


Happy New Year!

Goodbyes & Welcomes

Fond farewell & best wishes to Miss Tavenner who is sadly leaving teaching for a while. I would like to thank her for her energy and drive whilst at Sherborne Primary; kindly organising such exciting events as our Space Week! We also send our best wishes and warm regards to Mrs Hoffman who retired at the end of the Autumn Term after 17 years as a teacher at Sherborne Primary School. Her contributions have been immense and I know I truly thank her for her dedication and commitment to our children and fellow staff. Her orchestration of the bi-annual Christmas Concert at the Abbey is testament to her professionalism and musical expertise!

We welcome both Miss Brenchley who will be teaching Eagles Class and Mrs Griffiths, teaching Hawks. Both are local experienced teachers who are excited about teaching within Sherborne Primary!

Thank you for your support at Christmas

A huge thank you for all your kind support for all of our numerous Christmas events this year. We have a multitude of Christmas Concerts, Nativity Plays, Christmas Fayre and Charitable Events.

I would particularly like to thank Mrs Clarke for kindly organising so many successful School Choir Concerts, within our school and also out in the community and to Mrs Maskew and Mrs Rose for their amazing efforts in leading our excellent nativity play.

We are also extremely grateful to Jo Kemp and Cat Humphries (and their many helpers) who organised and ran such a successful Christmas Fayre, raising nearly £750 towards the PTA project of building a new fun outdoor trail for our KS1 children

SCAPA – Breakfast Club and After-school Club – Please contact the School Office in school hours on 01935 812619 and/or SCAPA out of school hours on tel: 01935 810001 to enquire about bookings. Opening times are 8:00am until 8:55am and 3:30pm until 6:00pm during term time.

Booking for term time have become very popular to ensure a place please book on line in advance. Holiday SCAPA – programme will be on our website very shortly.

School Uniform & Winter Weather Clothing

A brief reminder that children are required to have the appropriate school uniform which includes their green jumper, white t-shirt, trousers, skirt and **black shoes**.

During these colder winter months, a warm coat is also essential and your child **may not be allowed out at playtime without this item for their own health**.

Toddlers Group - unfortunately has now ceased

Our Toddler Group has unfortunately now ceased this is due to a restructure within Children Services. If this service does become available again we will inform you immediately. We can advise you that Tums, Tots and Tinies (TTT) meets every Wed from 10am until 12.15pm at St Pauls Church as an alternative.

Charity at Sherborne Primary

We are proud of our children and their kindness to others. During the Autumn Term we raised £504 for Children in Need (with the School Council selling items), £292 for the National Poppy Appeal (with our Senior Pupil's selling items) and nearly £300 from the collection at Sherborne Abbey after our Carol Service for Wateraid. We also raised £228 for St Margarets Hospice Over £1250 for charity! Amazing!

NEW Reception Children to start September 2018 - Applications by January 15th 2018

To all our prospective parents / carers with children who wish to start within our Reception Group in September 2018, a gentle reminder that all applications need to be completed online by the date above. Please follow this link: <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions/starting-school>

Online Payments & Bookings

To support everyone with saving time we would strongly recommend utilising our School Money online payment system to pay for things like SCAPA and school trips etc. This will again save queuing at our busy office hatch. Please click on our web-site for the link and more information. This will be found under Parents - School Money <https://www.schoolmoney.co.uk>

Potential School Closure in Extreme Weather

The school has only closed a few times during the history of the school, each time due to heavy snowfall. The advice is that the school will open if at all possible, but if there is a heavy snowfall

Children to arrive at school from 08.45am and enter the classroom immediately as usual

Children are to arrive at school properly clothed - Wellingtons, coats, hats, gloves (all named please) Please note that (for their own well-being) pupils will not be allowed outside to enjoy the snow if they do not have the appropriate clothing.

If the school closes during the day, parents will be contacted first – children may be sent to “safe” (friends’ house(s) etc. by agreement. No child will be sent home without a safe arrangement being in place.

Parents of the youngest children may choose to keep their children at home if they feel this is appropriate.

No bicycles/scooters etc. are to be brought to school

In case Chartwells are unable to provide hot meals, please send your child to school with a packed lunch. When the decision is made to close the School a text message will be sent to all parents as early as possible on the day and posted on our school web-site

Please ensure the School Office has your up-to-date contact telephone numbers – thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 1st Half – Spring Term 2017

As known at time of printing

Date	Time	Details
Monday 8 th January	After-school	Extra-Curricular Clubs start (& finish on Friday 16 th March)
Friday 12 th January	3pm - 3:30pm	Achievement Assemblies for Parents / Carers - KS1 Focus
	8:30am - 9:30am	Yr 4 Swimming starts at Sherborne Boys School (every Friday until half-term)
Monday 15 th January	Today	ALL application for new Yr R September 2018 must be completed online (see above)
Friday 19 th January	All day 3pm -3.30pm	Non Uniform day - Pyjama Theme £1 donation in aid of Step by Step with Kyra the First Hurdle Achievement Assembly - KS2 Focus
Friday 26 th January	3pm - 3:30pm	Achievement Assembly - KS1 Focus
Friday 2 nd February	3pm - 3:30pm	Achievement Assembly - KS2 Focus
Monday 5 th - Friday 9 th February	All Week	Mental Health Awareness Week - A whole range of exciting and engaging activities!
Tuesday 6 th February	School Day	Yeovil Town Football Club - 'Respect Programme' for Year 6 pupils
	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Pancakes Races within School
Wednesday 7 th February	12:00pm - 2pm	Sherborne Area Basketball Tournament - The Gryphon School Sports Centre (selected Yr 5 & 6 Team)
Friday 9 th February	3pm - 3:30pm	Achievement Assembly - Show & Tell from Mental Health Week
	7.30pm - 9.30pm	PTA Quiz - School Hall
Half-term - Saturday 10th - Sunday 18th February		
Monday 19 th February	7.30pm	PTA meeting at the Plume of Feathers Sherborne
Tuesday 20 th February	All Day	Years 3 & 4 visit to 'Dippy' in Dorchester
Tuesday 20 th February	4.15pm - 5.15pm	Sherborne Area Cross-Country Tournament - The Gryphon School
Wednesday 21 st , Thursday 22 nd , Friday 23 rd February	School Day	Reading, Reciting & Debating Competition for all pupils (pupil audience only - sorry)
Friday 23 rd February	8:30am & 9am	Year 5 Swimming starts at Sherborne School for Boys Sports Centre (& every Friday until the end of term)
	3pm - 3:30pm	Achievement Assembly - KS1 Focus
Tuesday 27 th February	1pm - 4pm	Year 3/4 Football Tournament at Sherborne Abbey
Wednesday 28 th February	All Day	Year 6 Business & Enterprise Day - The Gryphon School (selected pupils)
Friday 2 nd March	3pm - 3:30pm	Achievement Assembly - KS2 Focus
Friday 9 th March	3pm - 3:30pm	Achievement Assembly - KS1 Focus
Wednesday 14 th March	4pm - 5:30pm	Sherborne Area Yrs 5 & 6 Football & Years 3 & 4 Football Tournaments - Sherborne Abbey School
Friday 16 th March	3pm - 3:30pm	Achievement Assembly - KS2 Focus
Monday 19 th March	Rest of Term	NO school led clubs from this date until the end of term
Tuesday 20 th March	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Sherborne Area Yrs 5 & 6 Netball Tournament - Leweston School
Tuesday 20 th & Thursday 22 nd March	3:45pm onwards	Parental Consultations
Friday 23 rd March	1pm - 3pm	Sherborne Area Year 5 Tag Rugby Tournament
	3pm - 3:30pm	NO Achievement Assembly
Monday 26 th March	9am - 10am	School Nursery Nurse drop in sessions

Thursday 29 th March	3pm – 3:30pm	Achievement Assembly - Pupil of the Term
	All Day	PTA Easter Competitions being judged
	3:30pm	PTA Easter Egg Hunt around school grounds LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

Friday 30th March – Sunday 15th April

Christmas at Sherborne Primary School – Autumn Term 2017
Sherborne Abbey Carol Concert / EYFS Nativity Play / Choir Concert at The Hayes Old People's Home / X-Factor Winners & Organisers / Christmas Lunchtime!

