



St Thomas à Becket CE (VA) Primary School

With wisdom and inspiration, rooted in our Christian Values, we nurture all to flourish.

With faith and nurture we flourish

11 October 2019

Dates for the diary:

18th October: Flu vaccinations

18th October: Open classroom

22nd October: Anglo Saxon Day – Chough & Kestrel classes

23rd October: TD Day

24th Oct – 1st November: Half term Holiday

4th November: 1st day of Term 2

7th November: Parents' Evening 2pm to 5.30pm

11th November: Remembrance Service in Chitterne Church – 10:45am

15th November: Children in Need – non uniform – bring a cake or biscuits for cake sale after school

16th November: family lantern making workshop

19th November: World Toilet Day – our toilet twinning

29th November: Devizes Lantern Parade

30th November: Dauntsey's Hockey Festival

30th November: St Nicholas Fair

3rd December: Parent's Forum

11th December: Carol Singing at Stonehenge (evening – tbc)

12th December: pantomime trip

13th December: Christmas Jumper Day

18th December: School Christmas lunch

19th December: Christmas Church Service and last day of term for children.

20th December: TD Day

Late pick-ups: Of course we understand that there are occasions when unforeseen circumstances mean that you are unavoidably late collecting your child. Please let us know and we will always keep them safe and occupied. However there are some children who are collected late on a regular basis. Staff are not always available after school to supervise children. If children are still in school at 3:25pm we will send them to Woodpecker Room for supervision and will charge for the session.

Don't forget that you can book children into afterschool club at short notice – just let us know in the morning.

Breakfast Club: We have received some replies about the potential of running Breakfast Club before school. If you haven't already done so please send in your response slip so we can make a decision on this proposal.

Remembrance Service: The children will be taking part in a Remembrance Service on Monday 11th November at 10:45 in Chitterne Church. All are welcome to attend.

Forest School – Chough Class

Forest School for the children in Chough Class will start on Tuesday 5th November. Letters will be coming home with the children today. We do need adult helpers for Forest School – please let us know if you are available.

Lantern Workshop

Children in years 4, 5 and 6 may join a lantern workshop on Saturday 16th November. Letters are being sent home today.

After School Clubs Term 2

These are filling up fast! We have an extra Christmas Gifts workshop on Tuesday please let us know asap if you would like your child to join this. Spaces are also available for Thursday Youth club.

Open Classrooms: Please pop into your child's classroom after Friday's Collective Worship so the children can share with you some of the work they've been doing this term.

Music bills

Please remember music is now billed monthly **in advance**. Any accounts unpaid at the pay by date will mean that lessons are cancelled.

Lataca –order forms will be coming home today for meals in term 2 and on the reverse the Christmas Meal.

We welcome and value your opinion. Please do feel free to come in to see me at any time if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

With regards, Lisa Meredith

PTFA NEWS

The PTFA have a Quiz Night on Saturday 19th October at The Churchill Arms in Lavington at 8pm. Teams of 2-6 - £1 entry fee per person. Half time games and a raffle, so bring your pound coins.



PE Kit and Lost Property

PLEASE can you make sure that your child has his/her name clearly marked in all uniform and sports kit. It is easy to return items when we know who they belong to! PE kit needs to be in school every day. We have to rely on good weather so PE may take place on any day.

Christian Values

This term we have been focusing in school on the value of **trust**. Trust is the basis of all stable relationships, including a person's relationship with God. Our core value of friendship is rooted in trust. God's commitment to humanity is seen in his trust in people to carry out His purpose. In school we are considering:

- What it means to have trust in others
- How we can demonstrate our trustworthiness
- Which role models show trust in our school community and the wider world

Harvest Donations

Thank you for your generous donations at our Harvest Service. The produce was received with great thanks from the Trussell Trust and will be donated to local families in need.

Work with other schools

St Thomas à Becket is part of a wider collaboration of five local Church of England Primary School. Who all support each other strongly whilst maintaining their independence and control of their own schools and budgets. Standards across this Emmanuel Collaboration have risen steadily in the years since its inception, thus providing great education for local children. We also have close links with Dauntsey's, the local fee-paying secondary school who support us with sports work. We also have goods and supportive relationships with Lavington Secondary School. To which many of our Year 6 children transfer for their secondary school education.