



BEMERTON ST JOHN C.E.AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas holiday and I hope you all have a great New Year.

Author

This week we have our local author back to work with the children. Julia Edwards will spend time on Thursday in all classes reading stories in Key Stage 1 and working on writing stories in Key Stage 2. Julia has asked for us to have a reading challenge board, in the hall, where pupils will have their picture under one of the following headings: Star Reader (reading 2-3 times a week); Top book borrower and Superstar reader (reading 4-7 times a week). The aim will be for all children to appear on the board by the end of the year. Your help and support to get your children reading regularly will be greatly appreciated.

Reading at Home

After some careful consideration and speaking to children and adults in the school, we have decided to continue with the same reading rewards of bookmarks and raffle tickets for 5 signed reads.

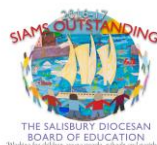
It is really important that children have the opportunity to read at home with an adult. For the children to be rewarded for this, we need to have a parent's signature and ideally a comment about how they have read to help aid us to help your children. With the increasing demand on vocabulary and the raising expectations of the curriculum in every year group, it is pivotal to your child's learning that they read at home. We cannot stress this enough. It has been proven that the children who read a lot at home, with parents support, do far better in school and make progress quicker and reach higher standards.

If a child reads at home 5 times a week and has this signed by a parent, they will receive a raffle ticket. The more 5 signed reads there are for the pupils, the more chance there is for your children to be picked to visit Waterstones.

For every 20 signed reads, the children receive a different bookmark. These are counted by a staff member every Monday and rewards are handed out every Monday by me in front of the class, who celebrate with the children.

When there are no signed reads by the child, they will spend some of their golden time with a member of staff that Friday in the library. Reading is vitally important and we hope that with your support as we have no children losing their golden time on a Friday.

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Travelling Book Fair

On Tuesday 29th January, we have the travelling book fair in school. On Wednesday 30th January, we will have 'Bedtime Stories'. This will be an opportunity where children listen to a story with the class teacher and have hot chocolate. More information on this event will follow shortly. Year 6 will have their World Book dressing up day during this week as they will be away on residential when the rest of the school have World Book Day on the 7th March.

PE Kit

Just a reminder that children need warm clothing for their outdoor PE lessons. Pupils can wear PE jumpers and PE tracksuit bottoms until it becomes warmer again. The school field is used for outdoor PE lessons so please provide the children with a bag for their dirty trainers after the PE lessons. Please can girls who wear tights to school remember to bring socks for PE lessons.

Collective Worship

Starting on the 18th January, Reverend Steven Hawkes will be leading our worship fortnightly. We welcome him to our school team and thank him for helping us out while we wait for our new Reverend at St Michaels to take up their position.

School Uniform

A reminder you can now get all uniform from 'Kids Clobber' in Salisbury. They have uniform in stock daily and other items can be ordered quickly.

Playground

A reminder that no children are allowed on the playground equipment or to ride bikes or scooters on the playground in the morning or the end of the day. This is for the safety of all children.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is now £2.50. Unfortunately, due to high demand, we have no space for drop-ins at the moment. All spaces are currently taken. Please contact the office if you require a space and this would now need to be booked in. We are unable to take drop-ins due to the adult to pupil ratio. Please can parents not park outside the school gates for breakfast club in the morning. The public car park is empty in the mornings and is not a long walk.

Clubs

All clubs start next week. If you are unsure if your child has a place at a club please contact the office and speak to either Kathy or Vannessa who will be more than happy to help you.

Yours sincerely,

Alun Richards
Headteacher

