

# Three Saints Federation



## Shepton Beauchamp Church School & St Mary & St Peter's Church School

*Together We Flourish*

6th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Autumn Term 2023 and a special welcome to our newest Early Years starters! We hope that you all had a lovely break and are ready for another school year.

It really doesn't feel very autumnal at the moment! My usual letter about remembering jumpers, coats and wellies seems inappropriate. I am sure that whilst the weather is unseasonably warm, you will all be getting the suncream and hats back out.

This year, we are lucky to have Mrs Lock or Ms Darroch working with us for the mornings. Both are very familiar with the routines and curriculums of KS1 and EYFS and are already known to the children.

Just a few reminders for you:

- Our PE days are timetabled for this term on **Mondays** and **Wednesday**. However, we plan to do some shorter exercise sessions every day, so a pair of suitable shoes – plimsols or trainers - should always be available to avoid wear and tear on school shoes. We will have PE in the playground or Rectory Garden for the first half term, so please provide appropriate clothing for the weather. After half term, we will be using the Village Hall.
- Please could you make sure that all **uniform** items, **water bottles** and lunchboxes **are named**. Name tags and iron-on labels are great but just initials with a Sharpie-type pen would help us enormously in returning lost items to their owner.
- All **long hair must be tied up** whilst at school, and **no jewellery** to be worn please. If your child has ear piercings, these must be small, plain studs and not to be worn into school on P.E. days.
- A **raincoat** every day is vital – **wellies** too. We have waterproof trousers this year for each child, and it is our intention is to use our outdoor learning and play areas as much as possible – even if it is raining.
- Please continue to encourage your child to share books and **reading** material with you. We want to build a love of reading as well as an understanding of the power and essential role of words, in our everyday lives.
- **Fruit** is provided daily for all Phoenix Class. You are welcome to send in individual fruit for your child in addition to this. **Milk** is offered to the Reception children until they are five.



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Our KS1 topic this first term is **'Let's Explore the World'** – a geography theme comparing countries and key facts about the continents and oceans. Our curriculum is knowledge and skills based and to enhance their learning, your child will be given a **knowledge organiser** to share with you. The EYFS topic is **'Let's Explore'** which covers all areas of learning and has a strong focus on nature and habitats, linking well with the KS1 topic to enable all the children to learn together and share activities.

If you have anything you would like to ask or need to tell me, please either catch me at the door, email me, or telephone the office - and I will call you back as soon as I can. Alternatively, I will be available at the end of the day, in the playground.

Thank you for your support. Let's work together to take full advantage of the unique class that we have this year and make it a brilliant learning and growing experience for the children.

Fee Wells  
Phoenix Class Teacher



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