

All Saints' & St Richard's Church of England Primary School



School Newsletter

18th January 2019

Term 3



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break. I hope you all had a wonderful time over the festive period.

The children have all settled back into school extremely well and are all keen and ready to learn. I am particularly delighted with their enthusiasm around some of the extra activities that have taken place. Mathletics is a firm favourite and I could not believe now many certificates have been awarded already! If you have any problems logging into either your own or your child's account, please let me know and we will sort that out for you.

Another firm favourite has been the range of before and after school clubs that are now available. The children have enjoyed the opportunity to be sporty, artistic or musical in their spare time and this is really great to see. Please contact Mrs Mc to sign your child up to any of the clubs which still have places.

As a school we are going to embrace 'The Daily Mile' this term. This is a national initiative to get children fit and healthy as well as energise them for the day ahead. This will involve having a daily run at the beginning of the day around the playground for approximately 10 minutes. As the weather improves we will move onto the field. It will be fun as well as healthy!

The teachers have also been working really hard over the past couple of weeks planning exciting classroom activities. One concept that we are adopting as a whole school is an approach around philosophy. At school we call this P4C (Philosophy for Children). This approach allows children to think across the curriculum in a creative, critical, collaborative and caring way. This allows them to question and enquire whilst listening carefully to the views of others. I hope your children will be able to talk to you about how they used P4C during the school day.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish Mrs Sheffield our very best as she has decided to spend more time with her family and has therefore resigned from her post. Mrs Sheffield has worked closely with the children at ASSR and has done a fantastic job. I am so pleased to say that she will come back to school from time to time on a voluntary basis so we will still be able to see her and keep in touch.

Finally, I wanted to report that following a visit from East Sussex County, the advisor wrote in her report 'the school is making good progress' which is always good to hear!

I look forward to seeing you and your children on the gate each morning and afternoon.

Best wishes

Andrea Vance



**Teacher
Appreciation**



Our current attendance is 95.6%. We need to get to 97%

What happens when a child misses a day at school?

They miss vital hours of learning and struggle to catch up. Evidence shows that this will have a serious impact on their performance in exams.

And, it impacts on other children too.

A teacher who is having to spend time helping others to catch up will spend less time teaching the whole class. This has a serious effect on everyone in the class.

However, it's not too late to change.

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 DAYS	2 WEEKS	45 LESSONS
3 in 10 pupils will leave without five good GCSE passes			
90%	19 DAYS	4 WEEKS	95 LESSONS
5 in 10 pupils will leave without five good GCSE passes			
85%	29 DAYS	6 WEEKS	145 LESSONS
6 in 10 pupils will leave without five good GCSE passes			

Source: Department for Education – *The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4 2013/14 academic year*



Clubs that have started in January 2019

Monday – Art Club

Tuesday – Athletics and Gymnastics - FREE

Wednesday – Athletics and Dodgeball - FREE

Thursday – Netball and Choir Club



Sign up today at the office.



Barnowls - New Gardening Tools!

The Barn Owls were so excited to use all their wonderful new gardening equipment for the very first time last week! The children were busy all afternoon weeding, digging and clearing their vegetable garden using the new spades, rakes, hoes and forks bought, with the money raised from their cake sale. Thank you to everyone who made or bought cakes, and to the PTA. I know the children are going to get a huge amount of enjoyment and invaluable 'hands on' learning, as we start to plant our crops in the next few months.

Mrs Whittaker
Class Teacher



Welcome

Welcome back! as you will have noticed, we are giving you all a break in January. You are however welcome to bring in any unwanted gifts that you may have received over Christmas, they will be greatly received. The Buzzards cake sale and film nights will be before half term.

The rest of Sparrowhawks books have now arrived. The Barnowls have bought new gardening equipment with their profits. (Pics from Mrs Whittaker)

The secretary of our PTA resigned just before Christmas, so we are in need of a new one if anyone would like to join our PTA please speak to myself, Jo or Rachel.

We have a meeting on Tuesday 22nd January at the Gun Inn in Gun Hill at 7.45pm - you are all very welcome and we would love your help please.

Tasha xx



Remember to check out the ASSR web page for all information!



Forest School Friday 11 January

A big Thank You to all of Kestrels at Forest School, such an enthusiastic class embracing the great outdoors on a grey January day.

Extending my thanks to Penny, Tash and Owen's Auntie Beth, who all made Forest School a success. Mr C who helped set up the forest school site.

We enjoyed delicious pizza, pond dipping and drilling wooden necklaces. Climbing trees, bug hunting and playing with friends. Miss Horton jumped for joy with the triumphant and imaginative marble run. Mrs Samuel loved smiles and belly laughs from Kestrels class.

With much appreciation to supportive families who supplied warm clothes, waterproofs as well as packed lunches. Resulting in happy, muddy children eating lunch around the campfire. Zak summed up Forest School as "the best day." I am looking forward to next week

Louise Montebello.

Everyone needs to sign up, as it is our new messaging service as well as absence reporting!

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Contributes to public health by collecting anonymised data on illnesses going around — to help schools, parents and public health organisations take preventative action as early as possible.

Diary Dates for Term 3

14th January 2019

All Clubs will start this week. New Clubs are: Gymnastics, Dodgeball, Athletics are all FREE and provided by Premier Sports.
Choir – Angela Brooks and Art Club – Mrs Montebello.

11th January 2019

Forest School starts today for Kestrels.

17th January 2019

Census Day! We would love if everyone in KS1 was able to take school dinners today, to support our funding.

18th February 2019

Half term week!



4th March 2019

Bikeability – Year 6 children only

2nd April 2019

The Big Dance – Buzzards – more info to follow.