



Sherborne Abbey CE Primary School-Newsletter - September 2018

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to all our pupils and parents especially those joining us in Reception Class. These newsletters are sent by email every month and put on the school website.

www.sherborneabbey.dorset.sch.uk

There is also a diary on the website which we will update with school events regularly.

Our collective worship theme this half term is **THANKFULNESS**. Please encourage your children to say thank you throughout the day.

Daily Routine

A reminder that there are staff on duty in the playground from **8.45am** - when you can use the **Drop Off Zone** in the layby. Please do not leave your child unattended before then. There are very limited parking spaces for parents as staff need most of them. Please park outside the school gates and walk in. It is safer for all. (*The car park is closed in the afternoon.*) Pupils come into the playground and go straight to class from 8.45am. You should collect your child at **3.20pm** from their classroom. Could we also insist that you use the **Pedestrian Gate** to enter or leave on foot - children are copying adults who walk through the car park entrance - which is dangerous!

Ink Cartridge Recycling

We have joined a scheme to recycle more of our used ink cartridges to help the environment and hopefully raise cash for our school. The company will accept ALL original HP cartridges - so please bring yours to the school office! You can also request a bin for your workplace on behalf of the school. If you are interested please contact Empties Please directly on 0844 879 7179 and they will gladly send you one. Please quote our school name! www.emptiesplease.com

Appointments and Holidays

Whilst we do appreciate that some appointments have to be in school time, we would ask that you do not take your children out of school unless it is unavoidable. It can be very disruptive to the class, and your child needs to be in school all day! SAST schools have a policy not to authorise holidays in school time.

Correspondence and School Money

Most of the information about school trips and events is sent out by **email**. Please let us know if you change your email. Using the School Money (Now Eduspot) website to pay for trips can give parental permission - so usually there will be no slip to return! For optional events or clubs - such as the **Premier Sports** on Tuesday and Friday, please ensure you have paid online **BEFORE** the first session as places may be limited.

Supercharge Your Child's Education!

Dorset County Council are promoting Superfast Broadband and have a website for advice and information: www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast

After School Clubs

Please see the website for details of all clubs, and dates/times for this term's sports competitions. The after school sports clubs have begun this week and will run for 10 weeks until the end of November.

Term Dates

Please see attached for dates and events.

Walk to School Week

We would like to continue to promote walking to school but need parent helpers. If anyone is interested in helping please email the school at office@sherborneabbey.dorset.sch.uk.

Open Afternoons and Application for Year 6 Transfer to Secondary School

Our new intake 2019 open afternoons will be held on Wednesday 10th October and Wednesday 14th November from 1.30pm

Applications for children starting in September 2019 are now open with the closing date of 15th January 2019.

Applications for **YEAR 6** transferring to secondary school in 2019 are also open.

Closing date **31st October 2018.**

For both follow link below.

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-school-for-the-first-time.aspx>

Dorset Family Partnership

Attached to this newsletter you will find useful information about groups running around the Sherborne area to help families, such as parenting courses, art play sessions, health visitor clinics etc. Alongside this DFP will also be holding a drop in session for parents to attend on Wednesday 31st October here at school.

Appointments are from 8.45-12.00 and can be made by sending an email to

lrobinson@sherborneabbey.dorset.sch.uk stating what time you would like to come.

Stay and Play Club

This runs from 3.20 until 4.20pm and from 4.20-5.15pm. Any parents coming after 5.15pm will be charged a **late pick up fee** of £5 per 15 mins, as staff are only employed for these hours.

READING!

Reading continues to be a focus on our school development plan this year. Our KS 2 SATs results are improving but not as quickly as we would like. We are still sending a number of children to secondary school without being able to read at the national standard.

We take this very seriously and continue to put in place different initiatives to get children reading.

BUT... we need your help. Every primary age child should be reading with an adult every night. Parents should be fostering a love of books and reading with their child.

We appreciate this is not always easy due to time and money and even language skills within the family.

We can help you in school if you let us know you are struggling. Please contact myself or Mr Garnett, our literacy coordinator, if you need help or support with reading with your child.

To kick start this new term a number of children went with Mrs Blencowe to the bookshop in town and bought new books. We will be investing even further in our class bookshelves and the library over the next few weeks.

If families do have books which are in really good condition we would love to have them in school either for our shelves or to make 'home/school' bags for children to take home each week.

Welcome to Your Class

You will have further information on how to support your child at the 'Welcome to your child's new class talk' on:

Reception: 24th and 25th September 9-9.30am

Year 1: Thursday 27th September 9-9.30am

Year 2: Tuesday 25th September 9-9.30am

Years 3/4: Monday 1st October 9-9.30am

Year 5: Wednesday 26th September 9-9.30am

Year 6: Thursday 27th September **3-4.30pm**

Safeguarding

Our designated safeguarding lead is myself as the Headteacher, Ann Marie Kampf, and deputies are Jason Howells (Deputy) and Kirsty Blencowe (Assistant Head and Year 2 teacher).

If for any reason you have concerns about your own children or other children please make an appointment to see one of us.

Harvest Assembly

Rev Lesley will be doing our Harvest assembly on Friday 28th September-next week! Please can you send your child in with a donation for our Harvest Table on the morning of the assembly. You are welcome to come into school and help your child place their offering on the table in the hall.

Class Assemblies for this term

5 th October	Mr Garnett Year 6
12 th October	Mrs Blencowe Year 2
19 th October	Mrs Beaumont and Miss Robinson Year 3
2 nd November	Mr Cato- Year 4
9 th November	Mr McAney Year 6
16 th November	Mrs Tooze Year 5
23 rd November	Mrs Seaton Year 1
30 th November	Miss Hudson Year 2
7 th December	Mrs Neville Year 5
14 th December	Miss Burr Year 3/4

Each class will do two class assemblies per year so don't worry if your child's class is not on this list.

