximately...

This is the same as approximately...

95%

9 days from school

50 lessons

90%

19 days from school

100 lessons

85%

29 days from school

150 lessons

80%

38 days from school

200 lessons

75%

48 days from school

250 lessons

Mental Health Support Team

We have been working with the Basingstoke Mental Health Support Team for a couple of years now and they have supported a number of children and families across the school as well as running workshops for Year 5 and Year 6. We are incredibly lucky to have access to their service which is growing all the time.

They have recently launched regular online sessions for parents to share expertise in a range of different areas relating to children's mental health and how this can be better understood and supported at home. The poster below has all the details and if you click on the image, you can follow the link to the Zoom meeting.

The Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) is a Hampshire CAMHS early help service designed to improve access to psychological therapies for young people, while also assisting schools to develop a whole-school approach to positive mental health and wellbeing.

Our practitioners work with young people and parents to manage mild to moderate mental health difficulties using a range of low-intensity and high intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapies (CBT). These mental health difficulties can include low mood, worry, phobias, PTSD, OCD, sleep difficulties or behavioural difficulties.

PPEP care training Spring 2024

Delivered by Hampshire MHSTs

February

Depression and Low Mood in Young People

What depression is, how it may present in young people, and how it may differ from 'normal' adolescent mood difficulties. How low mood and depression may be maintained and useful techniques (specifically behavioural activation) that can be used to break the maintenance cycles.

When? Monday 26th of February 5:30-7:30-pm
Where? Online via Zoom (please find link below)
Who? Parents and carers

<https://spft-nhs-uk.zoom.us/j/98469860526?pwd=SndkQVINOHV0VFB3amRGTGtSSDFzQTQ>

Meeting ID 984 6986 0526 Passcode 550863

To access the meeting, please click on the above link. When directed to, type in the meeting ID and Passcode, as well as your first name.

**MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT TEAMS**

SPOTLIGHT UK

Registered charity 1129258

UPCOMING EVENTS



Spotlight UK are running subsidised activities such as trampolining, laser tag, bowling, soft play swimming and family days out.

We aim to boost confidence, self esteem and overall mental well-being.



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Dates:
8th – 11th April
2024

Venue: The Vyne
Community School,
Basingstoke, RG21
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