



Sandford St. Martin's

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Roots to grow... wings to soar.

Friendship Respect
Love
Honesty Thankfulness

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Dear School Community,

Thank you to everyone who managed to make their parents evening appointment this week. If you missed seeing your child's teacher for any reason, please do make a mutually agreeable appointment after school one day in the coming weeks.

On Wednesday 27th November the school nurses are carrying out flu vaccinations for registered children. Please sign up using the information sent on wise pay or via the school website (**Info – Recent letters – Short guide**) It is a bit complicated, but very very important!

On Wednesday 27th November we are having our SIAMS inspection. Mr Richard Wharton from the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocese is coming to inspect our Christian Distinctiveness, Mission, Vision, Values and RE (amongst other things) to see how effective we are as a Church School. The report will follow and will be circulated to parents once it is published in final draft. This is a great opportunity for us to show how far we have come since Ofsted, as to be an effective Church school the day-to-day teaching and standards are a big part of it. We are proud of our ethos, culture, nurture and environment for the development and learning of your children. I am sure this will come across.

It feels pertinent to quote our Vision statement as a reminder of our ultimate aims for this school community.

“To be secure, happy and helpful; believing that anything is possible with hard work, faith and dedication. We dare to dream for ourselves and make a difference to others.”

How are we working towards this?

- With our 2 school rules: We work hard, We are kind and thoughtful.
- With our 5 Root Christian Values: Love, Honesty, Friendship, Thankfulness, Respect
- With our S.O.A.R.I.N.G mindset and learning to learn skills
- With our curriculum drivers: Enquiry, Enrichment, Excellence, Enjoyment
- With our community links and supportive governors/PTA/parents/staff
- With our daily mission: Roots to grow... wings to soar.
- With our school council
- With and for our children.

Finally, a request from Mrs Bolar: “Do any parents have any of the following that KS1 could borrow for our Christmas Play please?... **Glitterballs, Disco lights, Brooms - like the stiff witchy ones used in dressing up**
Thank you, Mrs Bolar

With my best wishes,

Mr Beveridge, Headteacher

New Behaviour Tariff of **Sanctions** and **Rewards**

We have had some helpful and constructive feedback from parents, staff and the school council in developing this. I have summarised the recent parental comments/opinions below which we are considering as we move towards final drafting. *Thankyou to everyone who emailed in or wrote post-its at parents evenings.*

Positive feedback to consider...	Negative feedback to consider...
"It is great to read that this deals with persistent negative fetatures"	"Not enough focus on continual praise and the benefits of this."
"I think it is a good thing to reward good behaviour"	"Over complicated categories and cards."
"I am supportive of this"	"Behaviour tariff too negative based."
"Really pleased to hear the new strategy is giving pupils the chance to reflect on their behaviour and how it all fits into the school values and ethos. Great stuff!"	"Are the 'points' working? I do not agree with a points system. What behaviours are being exhibited that require such a system? Parents should be informed. Do not agree that values should be labelled as solely Christian."
"We're very supportive of this idea! Good to see negative and persistent behaviour is being tackled"	Inappropriate and very concerning to use terminology of 'sulky' and 'lazy'. "
"The visual element really supports children to know where they are, they have an element of control - reduces anxieties."	"Primary age children (particularly when experiencing behavioural difficulties) will be unable to focus or explain a'why'."
"Visual colours to keep children focused is good. "	"Should pupils be losing values/soaring points which they have earnt for good behaviour?"
	"Should not reward EXPECTED behaviour."
	"Use of 'red' with children (when angry) increases anger "

Feedback we are also considering (harder to place whether it is +ve or -ve about our tariff)

- "Good behaviour should be rewarded; not badly behaved, disruptive children. Parents of badly behaved, disruptive children should be held accountable. "
- "No extra benefits/treats/rewards sould be given to keep children better behaved if they are that disruptive to other children."
- "Consequences should be proportionate."

We hope to move this to final draft with the staff in the first week of December. Thank you for partnering with us in your children's behaviour.



There is no app to
replace your lap

READ TO YOUR CHILDREN

Sandford St Martin's PTA presents:

ELFRIDGES & CO

**Adult Gifts
from £1.00
to £2.50**

**Kids Gifts
from 50p
to £2.00**



All children will have the opportunity to purchase a maximum of two gifts on Thursday 12th December. Remaining gifts may be purchased on Friday 13th December.

All gifts will be wrapped ready for Christmas.





The Parenting Project

A Survival Guide for Parents



FREE 3 Part Course aimed at Parents & Carers

Taking place at the Skills & Learning Adult Education Centre,

Black Lane, Blandford Forum DT11, UK

Open to anyone 18 or over who lives in Dorset, (including 16-18 year old parents)

To book a place **01202743279** or email Jane.keyworth@edasuk.org

All sessions run 9:30-12:30

Day 1 30/01/2020	How to communicate more effectively with children, especially teenagers. How to speak so that they listen and listen so that they speak.
Day 2 06/02/2020	Understanding self-esteem and how it underpins motivation. How to support your child's self-esteem.
Day 3 13/02/2020	An introduction to understanding Anxiety and Anger. How to support children with calming techniques.



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Day 3 21/05/2020	An introduction to understanding Anxiety and Anger. How to support children with calming techniques.



Dates for your Diary

November

25th

26th

27th **SIAMS inspection all day**

Whizzy Wednesdays breakfast club Flu vaccinations in school

28th **Yr 6** Height/Weight national checks in school

29th Christmas tree up in foyer - £1 per child: non-uniform/Christmas jumpers
Bring a tree decoration.

December

2nd

3rd

4th Whizzy Wednesdays breakfast club

5th **Saplings nativity 2:00-3:00**

6th **Yr 5** Greek day **Saplings nativity 2:00-3:00**

9th **Yr 1 and Yr 2** dress rehearsal to the school

10th **Yr 1 and Yr 2** performance 1:30-2:30

11th Whizzy Wednesdays breakfast club

Image Musical Theatre perform to school

Yr 1 and Yr 2 performance 6:00-7:00

12th Elfridge's PTA shopping/gifts for adults and children

Yr 6 boys football finals 12-3 (Bournemouth)

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17th **Yr 5 and Yr 6** practice Carol concert at Lady St Mary's AM

Yr 5 and Yr 6 lead Carol concert at Lady St Mary's 6:30-7:30

18th Whizzy Wednesdays breakfast club

Whole School Christingle celebration

Yr 3 and Yr 4 craft and carols 1:45-4:00

19th Whole School Christmas dinner

20th

CHRISTMAS HOLS Mon 23rd Dec-Mon 6th Jan

Mon 6th Jan 2020 – School closed for INSET

Spring 1 Tues 7th Jan - Fri 14th Feb 2020

HALF TERM Mon 17th Feb-Fri 21st Feb 2020

Spring 2 Mon 24th Feb - Thurs 2nd April 2020

Fri 3rd April – School closed for INSET (prior to Easter holidays)

EASTER HOLS (Fri 3rd) Mon 6th April-Fri 17th April 2020