Sarum St Paul's

Church of England Primary School (VA)

Rooted in Love, Growing Together

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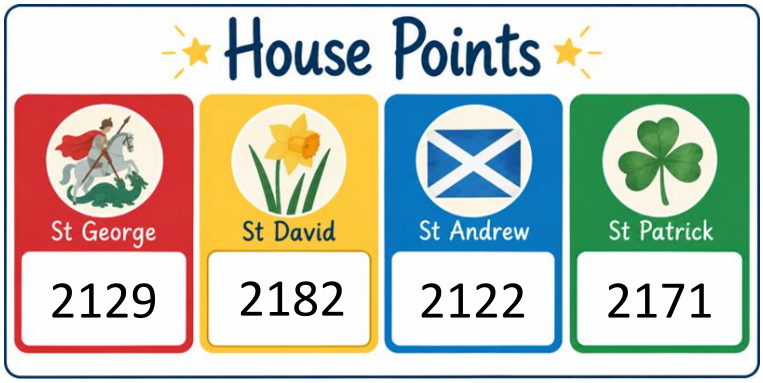
Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed some time together. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week!

One of the highlights of our first week back has been our RE Encounter Day, which focused on the four patron saints of Great Britain and Ireland and how their stories link to our school values. The children spent the day working in their house teams, exploring the stories of St Patrick and our value of Growth, St David and Love, St George and Courage, and St Andrew and Community through a range of activities.

We were delighted to welcome Craig from St Paul's Church, along with some of our governors, who joined us to support the day. Craig brought the saints to life during our morning Collective Worship, when we had the chance to 'meet' all four saints and discover their stories! It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn together, strengthen their sense of belonging to their houses and reflect on what our values mean in everyday life.

We also held our FOSSP AGM this week. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and to all those who give their time and energy to support our school through FOSSP. There are lots of exciting events and activities coming up, so please do take a moment to read the FOSSP section of this newsletter, where you will find important dates and information about how you can get involved.



A big well done to all our children who have been earning house points this week. It is lovely to see so many examples of our school values being lived out each day. **Well done to St David's House who are in the lead this week!**

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Hannah Easthope

Headteacher

Wellies

As the weather is getting more inclement, all children need a pair of wellies in school. It is easiest if it is a pair that they can keep here. If it is muddy but still safe to play on the field, children will only be allowed if they have their own wellies. This is especially important for children that would like to play football at lunchtime. They will not be allowed to play unless they have wellies to wear as spare trainers often do not have enough grip to be safe on muddy ground.

Parking

When dropping off children in the morning, please remember to not drive up to the gate or come into the car park. We have had a few near misses this week on the approach to school where cars have been turning right by the school gate where children and families are walking.

Please use the Tennis Courts (mornings only), local roads or walk from Waitrose.

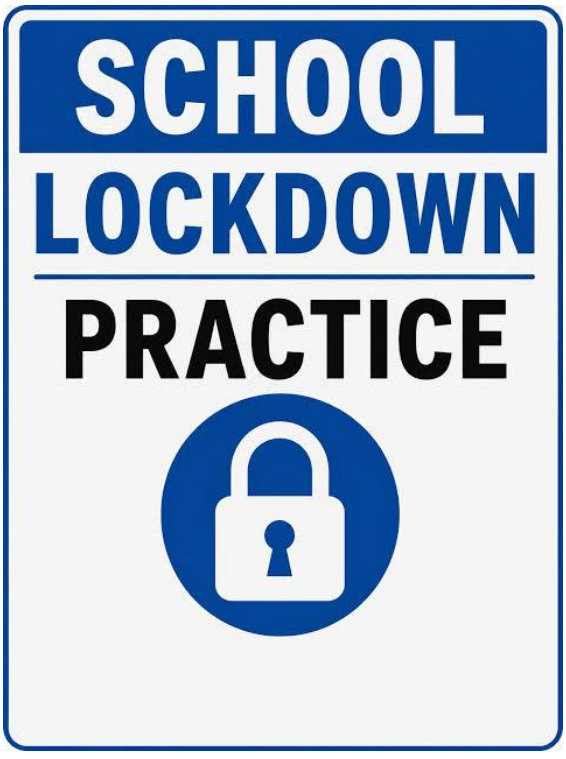
Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are seeking to appoint a Lunch Time Supervisor to join our friendly and dedicated team from January 2027. The role is Monday to Friday, term time only, from 12.15pm to 1.30pm (to be confirmed). This is an exciting opportunity for someone who enjoys working with children and would like to play an important role in supporting our pupils during the school day. If you are interested in finding out more about the position or would like an application form, please contact the school office or email Mrs Field on admin@sarum-st-pauls.wilts.sch.uk.

Safeguarding Update: Lockdown Practice

Keeping our children safe is always our highest priority and an important part of this is making sure that everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event of an emergency.

Just as we regularly practise fire evacuations, schools also need to prepare for situations where it may be safer for children and staff to remain inside the building. This is known as a lockdown procedure.



Tuesday's incident was a reminder of the importance of being prepared for different situations, even though there was no immediate risk to the children. We want to reassure families that this is simply part of our ongoing commitment to keeping everyone safe.

We had already planned to introduce lockdown practices this term but have decided to bring our first practice forward by a couple of weeks. This will be carried out in a calm, reassuring and age-appropriate way, with staff explaining to children that it is simply another way we practise keeping everyone safe, just like a fire drill.

We will write to parents after our first practice has taken place to explain how it went. Lockdown practices will then become a routine part of our school safety procedures, helping children and staff become familiar and confident with what to do, without causing unnecessary worry.

This also reflects the wider national focus on preparedness and safety, including the introduction of Martyn's Law, which encourages organisations, including schools, to think carefully about how they would respond to serious emergencies and protect those in their care.

Our aim is not to worry children, but to give them the reassurance that the adults around them are prepared and know how to keep them safe.

Our Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do in school. Our Safeguarding Team is responsible for making sure every child feels safe, supported and listened to. We work closely with staff, families and outside agencies to promote children's wellbeing, respond to any worries or concerns and ensure the right help is in place when it is needed.

If you ever have a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing, no matter how small it may seem, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team or contact us via our dedicated safeguarding email at safeguarding@sarum-st-pauls.wilts.sch.uk. We are always here to listen and to work with you to keep our children safe.

Mrs Easthope
Headteacher

Miss Martindale
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Field
Business Manager

Mrs Beales
SENDCo

Mrs Newman
Family Link Worker

FOSSP – Friends of Sarum St Paul's - please join their FOSSP Facebook page.

FOSSP AGM – Thursday 5th November

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our AGM yesterday.

We had a good conversation of plans for this year and any help towards raising money for the school is much appreciated. With rising costs, our outgoings last year far exceeded what we were able to raise so any ideas of fundraising would be great!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 28th January at 2.30pm in the school hall.

Fairy Cake Friday – Fairy Cake Friday is starting again. More details will follow and will be posted on the FOSSP Facebook Page and class whatsapp groups.

Pumpkin Trail – This was cancelled due to the weather before the holiday and has be rearranged for Friday 13th November. It would be great to see as many people as possible support FOSSP by attending and letting their children have a go!

Bags2School

We had great success with the amount of donations when we last did Bags2School. Please drop off any donations to the white door near the school entrance (or the school office) by 30th November. Donations can be dropped off on any day, at any time.

D-I-S-C-O!

There will be a school disco happening on Friday 27th November.

Year R and KS1 – 3.30pm – 4.15pm (£4 – including sweets)

KS2 – 4.30pm – 5.30pm – (£3.50 – can bring money for sweets)

This will be available on school money soon. Any helpers greatly appreciated!

Children in Year R and KS1 that are going to the disco will need to bring their disco clothes to school with them and they will change at the end of the day, be given a drink and a biscuit and then taken into the disco.

Used Uniform Sale – This will now be happening on a Thursday. The sale will continue to happen most weeks. Please check the FOSSP Facebook page to check if it is on. Uniform will be sold from the mobile classroom.

Easyfundraising – FOSSP are using a great website called easyfundraising to help raise money simply by shopping online. easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use them to shop with over 8,000 retailers such as eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Tesco's and Booking.com.
Retailers then make a small donation to say 'thank you' and easyfundraising gives those free funds to the cause, there is absolutely no extra charge to you as the consumer you just need to tap to donate when it prompts you.

Please register using this link – just click sign up - https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=nxel0x&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=email&char=376327

Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it!
There's no catch or hidden charges and Friends of Sarum St Paul's, Salisbury will be really grateful for your donations.

Parent Coffee Afternoon

Please come and meet with me and other members of the senior leadership team for a drink (and a biscuit) on Thursday 26th November in the afternoon. It was brilliant to see some new faces at the last morning session. Over the course of the year we have put in a range of morning and afternoon sessions and on different days so hopefully this works for most people at some point.

Dates For Your Diary:

Thursday 26th November – Parent Coffee Afternoon (from 2.50pm)

Friday 27th November – Non-School Uniform Day to collect donations for Rainbow Hampers

Monday 30th November – St Andrew's Day. All children in St Andrew's House to come dressed in something blue!

Thursday 3rd December – Stay and Share: Reading. Time tbc

Monday 7th December – Nativity at St Paul's Church (evening – time tbc) – Year R, 1 and 2

Tuesday 15th December – KS2 Carol Concert at St Paul's Church

Year Group Updates

Hedgehogs – Reception Class

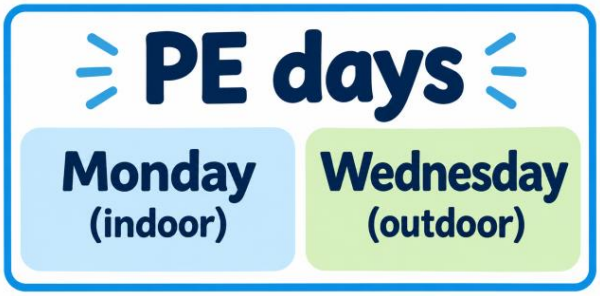
- **Spare socks** - as we move into more wet and colder weather we will continue to use our outside learning area. Sometimes the rain gets into our wellies despite our best attempts to stay dry! Could all children have a couple of pairs of spare socks or tights in their PE bags. If anyone has a surfeit of socks we could always use some to add to our class supply too!
- **Wellies** - all children need a pair of wellies that can remain at school, please let me know if you are unable to provide this.

Butterflies – Year 1

- Updates coming soon!

Bumblebees – Year 2

- **Water Bottles -** Please send a water bottle every day.
- **Coats -** Now the weather is changing can you make sure your child brings a coat to school.
- **Can you help?** As we look towards the next term (nativity!) we are hunting for a hale bale. Does anyone have any connections to a farmer? Please let us know.
- **Reading -** Please continue to read a minimum of 4 reads a week, it really does make a difference.
- **Seesaw -** We try to upload daily to seesaw so you can have meaningful conversations about the learning that has taken place in class. Please make sure you are checking the app.



Otters – Year 3

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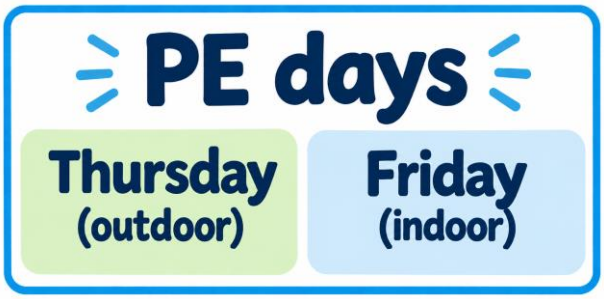

Dragonflies – Year 4

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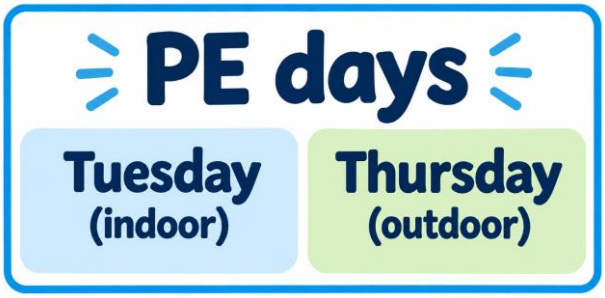

Swans – Year 5

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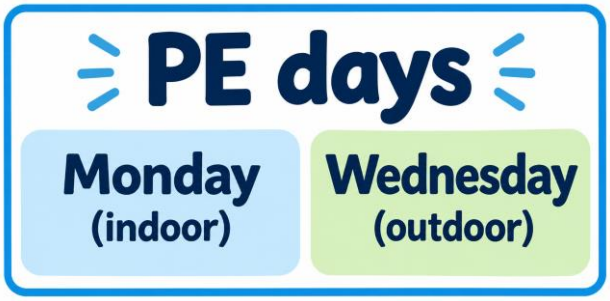
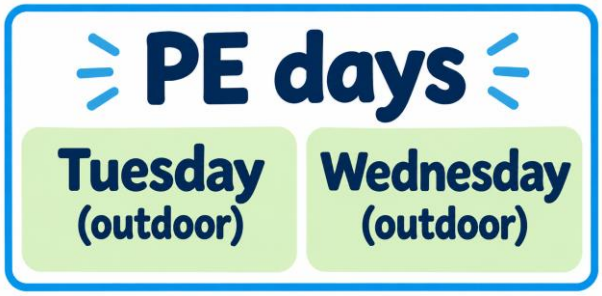


Kingfishers – Year 6

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