

Southill Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2019

Happy Christmas everyone!



This Way To Bethlehem

The children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 excelled themselves this year with their fabulous production of the nativity story. It was a real Christmas treat for everyone who saw it. Well done to the children and the staff. We loved it.



Christingle Service

Not to be outdone, Year 3 and 4 impressed families and friends with their lovely Christingle service at the church on Tuesday. A new event for the school, this is certainly something we'll do again. It was great, and raised £127 for the Children's Society.



Rudolph Run for Weldmar

Our final event in this very busy period saw over 100 children arrive at school on a gloomy morning for our first-ever Rudolph Run. The children ran with great determination and energy for as many laps as they could, before retiring to the hall for a spot of breakfast. So far, the event has raised a whopping £1761! This is a fantastic and barely believable total, especially so close to Christmas. A massive well done to Mr Prior for organising the event, to all the children who took part and to family and friends for sponsoring so generously. Thank you all.

Keeping in touch with what's happening at school

We've spent a term with our new website and are delighted with how it looks and with all the exciting learning we've been able to tell you about. The website posts from each class are updated weekly and this is a great way to keep in touch with what your children are doing in class. Please make sure you check in frequently – it's always changing!

Also, don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, too. So much to read about!



Cornerstones

There are many reasons to look forward to next term and another is the start of the school's collaboration with Cornerstones curriculum. We're keen to get started on our brilliant new topics. Expect your child to be talking excitedly about their projects at home – maybe it will be **Potions**, or **Predators**, or **Enchanted Woodland**, or even **Alchemy Island** (pictured)! Together with our engaging and enjoyable reading, writing and maths curriculum every morning, there will be lots to inspire everyone. We can't wait to get started!

New Year's Resolutions

How to start the new term in the best possible way:

1. Attendance



We will be issuing our updated Attendance Policy in the New Year, but for now here's a reminder of some key points:

- Please keep requests for your child to be absent in term-time to a minimum - take family holidays during school holiday periods and be aware that requests for holidays during term time can not be authorised and may result in a Dorset Council penalty notice
- Make medical and dental appointments out of school time
- Telephone the office for any lateness or period of absence, preferably before the absence (if known) or on the first day of absence and **every day thereafter** until the child returns to school
- Please ensure that your child arrives at school **before 8.55am**, properly dressed, with the right equipment – especially PE kit. The registration period is from 8.55am – 9.25am and any pupils arriving after the registers close at 9.25am will be marked as an unauthorised absence. Any pupil who arrives late will need to sign in on our computerised logging system at the office to record the reason for lateness.

2. Uniform

Without question, our children are very well dressed at school. Parents support the uniform policy and encourage children to look their best. Thank you to everyone for your help with this. Your children look great.

Here are the most common reminders we make to parents – you may find these useful:

- Please no canvas style or sports-branded shoes
- Socks should be plain grey, white or black
- Make sure long hair is tied back and hair bands are small and preferably blue in colour.

Dorset Council Family Information Directory

If you're looking for festive things to do with your family, search the Family Information Directory to find all the [Christmas events and activities happening in Dorset](#) this December.



Spring Term

A reminder that school starts again on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 8.45am. See you then!

Spring Term 2020

Term begins: 7th January
Training Day: 14th February - school closed
Half term: 17th February - 21st February
Last day of term: Friday 3rd April

Summer Term 2020

Term begins: 20th April
Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May
Half term: 25th May to 29th May
Last day of term: 17th July

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