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[Welcome To Our New School Year - Autumn Term 2019](#)

We hope that all of our families and pupils have had a lovely summer break and the children are refreshed for the new school year. We would like to extend a warm welcome to **all** of our new pupils, particularly our new reception children, their families and new staff members to our school. We hope that they all enjoy their time at Sherborne Primary. The children are going to enjoy another action packed term. This will include dress-up days, trips, special visitors, sporting events and competitions. Parents and carers will also have more opportunities to come and view the children in their lessons during our inspire mornings! The end of term will also see our magical Sherborne Abbey Christmas Carol Concert. (Please see the date list below for more details of all the events happening this term). We also have a great extra-curricular club program, which starts on Monday 16th September.

I would also like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who kindly supported our busy summer term with events such as Sports Day, the PTA Summer Fayre, Activities Week and our KS2 Play 'Cinders & Sherlock' to name a few.

[Welcome](#)

The new school year welcomes the new Reception children who start their school careers at Sherborne Primary. We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs Wilcox who will be teaching in Tigers Class. We welcome back Mrs Babiy (maiden name Miss Wakeling), Elm Class Teacher & Assistant Head, alongside Mrs Richardson (Ash Class), who are both return from maternity leave. At the same, we would like wish Mrs Saunders every success with the birth of her baby girl. Additionally, we would like to say a big thank you to Mr Valentine (Parent Support Advisor) for all his efforts during his time at Sherborne Primary and wish him every success in the future.

[New Security Gates](#)

As you may have noticed, we have had new security gates and fencing installed at the school over the summer holidays. The front gates will be open during the morning school run and will close at 9:05am. The gates will then reopen at **3:00pm** for the afternoon school run and will remain open until **4:40pm** for collection from after school clubs. On Fridays the gates will open at **2:30pm** for the parent's assembly. **Please do not arrive before these times or queue for the gates to open. The entrance to the school needs to be kept clear at all times, in case of an emergency. Please find a space in the car park and do not double park behind cars.** Thank you.

[School Open Morning - This will be held on Monday 7th October between 9.30am and 12pm.](#)

The school are inviting parents, prospective parents (**Reception intake Sept 2020 & any other year group pupils**), grandparents and members of the community to see the school at work. Please contact the school office to book your visit.

The timetable will be: 9.30-10.40 Session one / 10.40-11.00 Morning break / 11.00-12.00 Session two
Please contact our office on 01935 812619 to book your appointment for a guided tour and more.....

[Starting a new school?](#)

Applications are now being accepted online for new reception children and also for year 7 (secondary school). The deadlines and details on how to apply for each are listed below:

Year 7 Secondary School applications by **31st October 2019**

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions/secondary-upper-school>

Reception pupils starting School in September 2020 applications by **15th January 2020**

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions/starting-school>

[Stay in Touch with our 'Teachers to Parents' App / Communication Methods](#)

A reminder that we have a number of ways to keep parents /carers in touch with school activities / reminders



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/ messages, events and to help with communication:

- Our 'Teachers to Parents' text system and EDUSPOT app - **please ensure your current mobile number is on our records (please see our Office)**
- Class Dojo - All Classes (except Ladybirds & Grasshopper, who use Tapestry). Direct message your class teacher & see the latest class activities / photos / messages etc. **(teachers will reply to any messages within normal school hours) There is no need to subscribe to "Home Dojo"**.
- Facebook Page - we only use this for messages to **you** to tell about forthcoming events etc.
- Email - office@sherbornepri.dorset.sch.uk - you are welcome to message us on our email
- Web-site - www.sherbornepri.dorset.sch.uk - lots of information / photos / messages etc.
- Non-tech - whiteboard / noticeboard - weekly up to date information *(a photo of this is placed on our Facebook Page each week)*
- Our helpful Office Staff - always available from 8:45am - 3:45pm each day for face to face information
- Staff - Mr Bartle (Head) / Mr Sales (Deputy) - available before & after school to chat / exchange messages etc.

[PTA – Summer 2019 Fayre and 'Monster Disco' on Fri 18th October](#)

A MASSIVE thank you to Emma, Melanie & Jo and their amazing PTA team who raised a huge amount of money that goes towards supporting our children. The Summer Fayre in particular has raised over £700!

Autumn Term 2019. They will be organising a **'Monster Disco' on October 18th with EYFS 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. More details of how to purchase tickets to follow.

Thank you to ALL of you who placed a token into our slot in the **Waitrose 'Community Matters'** scheme. This has raised an extra £300 for the PTA, which we are going to put towards a road safety scheme for additional signage around our local roads to encourage drivers to watch out for children!

IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THE PTA, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR CONTACT THE PTA THROUGH THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE.

This year our PTA are funding a number of projects, including helping the school to revamp our reading books. Thank you for your kind contributions!

[SCAPA Updates](#)

SCAPA offers a Breakfast Club (which is **now available from 7.45am**), After School Club and Holiday Club. If you are new to SCAPA or Holiday Club please visit the School office for registration forms to get set up on School Money.

School Money has added a new 'Top up' feature. To access it log in, click into the clubs section, type in the amount of credit you want to add in the Top Up box and then proceed to the basket to pay by debit card. Then book your sessions and when your child attends breakfast Club, SCAPA or Holiday Club, it will use the credit automatically. **Please note:** *It is not possible to add credit for other types of payments such trips.*

The **October Holiday Club** program is now available on our website and online booking will be available from 16th September. **SCAPA** will be closed during the Christmas Holidays this year due to finishing so close to Christmas, allowing you to spend quality time with your families.

To ensure we are able to provide adequate staffing to safeguard the children, please can you book your SCAPA sessions online through School Money. **The online booking system closes at 12 noon the previous Friday and we are unable to accept late bookings within the same week.**

Pricing:



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TERM TIME CHARGES				
	Breakfast	After School Club		
Time	7.45am – 8.45am	3.20pm- 4.30pm	4.30pm-5.30pm	5.30pm – 6.00pm
Cost Per Child	£3.90	£3.50	£3.40	£1.70

HOLIDAY CHARGES			
	Morning Session	Afternoon Session	Extra Hour
Time	8am – 1pm	1pm - 6pm	12noon – 1pm or 1pm – 2pm
Cost Per Child	£10.50	£10.50	£2.20

School Uniform & NO Jewellery Reminder

Please remember that children should attend school wearing the correct uniform, as described on the school website. This should include a green school sweatshirt/cardigan with grey or black trousers, skirts or pinafores. Shoes must be black and appropriate for school wear (no open toes, high heels or sling backs). Boots will only be permitted in extreme weather. Sporting Classics (in Sherborne near Boots the Chemist) stock the school jumpers and cardigans with our Sherborne Primary Logo.

Please remember for the safety of all that only stud earrings and a child appropriate watch are allowed (no jewellery / friendship bracelets etc.) Children with pierced ears are required to cover their earrings with tape which needs to be provided by the parent. Thank you for your kind support.

Birthdays Cakes and Sweets

Due to many children with various food allergies, we ask that you do not bring birthday cakes, biscuits or sweets into school when it is your child's birthday.

Chartwells and Booking School Meals

If your child is having hot lunches, please ensure that you book your hot school meal with Chartwells by the cut-off date. The deadline for ordering hot meals is at midnight on Sunday one full week before the meal is served. We recommend that you book your meals for the whole term to avoid missing out a week. If you have not booked hot meals, please provide your child with a packed lunch.



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Free School Meals

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn. Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guarantee element of Pension Credit
 - Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
 - Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Registering for free meals could also raise an extra £1320 for the school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above

TO FIND OUT WHETHER YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS PLEASE LOG INTO

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/free-school-meals.aspx> (You will need to give your National Insurance Number). Once you find out you are eligible, you can book your meals online at <https://dorset.mealselector.co.uk>

Hot School Meal Taster Day 3rd October 2019

As you may be aware all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free hot meal at lunchtime. We are holding a taster day on Thursday 3rd October and **hot school meals will be ordered for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**. If you book a meal on line with our provider Chartwells, then your child will receive the meal you have chosen, all other children will be provided with the very popular Roast Loin of Pork with Gravy. There will be no facility to change the meal provided. You do not need to provide a packed lunch for any children in Year Reception, 1 or 2, on Thursday 3rd October, however any siblings in KS2 normal arrangements will apply.

I hope your children will enjoy the experience of sharing a hot meal together at school and if you would like your child to receive hot school meals in the future please visit <https://dorset.mealselector.co.uk/> to register.

Our Commitment to Charity / Community

We are very proud of our school's commitment to supporting charities near & far throughout the year. Last year this included family boxes for the Sherborne Food Bank, Harvest gifts, Red Nose Day, Acts of Random Kindness, helping in local old people's homes & much more. At the end of the school year our staff also raised £282 for the Macmillan Cancer charity via a sponsored walk. We will continue this worthy commitment this year to ensure our children understand the importance of giving back to society, growing up as a caring citizen.



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[Astra Textile Recycling Bin](#)

The school have a textile recycling bin located outside near the front reception area. Please bring in any unwanted textiles during school hours. The money raised from this goes back into the school.

[School Nurse Drop in Session](#)

The school nurse will be running a drop in session at **2:30pm on Monday 16th September**. The school nurse can offer advice and support on things such as bedwetting, sleeping, and behaviour. If you would like to see the school nurse, please come by the office to book an appointment.

[School Money](#)

The school office has moved to a cashless office and we thank parents for their support and cooperation. **School Money** is the online payment system. You have the facility to make payments for school expenses such as trips and SCAPA online with your debit or credit card. The payment system benefits both us as a school and you as a parent. Not only are you able to pay for items from the comfort of your own home, but you are also able to access your account at any time to see if there is anything you need to pay for. You will be signed up to the school money automatically as long as you have provided us with the correct contact details. To log into School Money, please visit www.eduspot.co.uk and click sign in in the top right hand corner. In the drop down box, please select School Money Parent Login. You will then need to enter your email address, mobile number and the password we have sent, and your child's first name. Please see the school office if you require any assistance and we appreciate your cooperation in using this system.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Autumn Term 2019

As known at time of printing

Date	Time	Details
Monday 16th Sept	After -school	Extra-curricular Clubs commence
Friday 13th Sept	2:45pm	Parental Assembly - KS1 'Show & Tell' & Achievements
	8:30am (Gp1) & 9am (Gp2)	Year 6 Swimming Starts - Sherborne Boys School
Monday 23rd Sept	All day	Reception Pupils start full-time
Thursday 26th Sept	All Day	Year 6 visit to Leonard's Helicopter Factory - Yeovil
Friday 27th Sept	2:45pm - 3:20pm	Parental Assembly - KS2 'Show & Tell' & Achievements
Monday 30th Sept	5pm - 6pm	EYFS (Sept 2018) - Induction 3 - Grasshoppers Classroom
Thursday 3rd Oct	Lunchtime	Hot School Meals taster day for Reception and KS1
Friday 4th Oct	2:45pm - 3:20pm	Parental Assembly - Harvest Festival & Achievements <i>(letter will be sent requesting kind gifts for Sherborne Food Bank)</i>



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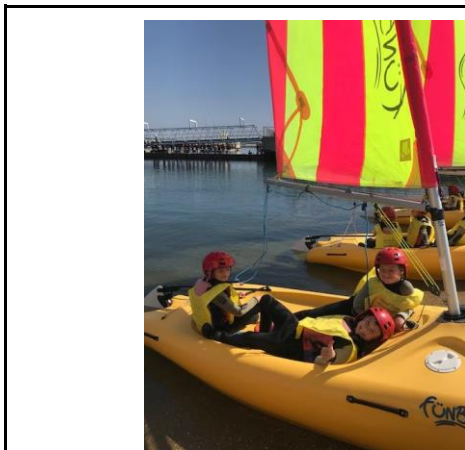
	3:30pm - 4:15pm	Year 6 Parental Information Sessions - Leopards Class
Monday 7th Oct	5pm - 6pm	EYFS (Sept 2018) - Induction 3 - Grasshoppers Classroom
	9:30am - 12pm	Open Morning - particularly for new Reception intake Sept 2020
Wednesday 9th Oct	Am	Individual School photographs
Friday 11th Oct	2:45pm - 3:20pm	Parents Assembly - KS1 show & tell / Achievements
Wednesday 16th Oct	All Day	Year R to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations - School Nurse
	1pm-3:20pm	Leopards class visit to Abbey View
Friday 18th Oct	2:45pm - 3:20pm	Parents Assembly - KS2 show & tell / Achievements
	5:45pm-6:45pm EYFS and KS1	PTA Monster Disco, Dress up in a Spooky Costume Details on purchasing tickets to follow
	7:00pm-8:00pm KS2	
Friday 25th Oct	All Day	INSET DAY - NO SCHOOL
<i>Half-Term - Saturday 26th October - Sunday 3rd November</i>		
Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th Nov	4:00pm onwards	PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS
Friday 8th Nov	8:30am and 9:00am	Year 5 swimming Starts-Sherborne Boys School
	10:50am	Remembrance Service - Large Playground (ALL WELCOME to join us - 10mins service)
	2:45pm - 3:20pm	Parents Assembly - Remembrance Show & Tell & Achievements
Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th Nov	All day	Year 5 Residential Visit to Leeson House
Friday 15th Nov	2:45pm - 3:20pm	Parents Assembly - EYFS & KS1 Show & Tell & Achievements
Thursday 21st Nov	9am onwards	Whole School - Inspire Morning - ALL WELCOME
Friday 22nd Nov	2:45pm - 3:20pm	Parents Assembly - KS2 Show & Tell & Achievements



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Friday 29th Nov	2:45pm - 3:20pm	Parents Assembly - EYFS & KS1 Show & Tell & Achievements	
Monday 2nd Dec	1:20pm-3:20pm	School Choir to perform at Sherborne Christmas Tree Festival	
Thursday 5th Dec	6pm	Christmas Carol Service in Sherborne Abbey (whole school rehearsal during the school day)	
Friday 6th Dec	2pm set-up & then 3:20pm - 5pm	PTA Christmas Fayre - Hall & Music Room (NO Parents Assembly)	
Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th Dec	TBC	EYFS Nativity Play - School Hall	
Thursday 12th Dec	2pm - 2:45pm	Year 6 Christmas singing (guest are also Sheilings Day Centre & Abbeyview Care Home) - School Hall	
Friday 13th Dec	2:45pm - 3:20pm	Year 6 Christmas singing to parents - School Hall - All welcome	
	3:30pm - 4:15pm	School Choir Christmas Charity Concert - School Hall - All welcome	
	All day	Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation to charity	
Tuesday 17th Dec	All day	Christmas Party Day	
Thursday 19th Dec	All day	LAST DAY of AUTUMN TERM (INSET Day - Friday 20th Dec)	
	2:30pm - 3:20pm	Parental Assembly - Pupil of the Term & Christmas Singalong - ALL WELCOME	
1st day of the Spring Term 2020 - MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2020			

A Snapshot of our fantastic Summer Term 2019





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