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Dates for diaries:

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday Memorial Service (opposite Church Centre) at Memorial Cross

Monday 10th November - School Council Toy and Book Fair

Tuesday 11th November – Friday 14th November – Scholastics Book Fair

Tuesday 11th November 3.30 – 5pm - Parent / Teacher Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 12th November 3.30 – 7pm - Parent / Teacher Consultation Meetings

Thursday 13th November - Michael Rosen Day! A day of poetry in school.

Friday 14th November 2.30pm Year 5 Leeson House sharing assembly. Year 5 parents welcome.

Monday 17th November - Celebrate Children in Need today in school (school council lead) Children wear spotty, yellow or sporty clothing. Non-school uniform.

Friday 21st November – Non uniform day in exchange for Christmas raffle prizes

Friday 21st November – Special Breakfast Club - Waffles

Wednesday 3rd December - Bedtime Stories 5-6pm

Wednesday 10th December – School lunches Christmas dinner (Swiftkitchen)

Friday 12th December - PTA Christmas raffle- school hall 2:30pm Parents welcome.

Tuesday 16th December – Special breakfast Club - Cinnamon rolls

Wednesday 17th December- PTA Christmas Party in school. No lunch needed – PTA provide lunch. Children wear own clothes on this day.

Tuesday 17th December – Pyramid Carol Concert for those children attending choir club

Please see our school website for updates on events and news.

SCARF workshops took place on Tuesday this week. These were really engaging and useful. Thank you to Mrs Panther for organising.

School Council

School Council toy and book sale will take place on Monday 10th of November to raise money for a 'First Aid Day' in school in December.

Please bring in any toys and books that your child no longer plays with that are in good condition.

On the day of the sale, the children in all classes will have the opportunity to buy some of the toys and books so please send them in with money (no more than £3) to purchase anything. Thank you for your support.





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Children in Need



To celebrate and raise money for 'Children in Need' this year we are going to be working in mixed aged teams across the school to complete a 25km track challenge. All children can come to school on **MONDAY 17th November** dressed in **sporty, yellow or spotty** clothing. Please make a donation for Children in Need on our Justgiving page, following the link below. We are unable to take cash for this event. The fastest team will each receive a medal.

www.justgiving.com/page/shill-prim

Thank you for your support
School Council

Girls Football

We have a sponsor for our girl's football team. Hannah Stickland whose company is Pink Moon has kindly agreed to sponsor them. This means they are able to have their own football kit. We would like to thank Hannah for her support and will share a picture of the new kit once it has arrived, please see below information about Hannah's company.



Pink Moon Dorset is a local wellbeing and lifestyle business offering a handpicked range of gifts, jewellery, candles, crystals, and more — all chosen to bring a little calm and positivity into everyday life. Alongside our products, we host wellbeing events and therapies across Dorset, creating welcoming spaces for people to relax, connect, and support their personal wellbeing. At the heart of Pink Moon Dorset is a love for community, creativity, and mindful living — celebrating the best of what our beautiful county has to offer. To find out more visit pinkmoondorset.co.uk or find us on

Instagram and Facebook @pink_moon_dorset



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Bikeability

If you wish for your child to take part, please use the QR code at the bottom of the letter to register their place. **We have a few spaces left – please sign up and make the most of this course!**

This is open to all children in Years 5 & 6. If your child has completed these courses before, they are more than welcome to repeat the course if you feel this would be beneficial. Priority will be given to children who haven't done it previously and/or those in Year 6.

Level 1/2 Bikeability Course

Bikeability is the new cycle training for the 21st century, designed to give the next generation of children the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. To get their Bikeability award, children will be instructed on how to ride their bikes to the Government-approved National Standard for Cycle Training, which sets out the training and skills essential for making cycling trips in today's road conditions. The standard has been developed by over 20 organisations and is maintained by the professional body for cycle training, the Cycle Training Standards Board.



<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/said-needs-more>

School Uniform

The new blue PE t-shirts look very smart! We have noticed some families have chosen to buy the blue PE t-shirts (instead of the white ones). These look great and hopefully the dark colour will help with washing at home.

There are still some children coming into school wearing trainers when they are in school uniform. Please support by making sure your child follows our school uniform policy.

They may wear trainers on their PE days:

Jungle – Mondays and Thursdays

Woodland – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Ocean – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Desert – Wednesdays and Thursdays





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PTA News

We are excited to get the ball rolling on all the upcoming Christmas plans! The PTA have organised a non-uniform day on 21st November in exchange for donations for the hampers in our raffle. Please see the following donations for each class:

Jungle and Woodland – chocolate/sweets/biscuits

Ocean – Savoury items – (e.g. jars, preserves, crackers, breadsticks etc)

Desert – children's items (e.g. felt pens, bubbles, paints, colouring books, play dough etc)

Talking of the Christmas Raffle – we would love some help to put together our hampers! If you'd like to come along and be an Elf for the morning and get wrapping and creating – all parents welcome to join us in the hall from **8.30am on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th November!**

Alongside our **raffle on the 12th December**, we will be inviting children to take part in The Great Christmas Bake Off – more info on this to follow.

Raffle tickets will be on sale outside of school at collection 3.15pm from the end of next week onwards – if you miss us don't worry as you can catch a committee member or collect some from the office. If you feel you have some colleagues at work, extended family etc please do come and grab a handful of raffle books to sell further afield and bring the money into the school office.

The children's **Christmas party on the 17th December** is well underway, and we have a fantastic day of circus skills lined up with a whole school performance in the afternoon – we will be having a visit from the man in red also. PTA will be providing party food on this day, so no lunch needed.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of PTA events, after Christmas all classes will be receiving £500 towards resources/trips etc and this wouldn't be possible without all of you!





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SAST is seeking passionate and committed individuals to join our Board of Trustees as Foundation Trustees who are linked to the local community. This is a unique opportunity to shape the strategic direction of our Trust and ensure that every child receives the highest quality education.

AS A FOUNDATION TRUSTEE YOU WILL:

- Uphold the Christian ethos and values of the Trust
- Provide strategic oversight and ensure robust governance
- Support and challenge the executive leadership team
- Help ensure financial sustainability and educational excellence

We welcome applications from individuals with:

- A child in one of our schools
- A strong alignment with our values and mission
- Experience in premises/estates, law, human resources and business are all of interest, but not essential.
- Integrity, sound judgment, and a collaborative spirit

The time commitment is approximately 6-10 meetings per year, plus occasional school visits and training sessions.

Interested?
Thank you for considering this role.
To find out more, please contact Brida.Skipworth@sast.org.uk
www.sast.org.uk



Previous attachment

Parent and Carers Support Space

An informal and welcoming group offering peer support to local Parents and Carers who care for a young person with mental health related conditions, where you can learn different strategies and gain confidence.

For further information please contact:
Email: alice.bennett@dorsetgp.nhs.uk
Tel: 01258 452501

When: 1st Friday of each month - 10.00am-11.30am

Where: The Brewery Tap, Blandford St Mary



Kindest regards

Mr Wright - Head of School (Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Vail - Head of School (Friday)