

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we welcomed Richard Pomfrett into school to talk to Key Stage 2 about online safety. I was so impressed with how he engaged with all the children and they were brilliant with their behaviour and honest around their activity online and anything they were worried about. There will be a parent session with him on **Monday 16th March** in the evening which will be held on Zoom (more details will be shared closer to the time). I would thoroughly recommend popping the date in your diary and attending this as there is so much information about the online world and safety concerns that is changing all the time. Through the work he does, he is very informed and is able to give accurate and up to date information.

This week, I also met with School Council to gather their ideas for our Friday Celebration Worship. From next week, we will include a new section that recognises achievements outside of school, such as swimming, sporting successes and anything else children are proud of. If your child has something they would like to celebrate during Friday's worship, they need to take it into the office to put in the new 'worship box'. Any items need to be there by lunchtime on a Friday. Please make sure anything they bring in is labelled.

On Tuesday next week, we are going to St Paul's Church for our Christingle Service. If anyone is able to support the children walking to church, please do come and speak to the office or your child's class teacher.

Best wishes
Mrs Easthope

Dates For Your Diary:

Tuesday 20th January – Christingle Service at St Paul's Church (please do come along if you can)

Forest Schools

The next Forest School session will take place on **Thursday 22nd January with Year 5**.

This half term, Forest School sessions will look slightly different due to the weather. The children will still be spending some time outdoors but not going in the 'Wild Area'. Due to this, children need to come into school in their uniform and need a warm, waterproof coat and their wellies (which should be in school anyway). Some of the session will be classroom based.

Tuck Shop

From next Friday, we will be opening the Sarum St Paul's Tuck Shop again!

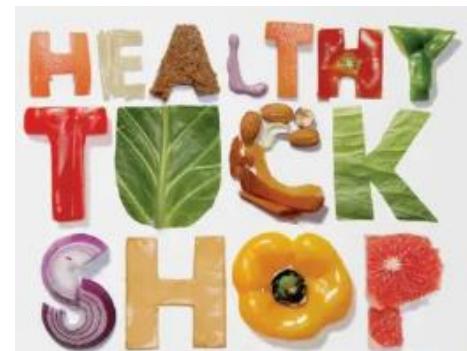
Day: Friday

Time: Morning break

Year Groups: Year 1 to Year 6

Price per item: 40p (children are limited to one item)

The tuck shop will be run by Mrs Browne and some of the children from our Hearing Impairment Resource Base. The tuck shop will consist of healthy, grazing snacks such as babybel, breadsticks, cheese straws etc.



Reminder: New Gate Procedures

Just a reminder that from Monday, the KS2 gate will remain closed in the morning and be opened at 8.45am. On a Wednesday the gate will be opened at 8.40am for Wake and Shake.

This will improve site security.

Breakfast club drop off will now be from the school office (not the hall doors). If you arrive at the beginning of the session, someone will be there to welcome you. If there is no one at the door, please call 07787347825 and someone will let you in.

Safeguarding – Online Safety

Richard Pomfrett, who came in to school this week to cover learning on online safety has sent lots of information over to us about what you as parents can do to support your children navigate the online world.

During the sessions, many children admitted to being 'friends' with people they didn't know online. There were also many children that spoke of their 'online friends' that they freely speak to but have never met being 'real friends'.

He has put together some action steps for parents to consider:

1. Take time to fully understand what your children are doing online and the functions available on the apps and games they use:
 - Can they chat with others?
 - Can they connect with people they don't know?
 - What kind of content can they be exposed to?
 - What are the age ratings of the games and apps they use?
 - What settings are available to limit risk and encourage a more positive environment?



Action Steps for Parents & Children Together:

1. Sit down with your children and explore privacy settings in the games and apps they use.
2. Ask your child to show you how they BLOCK & REPORT people in the games they play (lots of children can say you should, but not all know how to).
3. If they use social media, determine if their accounts are private or public. Some children spoke about this but were unsure how to make their account private.

By understanding these aspects, you can make informed decisions and provide the necessary support for your children's online activities. Knowledge is the key to fostering meaningful conversations and sharing ideas on how to ensure online safety at home.

STAY SAFE ONLINE
Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the internet and mobile phones.

- S**AFE: Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.
- M**EET: Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A**CCETING: Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R**ELIABLE: Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.
- T**ELL: Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

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We're looking for parents who can help out with organising school events! You can give as much or as little time as you're able; every bit of support makes a difference and is truly appreciated. If you'd like to get involved, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Buckley in the office.

Our FOSSP team is wonderfully friendly and approachable, but as everyone has busy schedules, a few extra hands would make a huge difference. New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome! For Friends of Sarum St Paul's to keep going strong, we really do need your help.



Used Uniform Sale – this will be happening most Friday's. Please check the FOSSP Facebook page to check if it is on. For this to be possible, the gates will be open until 3.45pm. Uniform will be sold from the mobile classroom.

Fairy Cake Friday – if you are in Year 6, please bring in cakes next week (23rd January).

More events coming soon! 😊

St Paul's Church Toddler Group

Please see the image below for details of a fantastic toddler group run by St Paul's Church. It's a brilliant way to build connections and enjoy something fun with any little ones not yet at school.

Ark Toddler Group
St Paul's Church, Fisherton Street
Wednesday's (term time)
10:30-11:45am
£2 a session
Come along for
community, a cuppa
and fun.

St Paul's Children

The Ark Toddler Group
40 years of journeying with families