

This week in school

Our classes have launched their Talk4Writing units with their exciting 'hook' this week which have included a pirate treasure hunt, a bear hunt, a UFO landing on the field, a journey on magic bed and hot seating characters from a Greek myth! These hooks help inspire children's writing as over the coming weeks they explore a model text from a particular writing genre and a range of writing skills, they will innovate it and end the unit writing their own independent piece. Follow the journey on your class Seesaw pages!



PLEASE JOIN THIS ZOOM!

One of the highest categories for child protection concerns reported to safeguarding leads at Sarum St Paul's is related to **online safety, this term alone we have already had several**. We strongly urge all families to send a representative on this course. The same company will be running in school workshops for our KS2 pupils soon.

Want to win £25 Amazon voucher?

On Monday 25th September, the Stay Safe Initiative will be running a course for parents and carers about parenting in the digital world. The course will take place on Zoom at 7pm. All parents who stay for the length of the meeting will be entered into a draw to win a **£25 Amazon voucher**. Zoom details:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83670659275?pwd=UTRMNmZaeE9VVjF3ZWZXOVNMVS9Vdz09>

Meeting ID: 836 7065 9275

Passcode: 260297

Rugby Lunch Club

A letter has gone home this week for a rugby lunch club following the success of the taster sessions. These will be held on Monday lunchtime for Year 5 and 6 and Friday lunchtime for Year 3 and 4.

Covid-19

We have seen a rise in cases of Covid-19. You are no longer required to do a Covid-19 rapid lateral flow test if you have symptoms. But if you or your child have tested positive for COVID-19, this is the guidance from the NHS website:

- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day the test was taken if you or your child are under 18 years old
- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test if you are 18 years old or over
- avoid meeting people who are more likely to get seriously ill from viruses, such as people with a weakened immune system, for 10 days after the day you took your test

Forest Schools

The next Forest School session will take place on **Thursday 28th September with Year 3**. The class will need to come to school in non-uniform and have wellington boots, a good waterproof coat and plenty of layers.

PH Sport Vacancy

Due to its continued growth, PH Sport are looking to recruit a second member of staff to support in the running of the after-school club. The advert for the vacancy has been attached to this week's newsletter.

KS1

Pick up - Please can parents collecting children from Year 2 at the end of the day wait at the metal gate rather than gathering on the Year R playground near the wooden gate. If there are lots of parents waiting near the Year R door, it can be tricky to get the Hedgehogs safely to their parents.

Water bottles – Please can you keep water bottles out of book bags as we have had several leaks this week leading to damaged reading books.

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.

Common Sense Media

Common Sense Media is an organization that reviews and provides ratings for media and technology with the goal of providing information on their suitability for children. We highly recommend you look at it before giving your child access to games, films and TV shows. <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>



Autumn Term Dates



Event	Date	Information
Bike Ability	Week beginning 25 th September	
Year R trip to St Paul's Church	Monday 2 nd October	
Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church	Monday 9 th October at 10am	Parents invited to attend
Parents' evening (Year R-6)	Tuesday 10 th October	Face to face
Parents evening (Year R)	Wednesday 11 th October	Phone calls
Parents evening (Year 1-6)	Thursday 12 th October	Phone calls
Year 1/2 trip to Milestones	Tuesday 17 th October	
HALF TERM	19 th – 29 th October	Please note the longer half term holiday, the last day of term 1 is Weds 18 th October.
Individual and sibling photos	Wednesday 15 th November	
Flu vaccinations	Friday 24 th November	Offered to all pupils across the school
INSET	Monday 27 th November	School closed for pupils
Parent event – Night at the Museum	Tuesday 28 th November	3.30-4.30pm Children and their families welcome into school for an event to celebrate our history topics
Disco	Thursday 30 th November	FoSSP event
KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 12 th December	2pm performance to parents in school hall
KS1 Nativity	Wednesday 13 th December	5.30pm performance to parents in school hall
KS2 Carol Concert	Monday 18 th December	Please join us at 6pm at St Paul's Church for our KS2 carol concert
Christmas lunch	Tuesday 19 th December	
Last day of term	Wednesday 20 th December	Children can be collected from 1.30pm
First day of spring term	Thursday 4 th January	Pupils return to school

Kind regards,
Mrs E Weavers