

Autumn uniform

Winter uniform (collared shirt with a tie (**not** polo shirts), skirt, pinafore or trousers) must be worn after the half term break please. We are very proud of how smart our children look and ask for your support with this. If we look good we feel good.

Large hair accessories are inappropriate for school. Please remember that long hair needs to be tied back for hygiene and safety reasons with a small hairband or ribbon. Please make sure the children bring their coats with them every day after half term as we like to get them outside in the fresh air even in the rain!

Environment

As the weather gets wetter, we would please ask that everyone uses the paths around the school and not the grassy area as it gets very muddy; we want to try and avoid treading mud into school if at all possible. Thank you for your help with this.

Parent Pay

In line with other schools, we are going cashless. All parents should have received an information letter about this (if not, please check book bags!). We are asking payments for trips to be made through parent pay (the system we use to book school meals). You will still receive a letter home informing you about the trip but all payments should be made online. We anticipate that this will make life easier for everyone.



Please remember that if you have not booked **school meals** by the deadline date, you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child. We send an email reminder and a text but we do not have the capacity to phone parents with individual reminders (although we did make an exception this time as there was a booking issue with the October calendar, I'm afraid we cannot make a habit of this).

Other dates for your diary:

November

2nd -Nasal flu vaccinations organised by the NHS—
Rec/1/2/3/4/5

13- Mill on the Brue meeting for Year 5 parents at Buckland Newton School 6pm

December

7—PTA Xmas fair 3-5pm TBC

18—Whole school trip to watch Aladdin at the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil

19—Carol service in the church at 9.30am; Carols around the tree 2.45pm

Our House Captains were voted in by the pupils.

This year, they are:

Green:
Lewis D and Jemima

Red
Brooke and John

Yellow
Robin and Keeley

Well done to all those pupils who stood for House Captain—your speeches were amazing and you were a credit to the school.

IN BRIEF:

Welcome to Mr Martin Pen-nock and Mrs Jo Barber who join the Local Govern-ing Board this year as par-ent governor and coopted governor respectively...

There will be regular school nurse drop in ses-sions in the school staff room if you would like to speak to someone about any aspect of your child's health...

DIARY DATES—Oct

- 3 Open morning for pro-spective pupils and parents
3.30pm PTA AGM
Netball and football vs Trent
- 4 School nurse drop in
9am
Inspire maths presenta-tion 3.20pm
- 10 Eve Coy author KS1
- 11 Y6 tag rugby Sher-borne Primary
Abi Elfinastone author Y5
- 12 Harvest festival 9.30am in church
Emma Carroll author Y6
- 15 Parents' meetings 3.30 -6pm
- 16 Parents' meetings 3.30 -6pm
KS1 football festival at Abbey School 4-6pm
- 17 Open morning for pro-spective pupils and parents
Football and netball vs Bishops Caundle
- 18 Netball and football vs Sherborne Primary
- 22- HALF TERM
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- 30 Y6 trip to Charmouth



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Keeping fit and healthy

There has been a lot going on over the last few weeks to help us learn about staying safe, healthy and fit.

This year, the school will be continuing with the Golden Mile initiative. The Golden Mile is a safe, simple and measurable health and physical activity initiative and an all year round one whereby pupils and staff can get involved. We simply walk, jog or run around our Golden Mile track within the safety of our school grounds and then upload the number of laps our pupil's achieve onto our soft-ware.

Physical activity brings all sorts of benefits, such as confidence and stronger self-esteem, more energy, better memory, and simply a good feeling about our-selves. We hope to see again all sorts of improvements over the year.

We have run the level 1 and 2 cycling proficiency course for pupils which they thoroughly enjoyed.

We welcomed the Life Van back to school on the 17th September. The Life Van staff delivered age appropriate sessions on health and safety, making wise choices and developing good self-esteem. The children really loved these sessions; they form an important part of our Personal, Social, Emotional and Health curriculum. To find out more, visit: [hEp://lifeeduca_onwessex.org.uk/](http://lifeeduca_onwessex.org.uk/)

We were also lucky enough to be visited by the Sherborne branch of Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue along with a Fire Engine. This was a lovely opportunity for the children to learn about fire safety up close. They had a chance to sit in the cab and explore the equipment as well as squirt the hose. Gareth, the Education Officer, then presented a series of fire safety sessions to all classes – hope-fully you will have been reminded to check your smoke alarm!

We also had a presentation from PCSO Alison who taught us all about road safety and stranger danger amongst many other things.

A huge thank you to our emergency services for taking the time to spend with us. (More pictures on our website)



Welcome

Our new pupils have settled very well into school life and are now full time. Miss Langdon is using an online record of the Reception children's learning (Tapestry) which we are encouraging parents to look at and comment on. It is a fantastic way to see some of the things the children have been doing.

It was lovely to see so many parents attending the class welcome meetings teachers held this year. I hope they were useful meetings for you.

We look forward to seeing you all at parent/teacher meetings soon. The Governors and I will be on hand in the hall serving refreshments—please come and have a cup of tea.

Welcome also to Mrs Nicky Talbott who is spending the Autumn and Summer terms with us at St Mary's training to become a teacher. We have done a lot of work in the past with Dorset Initial Teacher Training Centre and mentored many trainees. I am really pleased that we are now working with the North Dorset Teaching School Alliance and can offer a similar programme again. Mrs Talbott will be working alongside Mr Simpson's class this year.

Christian values

This term's Christian value is Thankfulness. Our Monday and Tuesday worships will focus on thinking about who and what we are thankful for. This focus will lead into our Harvest festival on the Friday 12th October at 9.30am in the church. We will be asking children to donate one item of non perishable food (tins, pasta, packets) to give to the Lord's Larder which provide food for the homeless and those who are not quite as fortunate as many of us.



We are very grateful to Andy Hayward and Derek Bailey (governors) who worked hard to rejuvenate the EYFS area with woodchip and new borders—that area is now looking lovely –thank you. We are also grateful to Mr Patterson (parent) who has worked hard to bring the football goals back to life in the

school field – I know the children will look after them.

Thank you also to Emma Loader who is handing over her 100 club duties after a long time as currently she does not have a child at the school. Thank you Emma for all your hard work.



Inspire Maths

This year we have introduced a new maths programme into school based on Singapore's top maths series used in almost 100% of its state primary schools. *Inspire Maths* is a whole-school primary maths programme that supports us in teaching for mastery and meeting the higher expectations of the National Curriculum.



The programme is aspirational but we have no doubt that our pupils will rise to the challenge as our maths results are historically strong. We are holding a short information session led by Mrs Newton (maths lead) if you would like to find out more about this programme on Thursday 4th October at 3.30 in the hall. Please come along if you are able.

Sherborne Literary Festival

Mrs Middleton has been working hard to organise opportunities for our children to get involved in the upcoming Sherborne Literary festival. On the 10th October, KS1 (Miss Stuckey's and Miss Langdon's classes) will be meeting author Eve Coy; Year 5 will be meeting Abi Elfinstone 11th October and on the 12th, Year 6 will be meeting Emma Carroll. We hope these will be valuable sessions in which our children can speak to authors about the writing process and get some creative tips and inspiration! In addition Years 5 and 6 pupils have been invited to submit a 500 word story to the Festival's children's writing competition. Prizes are £50 in book tokens for the winner and £25 for the runner up. The winners will be notified in November.

Yeovil Town Football club

We are thrilled to be able to offer sessions with coaches from Yeovil Town Football club this year. We have the highest number of girls signed up from any school!

