

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school

Apart from our unexpected fire alarm on Monday(!) we have had a calm and happy start to the summer term. This term's whole school themes: Collective worship value – Service
PSHE theme – Relationships
Geography / History unit – 'Don't Forget Your Passport!'



Today the whole school were taken aboard an 'SSP Airline' and they jetted off to a range of countries to take part in activities to celebrate our new history and geography unit 'Don't Forget Your Passport'. Pupils enjoyed their inflight entertainment and snack, moving around each classroom and stamping their passports as they undertook activities. Thank you staff for your enthusiasm and creativity!

Staff Update

After over 30 years of working at SSP our cleaner in charge, Mrs Shirley Down, is retiring. Mrs Down is our longest standing member of staff and has seen hundreds of pupils and staff members through their journey at our school. Such a pivotal figure within our community, her leaving will have a huge impact on our school. Her home has been the school house during her employment and her own children and grandchildren have gone through the school. This is going to be a big chapter in her life to end but we are planning on lots of lovely ways of saying goodbye and thank you to her.

Attendance

We have had no sickness related absence in Key Stage 1 this week, it seems as though a two-week break has cleared the chicken pox and sickness bugs! Our whole school attendance is slightly above 94%.

Scooters / Bikes - Please can all children and adults dismount scooters and bikes before entering the school premises.

A plea from Mrs Colyer

We are collecting donations of old pots, pans and cooking utensils for our forest school activities.

Forest School Sessions:

Thursday 27th April – Year R

Thursday 4th May – Year 4

Thursday 11th May – Year 2

Thursday 18th May – Year 1

Thursday 25th May – Year 5

We are collecting donations of old pots, pans and cooking utensils for our forest school activities.

Subtitles

Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. It's so brilliantly simple and can help children's literacy, there's extensive global research that shows just how effective this is. Follow this link for more information: <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/>

Safeguarding

Each week we share useful safeguarding information for parents / carers. The purpose is to empower you, raise awareness to protective measures you could adopt and provide up-to-date information on trends in order to safeguard your child.



Government Alert

A UK-wide emergency alert system announced by the government is due to be tested on Sunday, 23 April. A message will appear on the home screens of mobile phones and tablets from 15:00 BST, accompanied by a loud siren-like sound or vibration lasting for about 10 seconds. For more information, follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/alerts>
The alerts will work on all 4G and 5G phone networks in the UK and on devices with the following software:

- iPhones running iOS 14.5 or later
- phones and tablets running Android 11 or later

Please prepare your children for this alert so they can expect the noise. If your child has their own device, we'd recommend talking to them about it so they feel prepared.

FOSSP – Friends of Sarum St Paul's

Ice cream Fridays – Please sign up to help sell and support FoSSP by coming to buy ice creams on Fridays after school. Dates will be confirmed on our Facebook page and on the newsletter.



Summer Term Dates



Event	Date	Additional information
All classes taking part in an art workshop to create a large piece of art to celebrate the river project	Friday 28 th April	This project is kindly being funded as part of the river project work.
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	Monday 1 st May	School closed to pupils today.
Coronation lunch and non-uniform day (red/white and blue theme)	Friday 5 th May	Special whole school lunch menu to celebrate the King's jubilee, a letter has gone out this week (orders needed by 27 th April). Children can come to school in non-uniform.
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	Monday 8 th May	School closed to pupils today.
Year 6 SATs week	Week beginning 8 th May	
Year 6 SATs party / fish and chip lunch	Friday 12 th May	
KS2 Mini Marathon	Saturday 20 th May	
Creative Arts' Week	Week beginning 22 nd May	All children will need to bring an apron or old t-shirt in for the week.
Creative Arts' Week Colour Run	Friday 26 th May	We are inviting parents to join us at 2.30pm to watch the children's 'Colour Run'! For the colour run, children will need to wear a white shirt.
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Week beginning 29 th May	First day of term is Monday 5 th June
Year 6 Residential	9 th – 12 th June	
Year 1 phonics screening week	Week beginning 12 th June	
Celebrating languages day – Carnival theme!	Wednesday 21 st June	Mrs Lawes will be organising her annual languages day
Year 5 concert at Salisbury Cathedral	Thursday 22 nd June at 11.30am	Parents welcome to attend
INSET Day	Monday 26 th June	School closed to pupils today
Sports Day option 1	Tuesday 27 th June	Families invited for a picnic and an afternoon of races
Sports Day option 2 (if wet on 27 th June)	Thursday 29 th June	As above
Year 6 Junior Good Citizen	Monday 3 rd July	
Move up morning	Tuesday 4 th July	Children to meet their new teacher / TA
Wiltshire secondary school taster day for Year 6 children	Wednesday 5 th July	
Hampshire secondary school taster day for Year 6 children	Friday 7 th July	
Year 5/6 play performance to parents	Tuesday 10 th July	Performances at 2pm and 6pm.
End of term disco	Thursday 13 th July	Tickets will be available on School Money nearer the time.
Reports to parents	Week beginning 17 th July	
Whole school leavers' service	TBC – likely to be Monday 24 th July PM	St Paul's Church at 1.30pm, an opportunity to say goodbye to our Year 6 class and any staff leaving.
Year 6 Bounce!	Monday 24 th July	6-8.30pm for our Year 6 leavers
Last day of summer term	Tuesday 25 th July	Children can be collected from 1.30pm

Kind regards,
Mrs E Weavers