



WHERE INDIVIDUALS THRIVE

## Sopley Primary School

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## Newsletter Issue 3 Autumn Term

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy and exciting half term we have had! It has been a real joy to see our Sopley children enthused by their learning and making progress.

We would like to thank you all for the warm welcome we have received at Sopley School; it has been lovely getting to know you and your children over the past seven weeks and we very much look forward to working with you in the future. We already feel part of the Sopley family!

Thank you to all those parents who were able to join us for the 'home learning exhibition' on Wednesday 18th October. It was such a pleasure to see all the projects which the children had worked so incredibly hard on at home. We had iceberg cakes, tweets from Ernest Shackleton, active volcanoes spewing out molten lava and much more! The teachers would all like to offer their thanks for your support at home; it really does make a difference.

As always, through this newsletter, we aim to bring you up-to-date with some of the learning which has taken place over the past few weeks and to inform you of future events.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 31st October.

Best Wishes

Andrea Hodgson and Elizabeth Knowles



**Year 6 Secondary School application  
deadline 31st October 2017**

### PARKING AND TURNING IN NEIGHBOURS' DRIVES

May we respectfully ask that parents refrain from parking in or turning around in our neighbours' drives.

It is important that we as a whole community are respectful and considerate to our neighbours.

Thank you for using the triangle at the junction to turn around.

### AUTUMN TERM DATES 2017/2018

Half Term Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct

Inset Day Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

Christmas Holiday Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

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.

## Reminders

At Sopley Primary School, we pride ourselves on our smart appearance and readiness for learning. In order to help maintain our high standards, we ask that nail varnish is removed before school and that hair accessories, matching the school uniform colours, are small in size.



Learning is hungry work! Consequently, we ask that children bring in healthy snacks for break times. These could be fruit, vegetables or cereal bars and should be kept in their classrooms ready to eat at the start of first break.

Safeguarding your children is our top priority. Consequently, at the end of the school day, children will be released from class one at a time and only when we can see the adults collecting them. If your child is being collected by someone other than yourself, please ensure their teacher is aware of this, either by writing a note to the teacher or informing the school office. Thank you for your assistance in keeping Sopley children safe.

### **EARLY MORNINGS**

#### ***Why are mornings so important?***

So that your children get the very best out of their education at Sopley School - learning starts promptly in the mornings. Meeting and greeting the children in the mornings is a vital part of the school day where children and teacher build their relationships and ensure that they are ready for learning.

#### ***What are we asking you to do?***

We therefore respectfully ask that all parents observe the broad rule that teachers are not generally available to parents at the beginning of the day because they need to be with the children. Any messages for the teachers can be taken by the teaching assistant at the door and will be passed on to all relevant staff.

If the matter is an emergency and it is essential that you speak to a teacher - the head of School or the Executive Head teacher will be pleased to meet with you. In this event - please come to the school office.

Should you still wish to talk to the class teacher, they will usually be available at the end of the day for a quick informal catch up or a more formal appointment can be made via the school office.

Thank you for observing this protocol and ensuring that our children have the best possible start to their school day.

## Christmas Cards to be Designed by Sopley Children!

We would like to thank the FSS for their extensive work in raising funds for our school; the monies they raise really do enhance the quality of provision for Sopley children and we are extremely grateful for all they do.

Shortly after half term, your child(ren) will be bringing home a Christmas design with an order form on the reverse. This is the latest fund-raising initiative by the FSS and we ask you to support this if you are able to. Through IQ cards, your child(ren)'s designs can be made into Christmas cards, postcards, sticky gift labels and wrapping paper and, of course, money raised through this venture will go directly to Sopley School, benefitting your children's education.

In order that you get your bespoke designs in time for Christmas, orders must be given to the school office by Tuesday 7th November.

We thank you in anticipate of your support for the FSS!





## Harvest

A big thank you to the children and families for the superb array of harvest donations which were gratefully received by the Christchurch Food Bank and thank you to Reverend Lacey for taking a thoroughly enjoyable assembly for the children, packed with lively songs and beautiful singing by the school's choir.



## Bonfire Themed Lunch

On Monday 6th November our wonderful Cook, Mrs Jackson, will be providing the school with a Bonfire night themed lunch.

The red option will be a beef burger in a bun and the green option veggie sausages in a bun. Both served with potato wedges, beans and sweetcorn and with a rocket lolly for pudding.



## 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

## 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