

Allenbourn News



Message from the Headteacher:

Just a brief newsletter after an equally brief half term!

We are already half way through the summer term and it's time to say a huge well done to Year 6 for all their hard work in the SATS exams last week. The pupils demonstrated perseverance, determination and stamina, putting in maximum effort to achieve their very best. So well done Year 6 and thank you to parents & carers for all of your support in the run up to and during the exams. I would also like to say thank you to the rest of the pupils in Year 5, 7 and 8 and to all of the adults in the school for supporting Year 6 so that the week ran smoothly and successfully. Well done to all!

After half term, we have lots going on and the dates for different events and trips are listed below. We hope that all of the pupils will take the opportunities to participate in the different activities on offer as these are designed to support their learning and personal development. We also hope they will be fun!

On a different note, we have some staffing changes after half term as two members of staff will be leaving us. I would like to say thank you to Mr North, who has been with us for just over a year in the music department and is off to pastures new. Good luck with your future ventures. We also thank Mrs Hammond-Bowell, who has been teaching French with us since January. Many thanks for your support and we wish you the best for the future.

We have also appointed a number of staff who will join us, or remain with us, in September. We are delighted that Miss Fairburn will be remaining with us in September, teaching Art and Textiles. We also welcome Mrs Warren to our KS2 team and Mrs Grey who will be joining us in English and Humanities.

Mrs Pritchard



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Parent's Association

Our Parent's Association do an amazing job raising funds to support Allenbourn pupils. As has been publicised repeatedly in the press over the past year or so, school funding is extremely tight and without the support of the Parent's Association we would struggle to provide the children with all of the opportunities and equipment that they benefit from. Over the past 3 years, the Parent's Association have supported the purchase of the following for the school:

- Maths equipment
- Gazebo
- Display boards, laminator, guillotine, microscopes,
- Defibrillator
- Vice table
- Music teacher to run after school clubs for summer term 2018
- English reading books
- New sets of school books in different subject areas
- Sports day water for the children (1,200 bottles)
- Playground equipment, benches/games

We are extremely grateful for all the support we receive from this very dedicated group of parents.

But now to the appeal – **our Parent's Association really need your help**. This doesn't have to be a huge time commitment and you don't need experience to get involved. We have two big events coming up and we really need volunteers to help run them. These events are:

- Parking for the Wimborne Folk Festival on Sunday 9th June.
- Our Summer Fayre which will be on Friday 12th July from 5:30-8:00pm. It would be great to have help with setting up, during the event or clearing up after. If you are able to offer a couple of hours, we would be extremely grateful.

If you are able to offer some time to support our fabulous PA, please contact the office and we will pass on your details. Thank you

Uniform:

Many thanks for the support in ensuring that pupils are following the uniform expectations. We will continue to monitor this during the rest of the term and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Can we ask that when you purchase your child's uniform in preparation for September, that you buy appropriate school shoes (not trainers or plimsol-type shoes) for your child and that girls are bought a knee length skirt, bearing in mind that they will grow and it will become a little shorter as the year goes on.

PE Kit:

From September, we are phasing in a slightly new PE kit for our new Year 5 pupils, which is available to buy from Bartletts in Wimborne.

We would like the new year 5 pupils from September 2019 to purchase the new kit.

If your child will be in Year 6 in September and you are needing to replace existing kit, we would recommend you buy the new sports kit.

If your child will be in Year 7 or 8 in September, and you are needing to replace existing kit, we are happy for them to either have the new kit, or continue with the existing kit which will still be available from Bartletts.

Boys and Girls - from September 2019 for new year 5 pupils

Black and gold PE top, black shorts (of a sensible length, not short or long, mid thigh) or plain black skirt, black and gold reversible rugby top, black long socks, trainers and football boots.

We recommend 2 pairs of black shorts for boys and either the same for girls, or one pair of shorts and the skirt.

The reversible shirt is an expensive item. If you buy a generous size it should last the four years at Allenbourn.

Optional: black AMS hoodie or black under layer. Plain black leggings/tracksuit bottoms may be worn in cold weather, at the discretion of the PE staff

Large named fabric bag in which to keep kit (NOT PLASTIC CARRIER).

Personal protection equipment: All pupils will be taking part in activities that will require them to have shin pads and a mouth guard. These do not have to be expensive items and can be purchased from places such as Sports Direct or Amazon for a reasonable price.

All PE kit must be named and a check for this will be carried out at the beginning of term and periodically.

For Year 6, 7 and 8: the existing PE kit details can be found on our website.

Attendance

We are committed to ensuring the best for all of our pupils and have been working with children and families to support them. We monitor the attendance of all pupils and will write to let you know when attendance drops below 96%. Our current whole school attendance is 95.3% and as we have previously communicated our levels of 'illness' are above average. We do have a full time first aider in our medical room at school so if your child is physically well enough to attend and complete their learning but has a cold, headache or other similar ailment, please send them in and they will be supported whilst still engaging in their learning. **Did you know?** If a child has an attendance level of 90%, they will have missed one whole day a fortnight in school. Over the school year, this will represent four weeks of absence.

Key dates and events for the next half term:

| Date | Year Group | Event/Activity |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday 5 th June | 7C and 7N | Kimmeridge Trip (Science) |
| Wednesday 5 th June | Year 8 (selected pupils) | Able Linguists Trip (QE) |
| Thursday 6 th June | 7A, 7B, 7J | Kimmeridge Trip (Science) |
| WB 10 th June | Year 5, 7 and 8 | Exam week |
| Monday 10 th June | Year 8 | Gemma's Wardrobe |
| Tuesday 11 th June | Year 5 & 6 (selected pupils) | Athletics event |
| Wednesday 12 th June | Year 7 & 8 (selected pupils) | Athletics event |
| Thursday 13 th June | Year 8 (QE pupils for September) | QE transition assembly |
| Monday 17 th June | Year 8 (QE pupils for September) | QE Transfer morning |
| Wednesday 19 th June | All (selected pupils) | Summer Games Final |
| Thursday 20 th June | Year 7 (some Year 8 and 6) | Mayflower Theatre Trip – Matilda |
| WB 24 th June | Year 5 | Bristol Residential |
| WB 24 th June | Year 7 and 8 (selected pupils) | French trip |
| Monday 24 th June | Year 6 | Marwell Activity Centre trip |
| WB 24 th June | Year 6 | Off time table: Lord of the Flies week |
| Wednesday 26 th June | Year 6 | Anti-Bullying drama workshop |
| Thursday 27 th June | Year 6 | Pamphill walk |
| Monday 1 st July | School | Chinese pupils visit |
| Tuesday 2 nd July | Key Stage 3 | Disco |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | All | Sports Day – Field Events |
| Thursday 4 th July | All | Sports Day |
| Friday 5 th July | All | Transfer Day |
| Monday 8 th July | Year 7 & 8 | Town Sports |
| Monday 8 th July | Year 4 (new Year 5) | Transfer Evening |
| Tuesday 9 th July & Wednesday 10 th July | All | Reserve Sports days – Field events Tuesday, Sports Day Wednesday |
| Thursday 11 th July | Year 8 | Mini-Enterprise |
| Friday 12 th July | School event – Parent's Association | Summer fayre |
| Tuesday 16 th July | Key Stage 2 | Disco |
| Wednesday 17 th to Friday 19 th July | Year 8 | Year 8 Residential |