

Saltford C of E Primary School Newsletter



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This week

- Summer Fair help
- Bake off!
- Smart-phones & childhood
- Y6 camp

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A few words from Mrs Sage...



We would be very grateful for more parents, family and friends to offer just 45 minutes of help for the summer fair on Saturday. Without more help, we will have to reduce the amount of activities on offer.

Income from the fair directly funds Forest School and Super Pirates and we are hoping to be able to fund a new kitchen in the Badger room where groups can cook as part of their DT. If you cannot spare any time at the fair, we would really appreciate your help on Friday afternoon or either side of the fair on Saturday. All [sign-up links are here on the school website](#). Thank you in advance.

Bake off competition: we are really excited to see what the children will bring in tomorrow. There is still time. [The guidelines are here](#) and [the entry form is here](#).

Co-judging this competition is always a very enjoyable part of my job. We also welcome your bakes for the tearoom which can be brought into school tomorrow.

Smartphone use: you may be aware of significant news coverage of the growing movement for a Smartphone Free Childhood. A group of parents has approached me to discuss this movement and how, as a school, we can support it. Key issues relate to mental health and well-being, impact on focus and engagement – socially and in education – risks of exposure to harmful content and stepping away from a play-based childhood too soon. The parent group at Saltford will be providing regular information for our newsletter, intended to empower everyone with the information they need to make their own informed choices regarding their children and families. I hope you will find these helpful. Please read the further information below. There are so many compelling reasons why, as a society, we need to reflect upon how children use phones and how we can protect them more.

In the meantime we hope to see you at the fair... do bring plenty of change for your children to visit the stalls. I will also be thinking of Y6 as they will be preparing to leave for their camp on Monday... Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Sage.

STAR PUPIL AWARDS

KS1

Bumblebee: Mia K for super pairs of numbers adding to 5 and 10.

Butterfly: Hera W-H for working so hard on your writing and spelling using Fred fingers. Wow!

Apple: Eve W for working really hard on her Place Value in Maths and finding the missing numbers in the number line.

Pear: Tayif S for working really hard on his sentences and for a great recount from the Bluebird's perspective.

Palm: William K for fantastic progress in maths and English this year. William works hard every day!

Cherry: Florence M for being so brave and trying lots of new things this week! We are really proud of you Flo!

KS2

Sycamore: Oliver G for a fantastic fact file on the Parthenon. Brilliant work Oliver!

Maple: Fraser H for being very well behaved and for being kind to others. Well done Fraser!

Lime: Oliver A for trying hard all year to make the right choices. Well done Oliver!

Willow: Isaac W for his excellent effort and progress doing his DoodleMaths and DoodleTables this week. Well done Isaac!

Elm: Ellie W for high levels of engagement in our English text, which then results in thoughtful, empathic and detailed writing.

Horse chestnut: Orson H for taking responsibility in class for producing the best quality work he can. Orson is a great listener and works hard to improve his work which I have especially noticed in his recent narrative writing.

Ash: Jacob R for sensible and mature contributions to our PSHE discussions.

Oak: Elodie M for excellent understanding when working out how much tax a person would pay, based on their salary.



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We celebrate



Joel S, Apple, for his medal for excellent participation in the Keynsham Rugby club U6 session.

William K, Palm, for his football tournament trophy.

Rex R, Palm, for his football trophy for winning the tournament.

Lorenz L, Palm, for his football tournament trophy.

Clara G-B, Butterfly, for winning the Saltford photographic competition.

Anna P, Lime, for her back stroke medal in the swimming gala.

Harper K, Lime, for her football trophy.

People who help us talk to EYFS

Over the last two weeks, EYFS have welcomed some parents to talk to the children about their jobs as some People Who Help Us. The children learned about the roles of doctors, pharmacists and psychologists. Many thanks to Jessica O' Neill, Shereen Cordy, Emily Broadbridge and Amy Andrews for giving up their time and supporting the children's knowledge.



Bikeability for Years 3, 4 and 6

To promote safe on-road cycling encouraging children to get on their bikes for leisure or make a journey, the school booked cycle training through BANES Bikeability for Year 3 and 4 in March this year and Year 6 completed their course in June.

Bikeability is taught by professional qualified cycling instructors and Bath & North East Somerset Council is a Bikeability scheme provider and training is delivered by the Active Travel Department.

For further details of B&NES Bikeability training please follow this link:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/bikeability-cycle-training>

Thank you to Mrs Rich for all her work on this.

Smartphone-Free Childhood – Salford Parent Group

If you're reading this information – thank you! There has been a huge amount in the news recently about the idea of a smartphone free childhood. A good starting point for learning more about why this has recently come to prominence is an engaging presentation by psychologist Jonathan Haidt: <https://youtu.be/TEZHSxq3Nw0?si=M-BANgQFpzD7ki21>

The group is made up of a small number of parents with children at this school who have come together to talk about this idea and think through how some of the themes that come up in this presentation might impact our children, and whether there is anything that we could do about it in our own community.

Having discussed this for many weeks now, and noting the growing interest throughout the country, we are working with the school to share key information with parents in the coming weeks, with the aim of opening up the conversation more widely. The conversation is about smartphones as opposed to simple phones that do not have access to the internet and related apps.

We're delighted that Mrs Sage has already booked a presentation for parents from [PAPAYA \(Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents\)](#) on the evening of October 3rd, which is focused on helping families to thrive in the digital age. We hope many of you will be able to join us for this meeting – a letter with more details will be shared in term 1.

As outlined by Mrs Sage, the key issues we have discovered relate to mental health and well-being, impact on focus and engagement, both socially and in education, risks of exposure to harmful content and the step away from a play-based childhood too soon.

We will be looking at the various aspects of the mounting movement to increase the accepted age by which children have smartphones. If you are interested in looking into this yourself, as well as watching the presentation by Jonathan Haidt, here are some things we have done and found really useful for finding initial information:

1. Signing up for the newsletters on the Smartphone Free Childhood website: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>
2. Joining the local WhatsApp group for more local and relevant information: <https://linktr.ee/smartphonefreechildhood>
3. Joining Salford CE Primary School WhatsApp group within the Bath WhatsApp Community so we can share information relevant to the children in our community <https://tr.ee/BT9zXrgrIM>.

We recognise that this is an emotive subject and that everyone's circumstances are different. We hope that the information we share will empower everyone with the information they need to make their own informed choices about what is right for their own children and families.

Lianne Lugg – Year 4 and Year 1 parent

Jess Flanagan – Year 2 parent

Karen Brookes-Lovell – Year 4 and Year 2 parent

Gina Marchesi – Year 4 parent

Andy Marchesi – Year 4 parent

Nick Sladek – Year 2 parent

Ruth Moody – Year 2 parent

Louise Cornish – Year 5 parent

Cheralyn Baines-Dark – Year 4 parent



Sports Day 2024

We were delighted that we were able to find an alternative date so that sports day could go ahead this term. In the morning, EYFS and KS1 took part in a multi-activity style sports day, based around key skills.

The track activities included the running race, relay race and obstacle race. They also took part in some field events including the bean bag throw and long jump. The children showed fantastic sporting conduct and enjoyed competing in their teams. We are very proud of all of them! Some of the activities were scored and the children were able to earn house points. The overall winning house was Goldfinches.

KS2 were next up in the afternoon. They really enjoyed themselves. We are so proud of them for trying their best and displaying such a sporting attitude, supporting each other throughout. Thank you to all the families who came along to support the event. Having our PTA selling refreshments and providing the children with a well-deserved ice lolly really adds to the enjoyment. Thank you to Mrs Brook and Mrs Hardy for organising the day and to the Wellsway Sports Ambassadors led by Mrs Burston for facilitating the day so well. We hope you enjoy this selection of pictures.



Scooter training for Year 3

Year 3 took part in some scooter training using resources provided by the local authority. They all brought in their scooters and helmets. We learnt about scooter safety, how to brake safely and control the scooter and what clothes and shoes are suitable for scooting. We watched a video about safe scooting on the pavement showing awareness of pedestrians and the road.

Then we carried out several fun activities on the school playground, learning about and practising control of the scooters.

Thank you to the Year 3 team for delivering the training and to the parents and children for supporting by bringing in their scooters on the day.



All the fun of the fair on Saturday
From midday to 3pm, enjoy the fun at our
Paris Olympic themed extravaganza!

There'll be plenty of fun games, raffles,
tombolas, stalls, BBQ, bars, music, & more.
All info on our website here.

**Everyone is welcome, and we can't wait to
see you all there!**

Isla's big chop!

Isla B from Cherry class is having her hair cut off to donate to [the Little Princess Trust](#). The charity makes real hair wigs for children who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions such as alopecia.

[Isla's JustGiving link is here](#). If you would like to support her fundraising it would be very much appreciated and will go towards the cost of making the wig.



PICNIC IN THE PARK
A fun day out for the community at Keynsham Memorial Park
Saturday 22nd June, 12-4pm

Bring a picnic and come enjoy...
Local Live Bands • Market Stalls • Entertainers
Free Face Painting • Community Painting Project
Teddy Bear Trail • Yoga & Juggling Games • Children's Races

Follow Keynsham Town Council on Instagram and Facebook for more details.

FREE FAMILY EVENT

STEPNELL SPARROW CRANE HIRE KTCR KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
No BBQs or glass are permitted in Memorial Park

See all dates
on our online
calendar for parents
here!

Dates for your diary

[Click here for term dates](#)



Sat 15th June 12 – 3pm: [PTA summer fair](#).

Monday 17th – Friday 21st June: Y6 camp in Okehampton.

Wednesday 19th June: [Y1 Forest School](#)

Thursday 20th June: [Y3 visit to Bristol Museum](#).

Thursday 20th June 5pm: welcome meeting for new Reception parents.

Monday 24th June 7.30pm: PTA meeting (rescheduled) in staff room. All welcome.

Wednesday 26th June: [Y4 Forest School](#)

Thursday 27th June: [Reception trip on The Matthew](#).

Monday 1st July 5pm: meeting for parents for new Y3 class.

Wednesday 3rd July: [Y5 Forest School](#)

Thursday 4th July afternoon: children meet their new teacher

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th July:

FS/KS1 summer concert. Letter to follow.

Monday 8th July: INSET Day (Futura Conference)

Tuesday 9th July: annual reports sent home.

Wednesday 10th July: [Y2 Forest School](#)

Thursday 11th July: [KS2 singing & instrumental concert 7pm in school hall](#).

Tuesday 23rd July: Year 6 leavers' service, letter to follow.

Tuesday 23rd July: last day of term 6.

For term dates for this and next academic years please see:

www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/#term-dates. All dates are on [the calendar for parents here](#).

Theatre Arts Summer School with Jo Browne

Bookings are now open for this fun week for children aged 4 – 18. Children's theatre arts professionals, Lucy Ratnett, Jo Browne & Dan Winter, offer classes in drama, dance, singing, craft and prop making culminating in a fully costumed show performed on the big stage for family and friends to enjoy.

Book now to be part of our 22nd season as places are limited! We run from 12th – 16th August at Salford Hall.

Email Lucyratnettdance@live.com for further info & booking.



SALTFORD STARS U10'S
Going up to U11's in September

**PLAYERS
WANTED**

TRAINING ON TUESDAY EVENINGS
BOOK IN FOR A FREE TRIAL SESSION

More Information:

Call Dan on 07501878483

<https://salfordfootballclub.com/teams/Under-10>

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Ages 5-12

2024 Camps

Multi-Sports & Cricket

Coaching Sport - Building Character

February 13th - 15th

April 2nd - 5th

May 28th - 30th

July 29th - August 1st

August 6th - 9th

August 12th - 15th

St Gregory's RC School Combe
Hay Lane, Bath, BA2 8PA

October 28th - 30th

St Mark's School, Bay Tree
Road, Bath, BA1 6PD

GET Serious Cricket

Ages 5-14

From **£28**
per day!



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