

This week in school

A huge **thank you** to our **school community** for supporting the **harvest appeal**. Our very helpful year 6 pupils carried the donations to church and **Salisbury Food Bank** were delighted with the amount of food we handed over. It was a **wonderful service celebrating** food from around the world. Each class created a short performance which included a French breakfast, German poems, a taco rap, flamenco dancing and more! Thank you once again to Debbie and the **St Paul's team for the energy and time** they put into organising the service. Seeing an inflatable watermelon, banana and lemon crowd surfing around the church when demonstrating the fruits of the spirit was a particular highlight!



We have really enjoyed running our autumn term parents' evening this week and sharing with you the successes of term 1. The children have settled in so well to their new year groups.

Road Closure

The Electricity Works will be undertaking drilling works under Summerlock Bridge on Ashley Road between **Monday 16th October and Friday 10th November 2023**. The working hours are between 8am and 6pm. During this time, a temporary signed diversion route will be in place. Local pedestrian access will be maintained.

This is likely to cause huge disruption to our surrounding roads which are already very hectic in peak times. Please drive carefully and be mindful of pedestrians.



Parents in Year 1/2, please allow extra time to get children to the coach pick up point on Tuesday for the trip. We have informed the coach company and they will drive the coach into Waitrose and park on the side road that runs between the river and Smyths toy shop (near the barrier at the rear entrance to Waitrose from Ashley Road).

Affordable Schools Strategy

Wiltshire has recently launched its 'Affordable Schools Strategy' and as a school, we have made a commitment to embracing it at SSP. The strategy is a fully resourced, universal, non-stigmatising and proactive approach which will empower schools to:

- Develop a widely shared understanding of the causes, barriers and challenges faced by pupils and families who are living in poverty
- Make universal, positive changes to policies and practices that will improve the experience of all, especially the most vulnerable.

Becoming an 'Affordable School' requires a shared understanding and acknowledgement of how important 'affordability' is in all parts of school life. We are therefore setting up a working party of key members within our community to work through how we implement this strategy, this includes staff, the church, our PTA and family members. If you would like to be involved with the working party, we are holding our first meeting on **Wednesday 8th November at 2.15pm**. Please let the school office know if you'd like to join. The meeting will be reflecting on local case studies, reviewing how affordable our school is currently and looking at ideas for improvements.

Concerned about Finances?

Concerned about making a trip payment? Need some second-hand uniform but not sure how to get it? Want to discuss Year 6 residential payment? Not sure how to discuss financial concerns with school? Need to access a food box?
We have set up a new email account affordable@sarum-st-pauls.wilts.sch.uk – this account is only monitored by me (Mrs Weavers – Headteacher) and Mrs Field (School Business Manager) and is a way for parents and carers to reach out for financial support if you don't feel comfortable coming to the busy school office or you're not sure who or how to ask. All emails and requests will be handled sensitively and in confidence. Please use this email account to reach out if you are struggling.

Children in Need

We will be supporting this year's Children in Need campaign. We will be taking part in the 'Bearpee Challenge' and hope to have a visit from Wiltshire Radio and Pudsey himself! We will be aiming to do 1000 burpees over the course of the week! Children are invited to take part in a non-uniform day on Friday 17th November in exchange for a donation to the charity.



Forest Schools

The first Forest School session of term 2 will take place on **Thursday 4th November with Year R**.

Donaldson House

Well done to Donaldson House (red) for winning the most house points this term. Your prize is a non-uniform day on Wednesday 18th October!

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.



Cyber Security

It is a requirement that all staff complete annual cyber security training. Cyber security is the way we reduce the risk of becoming a victim of cyber-crime. Cyber-crime is criminal activity that either targets or uses digital technology, like a computer, a computer network or a mobile device, in order to steal money or information to sell on.

Here are some useful websites that share 'Cyber Aware' tips for parents and carers:

- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-cyber-security/>
- <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/information-for/individuals-families>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-is-cybersecurity/>
- <https://connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/securityguide.pdf>

FOSSP – Friends of Sarum St Paul's

Save the dates:

For the grown-ups... The evening of Friday 3rd November we will be hosting a quiz night at school!

For the children... DISCO Thursday 30th November



The last day of term 1 is Wednesday 18th October. We hope you enjoy the extra few days to the October half term break. We look forward to welcoming families back into school on Monday 30th October.

Kind regards,
Mrs E Weavers