



WHERE INDIVIDUALS THRIVE

Sopley Primary School

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YEAR 6: DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 04.10.17 Open Day at Ringwood School
 - 05.10.17 Open Evening at Highcliffe School
 - 31.10.17 Secondary School application deadline
- Twynham, BSB and BSG visits available by appointment.

Play Trail

A very special thank you for the continued support and help from our wonderful Friends of Sopley School for the children's play trail.

The children are thoroughly enjoying the play trail at lunch and breaks from Year R to Year 6. It's proving a very popular choice and its lovely to see the older children encouraging the younger ones.

Thank you

Thank you to Will Jones of 'The tree management company' based in Ringwood who kindly donated two tonnes of bark chippings. These have been used to renovate spaces across the outdoors over the summer break.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you are eligible, it is really important that you register, even if your child doesn't have school dinners or is an infant child who is already in receipt of Universal free school meals.

The school gets **additional funding** for every child registered **before 1st October** so the school, and your child, will benefit. If you think you may be eligible, please register online via <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hc3s/freeschoolmeals.htm> or contact the school office who can run a check on your behalf.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Following an update from Hampshire County Council please be aware that in the instance of a child's absence, where this exceeds 5 days (10 sessions) within the last 100 school days, a penalty notice may be issued.



AUTUMN TERM DATES 2017/2018

Half Term Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 27th Oct
Inset Day Mon 30th Oct
Christmas Holiday Fri 22nd Dec - Wed 3rd Jan

5th Oct: Special Menu for "British Food Fort-night"

16th Oct: Parents Evening

18th Oct: Parents Evening

10th Nov: Remembrance Service

13th Nov: Anti-bullying Week

29th Nov: Open Morning for Prospective Year R

11th Dec: 2pm Nativity

12th Dec: 9.30am Nativity

13th Dec: Christmas Fayre in the pm & non-uniform day

19th Dec: KS2 Carol Concert in the pm

20th Dec: Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper day.

Thank you

On behalf of our parents, children and staff we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the **Bransgore Rotary Club** who so kindly donated **£1,500.00** towards our amazing friendship hut!

Its provided our children with an essential quiet base during lunch and breaks.

The children have commented on how much they are enjoying spending this time together.



Another HUGE thank you to the **AFC Bournemouth Cherries Community Fund** who kindly donated **£1,000** towards our new play trail equipment!

The children love it!

Thank
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Friends of Sopley School (FSS)

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FSS met last week for the first AGM of the academic year.

Last year an amazing figure of £8,304.45 was raised!

Staff, children and families would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to these wonderful volunteers for their tremendous support, hard work and dedication which is integral to the school.

The amazing amount of funds raised and lovely events across the year truly adds value to the children's lives.

The funds continue to develop the school and resourcing for the children, with the children having an active voice in how the money is deployed.

We are sure you'll agree we are very lucky to have such an active parent group.

THANK YOU

Anti-bullying Policy

We have been working on a federation Anti-bullying Policy which is written in a child friendly version with additional information for adults.

We would welcome comments from parents and children by Thursday 12th October 2017 - please email comments to Miss Andrea Hodgson or Mrs Elizabeth Knowles at adminoffice@sopley.hants.sch.uk or in writing via the school office.

<http://www.sopleyprimaryschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/20.9.17-Federation-Anti-bullying-policy-incl.-child-friendly-1.pdf>

WE HAVE A CHILD IN SCHOOL WITH A SEVERE NUT ALLERGY

Please ensure that your child does not have any nuts/peanut butter, Nutella sandwiches etc in school

Nuts of any kind can bring on a very severe reaction.

Your assistance with this is much appreciated - this is a life and death matter.

To clarify; some parents have asked about products that state "may contain nuts" or are "produced in a factory that handles nuts" on the label. These are fine to send in. It is only products that actually contain nuts in the ingredients list that we need to keep out of school

Thank you

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday:

AFC Bournemouth Football
3.20-4.30pm

Tuesday:

Choir 3.20-4.30pm

Friday:

Street Dance 3.20-4.30pm

Sopley Primary School Open Morning

For prospective Parents and Children joining in September 2018.

We will be holding an Open Morning on 29th November to introduce our school to any new parents considering a place at Sopley in September 2018.

Anyone unable to make this date is welcome to make an alternative appointment. Please pass on the date to anyone you know who may be interested.

All welcome to come along

A Thank you from Year 5

At the end of the summer term the Bransgore Rotary Club gifted Year 4 some beautiful which should inspire them to use a greater range of vocabulary.



SAFEGUARDING

The welfare of children is at the heart of what we do. We are committed to safeguarding children and have a range of policies and procedures that reflect and support this duty.

Policies are available on request from the school office.

If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please speak to a member of school staff or, outside of school hours, contact Children's Services:

Hampshire 0845 6035620

Dorset 01305 221000

DISABILITY AND DISCRIMINATION ACT

Dear parents and carers,

What are we trying to do?

As a federation we are constantly striving to do our best for all pupils and to support their parents/ carers whenever possible. This includes our duty under the legislation of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA.)

To help us to review our provision, we are consulting with all our families in an effort to identify those pupils who, under the classification provided by the DDA, would be considered disabled and to establish how we can better support them across the federation.

Who is covered by the Disability Discrimination Act?

The DDA definition includes people & children who live a perfectly normal life but find it difficult or impossible to carry out their day to day activities without special provision e.g. those with asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, autism.

A person is disabled if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities. Disability Discrimination Act 2005. It is important to note that many impairments are unseen. Over 50% of people who are covered by the Disability Discrimination Act are unlikely to consider themselves disabled.

I think my child is disabled, what should I do now?

If, having read the above, you believe that your child's need would be considered under the DDA, it would be most helpful if you could find the time to comment by completing the very short survey at the link below.

I think I might be covered by the DDA - what should I do?

If you believe you, or a member of your family, is covered by the DDA and believe there is more that the school could do to support you e.g. large print publications for partially sighted; please complete the same form detailing your needs making it clear that you are responding as an adult user of our school site.

What will happen next?

Once we have received all responses, they will be shared anonymously with the Governors who will consider each request.

Deadline for completion - 16th October

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1Dzi1pq5dTzMrRN6MEPDwNJB2e2REHdK9j7+VO8X5Jfb1w/viewform?usp=sf_link