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A Great First Half-Term - Recap.....

We have had a fantastic start to our new school year! We have welcomed our new children in Reception, built a brand new Sensory Garden, and have trained our Year 6 Students in cycling safety (Bikeability)! Since September, we have also seen our children settle into the new academic year, come runners-up in the Year 6 Area Tag Rugby (losing by just a golden try in the last seconds) and trained our new sports ambassadors! We are also awaiting the installation of a new KS1 playtrail, funded by the PTA.

NEW FOR ALL OUR FAMILIES

Sherborne Primary School and the Sherborne Children's Centre are part of the North Dorset Family Partnership Zone. Alan Valentine, your new Parent Support Adviser has arranged for one of their parenting experts, Louisa Painter to be available in school on Wednesday November 7th from 1.30pm to provide additional help and advice. She will be offering on the spot help and advice with parenting challenges families face. From tips on managing children's behaviour, to advice on longer term strategies to help overcome more challenging behaviours. Guidance and possible referrals to more specialist support services/courses can be discussed too. Louisa also is able to provide the same confidential advice on where to obtain free and more specialist advice around money and housing. We will have a number of 20 minute slots available on the day, just let the school office know which one you would like. As Louisa says "sometimes just coming along for a chat can help make a worry more manageable."

[Starting a new school? Reception Intake - September 2019](#)

Applications are now being accepted online for new reception children. The deadlines and details on how to apply for each are listed below:

Reception pupils starting School in September 2019 closing date **15th January 2019**
<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions/starting-school>

Christmas at Sherborne Primary

We have yet another busy Christmas programme this year (*please check the date list below for more details*). The events include a Nativity Performance for both EYFS and KS1 pupils and our school choir singing at a variety of concerts in around the town. Also, the Year 6 pupils will be singing as a choir in Yeovil to Adults with Learning Disabilities. Finally, our PTA will be hosting our Christmas Fayre on Dec 7th & we will finish the term with a Christmas Singalong!

[PTA – Christmas Fayre & 'Monster Disco' on \(Fri 2nd Nov\)](#)

The PTA are organising a '**Monster Disco**' on **Friday 2nd November with Foundation and KS1 (5:45pm – 6:45pm) and KS2 (7pm – 8pm)** in our school hall. We really hope your child can attend and dress-up in a spooky costume. IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THE PTA, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR CONTACT THE PTA THROUGH THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE.

PTA - Christmas Fayre - **Friday 7th December - 3:20 pm onward**. The Christmas Fayre will include our usual exciting range of festive stalls, refreshments & of course the chance to visit Santa!! We hope can kindly attend & support our brilliant PTA!

This year our PTA have funded a NEW KS1 Playtrail at a cost of over £7k, thanks for your kind contributions!



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[Joint PTA / School - Eco Sensory Garden Project](#)

We are very proud of our new Sensory Garden which was installed in September. This joint PTA/School initiative was also very kindly supported by Bradford's Builders & Queen Thorne Turf (who have been so generous to the school and we thank them profusely). We will be utilising this excellent resource throughout the year and working alongside Castle Gardens during the Spring Term 2019 to plant various bulbs and flowers.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Mrs Ellis for leading this project and also to Cat Humphreys, Kevin Turner, Mr. Biskup's building staff and all of our amazing PTA/ parental volunteers who kindly made this happen!

Children in Need Day Friday November 16th, 2018

Children in Need will take place on Friday November 16th. We will be having a non-school uniform day in exchange for a £1 donation. We ask that children dress in either yellow or spotty clothes or are welcome to come dressed as Pudsy! We will also be holding a cake competition for KS1 and KS2. It is 50p to enter and we ask that the entries are either 1 dozen cupcakes or 1 dozen biscuits in a theme of Pudsy or a spotty pattern. After the judging is complete, the cakes will be on sale for 30p.

[SCAPA](#)

We are very pleased to announce that due to the high demand for SCAPA (Breakfast and After-School Childcare) we have increased our capacity to take more children. To support this logistically we may use the hall when the club is running over its numbers. (*After-School Club will be within the usual setting*).

To ensure that we can provide appropriate staffing we will ONLY be accepting online bookings from now on (*please inquire at the school office if you require any support with using our online system*).

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 that if there is a snowfall...

- ***Children arrive as usual at school at 8.45.***
- ***Children are properly clothed – Wellingtons, coats, gloves, hats (all named please).***
- ***Contact numbers are current. If the school closes during the day, parents will be contacted first (school text system) – 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. This will also be placed on the front page of our web-site & our Facebook Page.



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Best Wishes and New Arrivals

On behalf of the whole school, I would like to wish Mrs Richardson (Oak Class Teacher) every success with the imminent birth of her new baby. Mrs Marion Gray (a very experienced teacher) will be teaching in Oak Class until Mrs Richardson returns after her maternity leave.

I am also announcing the retirement of Mrs Sue Mitchell. Mrs Mitchell has worked at Sherborne Primary for 21 years. She is such a wonderful, dedicated member of our team who has cared for many of our pupils. She will be greatly missed and we all wish her a very happy retirement.

Finally, we extend a warm welcome to Mrs Roxy Sharp who has joined our office team.

Data Collection Sheets

Your child will be given a data collection sheet, this is the current information we hold on your contact details etc, if this needs amendment please return to the school office (please use the office letterbox if the school reception is busy)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Autumn Term 2018 *As known at time of printing*

Date	Time	Details
Friday 2nd Nov	2:45pm - 3:20pm	Parents Assembly - KS2 Show & Tell & Achievements
	5:45pm - 8pm	Monster Disco – Foundation and KS1 5:45pm-6:45pm, KS2 7:00pm-8:00pm
Tuesday 6th & Thursday 8th Nov	3:30pm onwards	PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS
Tuesday 6th Nov	All day	Bridge Building for Year 5 & 6
Friday 9th Nov	10:30am - 11.45am	Hawks Class visiting The Hayes Old People's Home
	10:50am	Remembrance Service - Large Playground (ALL WELCOME to join us - 10 mins service)
	2:45pm - 3:20pm	Parents Assembly - Remembrance Show & Tell & Achievements
Tuesday 13th Nov	6pm	Year 6 Performing 'A Midsummers Nights Dream' - Sherborne Girls School
Wednesday 14th - Friday 16th Nov	All day	Year 5 Residential Visit to Leeson House
Friday 16th Nov	All day	Children in Need Day: Non-school uniform £1 donation Cake Competition for KS1 and KS2 – 50p to enter and after judging, cake sale for 30p per cake.
	2:45pm-3:20pm	Parents Assembly - KS1 Show & Tell & Achievements



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Thursday 22nd Nov	During the day	Crescendo Concerts (part of the Sherborne Literary Festival) - to KS1 at 10:00am & KS2 at 2:00pm	
	1:30pm-3:20pm	School Choir joint concert with Sherborne Girls School Castleton Church (rehearsals then concert pm)	
Friday 23rd Nov	2:45pm - 3:20pm	Parents Assembly - KS2 Show & Tell & Achievements	
Friday 30th Nov	2:45pm - 3:20pm	Parents Assembly - KS1 Show & Tell & Achievements	
Friday 7th Dec	10:30am - 11:45am	Hawks Class visiting the Hayes Old People's Home	
	2pm set-up and then 3:20pm - 5pm	PTA Christmas Fayre - Hall & Music Room (NO Parents Assembly)	
Wednesday 12th Dec	9:15am	EYFS Nativity performance - Hall	
	9am - 11:30am	School Choir singing at the Elms Old People's Home - Yeovil Marsh	
Thursday 13th Dec	All Day	Flu Immunisation - Letters to follow, for Reception-Y5	
Friday 14th Dec	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day (Non-uniform) - £1 donation	
	9:30-12:00pm	Year 6 Choir singing at Fiveways Centre for Adults with Learning Disabilities - Yeovil	
	2:45pm - 3:20pm	Parents Assembly - Pupil of the Term	
	3:20pm - 4pm	School Choir - Charity Concert - Hall	
Monday 17th Dec	5pm - 6pm	School Choir Concert - Castle Gardens Sherborne	
Tuesday 18th Dec	9:15am	KS1 Nativity Performance - Hall	
Wednesday 19th Dec		LAST DAY of AUTUMN TERM (INSET Days Thursday 20th and Friday 21st Dec)	
	2:45pm-3:20	Christmas Sing-along Assembly-Parents welcome!	
1st day of the Spring Term 2019 - MONDAY 7th JANUARY 2019			



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Constructing Our NEW Sensory Garden - *Probably on the wettest day of the year!*

