Sambourne CE Primary School

Newsletter

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What a fantastic year we have had! I cannot quite believe that I am now writing the final newsletter of the 2021/22 academic year. It seems such a very short time ago that I sat here at the desk trying to find the words for my first newsletter as headteacher.

When I think back over the year there has been so much to celebrate from the sports field to the individual achievement's children have made in the classroom. I am so proud of every single one of them and the determination and commitment they have shown to their work. They are a credit to the staff that teach them and to you as parents.

We have had some wonderful events, from the Christmas and Easter services to the Inspire sessions, school fete and MAD day. Your support for the school and children has been outstanding and we really appreciate all you have done to make the year memorable. We look forward to being able to build on this next year with an even bigger timetable of events and activities.

Finally, I must make mention of the amazing staff team here at Sambourne. They have been extremely supportive and have taken new ideas and different ways of working in their stride. They have worked tirelessly to provide the best possible opportunities for pupils, resulting in children making great progress and achieving at the highest standards possible. They have also put so much in behind the scenes to develop the school curriculum for the 2022-23 academic year and beyond. I really believe that these are very exciting times for the school and the foundations are in place to see Sambourne Primary School deliver the world class education that I believe all children are entitled to.

Have a great summer everyone, travel safely and we look forward to seeing all those returning in September rested and ready for the next step in the adventure.

Best wishes,

Mr Albrow

Headteacher

School Day - September 2022

Please remember that in September we are making an adjustment to the length of the school day. From 5th September 2022 the school day will be from 8:45 to 3:15 daily with the gates opening in the morning at 8:35am.

Staffing News

As you are all aware today we say goodbye to Mrs McMahon and Mrs Last who are off to new horizons in different schools. We are sad to see them leaving the Sambourne family but wish them every success in their new ventures.

In September we welcome Mrs C Cowie to teach French across Key Stage 2. Mrs Cowie is a secondary languages specialist who is a head of department in a secondary setting in Salisbury.

We are also delighted to inform you that Mrs H Thornton will be taking up the role of music specialist to teach music lessons across the school. Mrs Thornton was previously head of music in a local primary school when working as a primary class teacher.

We feel extremely lucky to have such expertise joining the staff team and to be able to offer these amazing opportunities to the children of Sambourne School. It will ensure a truly diverse curriculum offer while preparing pupils in the best possible way for secondary education.

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

Children often have a dip in their reading over the summer - the Summer Reading Challenge, produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by libraries, has been proven to stop this as well as changing children's attitudes in a positive way towards reading and libraries. The challenge is for 4-11 year olds to read 6 library books over 8 weeks of the summer in return for various fun prizes, including a medal and certificate on completion. This year the challenge runs from Saturday 16 July to Saturday 10 September - there will be a registration period in the first two weeks of the challenge, where children will receive a pack of resources; after this period (from 1 August) and once children have completed the challenge, they are invited to return to collect their final sticker, medal and certificate and to talk about their reading experience.

This year's theme, 'Gadgeteers', is all about science and innovation. Developed in partnership with the Science Museum Group, the Challenge will inspire children to use their curiosity and creativity to discover the science behind the everyday and celebrates the role of the imagination in both reading and the sciences. Although there is a science theme, children can read any six library books of their choice; they don't have to be linked to science and they can read more than six books! They also don't have to be able to read, reading with a parent/carer also counts.

It's free to join the challenge and to take out a library membership, visit: Join the library - Wiltshire Council and library staff will be on hand to support reading choices. Children can also take part in the challenge online via the website: summerreadingchallenge.org.uk, where they can rate and review books, download activities, and access video content, games and quizzes.

For any queries or for further information, please email: libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk

Breakfast Club

Free School Meals

If you are a low-income family and think you may be eligible for claiming free school meals please visit the Wiltshire Council website and apply online (please apply even if your child is in year R, 1 or 2 and already receives a free lunch as the school can receive extra funding to support learning with this application).

https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/fsmapplication#h1

Core value this term – Trust

Theme for week commencing Monday 5th September 2022 – New beginnings

"Every day is a chance to begin again. Don't focus on the failure of yesterday,

start today with positive thoughts and expectations"

Dates for your diary	
2021-2022	
Friday, 22nd July	Last day of School year.
Thursday, 1st September	Inset Day – School Closed
Friday, 2nd September	Inset Day – School Closed
Monday, 5th September	School open to all pupils. (**8:45 to 3:15** for years 1 to 6, **8:45 to 12:00** for new reception intake.)
Thursday, 8th September	PTFA Cake sale – 3:15pm
wc. Monday, 12th September	Reception class day extended (**8:45 to 1:00pm**)
wc. Monday, 19th September	Reception class in full time (**8:45 to 3:15**).

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