

## **This week in school**

Our new Hedgehog class has now started fulltime and are settling in very well to Year R. They have shown such courage and enthusiasm for school life and we are enjoying getting to know them and their families.

Today our Key Stage 2 pupils have enjoyed a rugby workshop with Salisbury Rugby Club. These were organised to engage pupils with a new sport and gauge whether there is interest to run a club. It was very successful so we will liaise with the coach and let you know more details very soon.



## **Teachers2Parents App**

If you are not receiving school text messages and you use the Teachers2Parents app, you may need to do an upgrade in your app store. If you have the Teachers2Parents app, text messages automatically collate in the app rather than your phone messaging inbox.

## **Free Eye Tests**

Free NHS sight tests are also available at opticians for children under 16 and for young people under 19 in full-time education. If your child is complaining of headaches, having difficult reading words on a page, squinting or straining their eyes, we recommended a routine appointment to rule out any sight problems.

## **Is my child too ill for school?**

There are government guidelines for schools about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school office and let us know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know. Further advice about illnesses can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## **Pick up time**

Please be reminded that pick up time is **3.20pm**. Children are not to be collected before this time unless there is a medical appointment or exceptional circumstances. Children cannot leave early for swimming lessons.

## **Forest Schools**

The next Forest School session will take place on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September with Year 6**. The class will need to come to school in non-uniform and have wellington boots, a good waterproof coat and plenty of layers. If the forecast is for lots of rain then children may also want to bring waterproof trousers and a spare change of clothes.

## **Are you eligible for Free School Meals?**

If you are receipt of one, or more, of these benefits, your child will be entitled to free school meals and additional school funding:

- Income Support
- income-based Job Seekers Allowance (NOT contribution based JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (NOT contribution based ESA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 - National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (you must NOT be entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190 (April 2012))
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

If you think you are eligible, please collect an application form from Mrs Buckley.

## **Kitchen Vacancies**

Our catering provider, HS3C, have vacancies in their kitchens at St Peter's Primary, Wilton Primary and a school in Tidworth. If you would like more information please e-mail Mrs Field on [admin@sarum-st-pauls.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sarum-st-pauls.wilts.sch.uk) or telephone the school office.

## **Want to win £25 Amazon voucher?**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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. We feel very passionate about as many parents attending

as possible so 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

### **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.*



#### ***'Greet your child with a smile, not a mobile'***

Children are always very excited at the end of the day to greet their adult, for them it has been a long day and they are keen to see you. Please take a moment to listen and talk to your child as they come out to you. The power of talk has a huge impact on children's language development and it supports their mental health. We strongly urge you to put your mobile phones away and spend a few moments 'reconnecting' with your child after a school day.

Kind regards,  
Mrs E Weavers