

St Saviour's School



Newsletter

'Achieve, Respect, Co-operate'

Autumn 2016

December 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Saviour's School,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We are really busy with end of term learning, assessments, celebrations and visits. Key Stages 1 and 2 are putting the final touches to their Christmas community events and we look forward to warmly welcoming those of you attending these events over the coming week. If your child is unable to attend any event **PLEASE DO LET THE TEACHER KNOW in advance.**

It has been lovely to see so many Foundation Stage parents over the last few days at the 'Merry Mince Pies and Mingle events', the children have really enjoyed sharing craft activities and festive songs with you. As I have mentioned at these events, the staff make it look easy organising and leading the singing and activities – I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the staff for all their hard work and commitment to support your child's development and learning. I am incredibly proud of how well the pupils have done this term and this would not be possible without the wonderful staff team.

CHOIR

Key Stage 2 choir pupils have been very busy singing at various locations including West Centre. The pupils have been fantastic and were supported not only by their families but many members of the general public. The same pupils also represented the school at the Jersey Hospice Care Carol Service at St Andrew's Church. We are so very proud of how brilliantly they performed and gave an excellent impression of our school. We have received very positive feedback and comments from both of these events. The choir have two more 'bookings' before the end of term, where they will be entertaining residents and patients in a local care home and the Parish Hall.

Pupil Survey and Interviews:

As part of our school development work this year we have been working with our professional partner to gain the views of pupils. The senior leadership team interviewed some randomly selected KS2 pupils yesterday to find out their opinions about learning and progress. All pupils were confident in expressing their opinions and letting us know how they view their learning and progress. Key findings were:

- +Pupils showed very good curriculum knowledge which strongly indicates a broad and balanced curriculum being taught.
- + Pupils showed a good understanding of the progress that they are making over a period of time by looking at their work and seeing improvement.
- + Pupils showed a thorough understanding of the purpose of feedback and could explain how they respond to marking.

Pupil Survey – KS1 and KS2

- A very large majority of pupils enjoy school - 87%
- A very large majority of pupils feel safe at school -88%
- A very large majority of pupils feel they learn a lot in lessons - 93%
- A very large majority of pupils feel they have interesting topics - 84%
- A very large majority of pupils know how well they are doing in school - 81%
- A very large majority of pupils felt that their teacher gives them feedback so they know how to get better - 87%
- A very large majority of pupils know what to do if they are worried - 81%

- A very large majority of pupils believe adults in school care about them - 86%
- A very large majority of pupils feel adults are interested in their views - 84%
- A very large majority of pupils stated that they have the chance to talk about their differences and how they are all special - 86%
- A very large majority of pupils enjoy playtimes - 89%
- A large majority of pupils feel the level of challenge is the right level - 76%
- A large majority of pupils feel behaviour is good 78%
- A large majority of pupils feel adults listen to them and help them with their worries 78%

Key areas for us to focus on as a school are the following:

- A significant minority said they don't often learn outside the classroom 39% (Forest Schools, Explorers and class trips/visits)
- A large majority of pupils feel bullying is dealt with 73%, however, a small minority, 28% do not
- A significant minority of pupils do not enjoy eating in the hall =36%

We have addressed some of these concerns in assemblies and classes already but will be gathering more information and planning to develop systems and strategies through class and school councils early next term.

Party Day Wednesday 14th December

Thank you to those families who have already returned the form and monies – please send any outstanding forms in to school tomorrow.

Caretaker

As you know we are saying goodbye to Mr Ball next week, we will be welcoming Mr Mark Sheldon as our new caretaker in January. We wish Mr Ball every happiness in his retirement – we will all miss him!

Headlice:

Please do check your child's hair regularly for head lice and clear/treat appropriately if you find any. Advice forms, which were sent home this week, are also available from the school office or through our School Nurse – Maria Pike.

Threadworms:

Some parents have reported that their child has recently had a threadworm infection – please read this information on how to identify/treat this. Threadworms, also known as pinworms, are tiny parasitic worms that infect the large intestine of humans. Threadworms are a common type of worm infection in the UK, particularly in children under the age of 10. The worms are white and look like small pieces of thread. You may notice them around your child's bottom or in their poo. They don't always cause symptoms, but people often experience itchiness around their bottom or vagina. It can be worse at night and disturb sleep. If you or your child has threadworms, everyone in your household will need to be treated as there's a high risk of the infection spreading. This includes those who don't have any symptoms of an infection. For most people, treatment will involve taking a single dose of a medication called mebendazole to kill the worms. If necessary, another dose can be taken after two weeks. During treatment and for a few weeks afterwards, it's also important to follow strict hygiene measures to avoid spreading the threadworm eggs. This includes regularly vacuuming your house and thoroughly washing your bathroom and kitchen. If you're pregnant or breastfeeding, hygiene measures are usually recommended without medication. This is also often the case for young children.

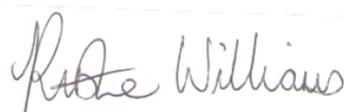
Courses/Events:

There are many events/courses taking place over the half term holidays, offered by a variety of providers. Please come into the school entrance area to look at the display of what is available.

- St Saviour's Battle of Flowers Association will be holding a family film night at the Parish Hall. To help you get in the festive spirit they will be showing Elf the movie. Doors will open at 6.30 with the film starting at 7pm, entrance donation is only £1 with hotdogs and other refreshments available to buy. Please come along with your blankets and beanbags to support their last fundraiser of 2016.

In line with our open door policy please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. You can pop into the school office or telephone me. Alternatively, I try to be on duty at the gate most Friday afternoons if you would like to speak to me informally.

Yours most sincerely,



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St Saviour's school is the nearest Primary school to St Saviour's church and as the school has been so supportive, I thought I would like to write to tell you what is going on for families and children over the next few months.

But firstly it was lovely seeing so many of you at our Harvest Festival, and to have so many of the school choir leading the singing – we had over 100 people with lots of families and children. Then to say we are opening a **new play group starting term time Mondays in January for babies and toddlers with Parents and Carers called Stepping Stones** and that may be of interest to you. You can get more details from me or from the school.

On **Christmas Eve** we have the **Blessing of the Crib service at 4.00pm**. This is a 30 minute service with carols – and small children are encouraged to come dressed as Mary or Joseph if they wish.

Then, on **Christmas Morning at 10.00am** we have a **Family Service**. Children are encouraged to bring along one of their Christmas presents to show us. This is a really lovely service and gives real meaning to everything else that happens on Christmas Day. In my last parish in England, in a small village of 600 people, we used to get 150 on Christmas morning and the atmosphere was so full of goodwill and celebration. I would love to build up something similar here – and for that I need your help!

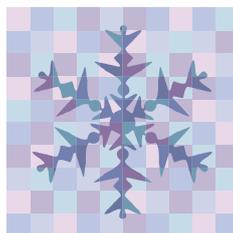
Looking to **2017**, we are having a **Family Service 9.45am Sunday 5th February**. That Sunday is called Candlemas and is the service in the year when we particularly celebrate and pray for all children and those who have been christened. All are welcome

And finally, **26th March is Mothering Sunday** and we have our **Family Service at 9.45am**. During that service flowers are distributed by children to all the mothers present. The theme is saying thank you for all that mothers do – this service is a really good way to focus on what Mothering Sunday really means.

Finally I am aware the Christmas Season will soon (!) be upon us and so may I take this opportunity of wishing you and your family every blessing and a lovely Christmas.

With my best wishes
Peter
Rector St Saviour

Key Dates



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December

5	6 Reception parents invited in	7	8 Nursery parents invited in KS1 Christmas performance 2.15pm Choir out pm	9 KS1 Christmas performance 9.15am
12	13	14 Christmas Party Day – whole school KS2 ‘Carols and Christmas’ at St Saviour’s Church 6.30pm School Uniform. Parking available on the lane or grass to Government House.	15 Last day of term Non-uniform (Wear something animal print, purple, with owls on, caretaker clothes or Christmas jumpers – Mrs Dixon’s and Mr Ball’s last day)	

Spring Term 2017

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5 FIRST DAY OF TERM - School opens 8.30am	6
9 Reception eye checks	10 Whole school dental check	11 Y2 parents meeting 3pm Keeping Safe PSHE programme information	12	13