



# Sarratt CE Primary School Newsletter

5th September 2016

(Autumn Term - 1)

## Core value : RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Parents and Carers,

We extend a special welcome to all our new children and their families and our new staff, and we welcome back everyone else! We hope you all had a restorative and enjoyable summer break. School has been a hive of activity with work well underway to create our Hug Garden thanks to Emily Reid and her team of volunteers. New playground markings have been installed and new goalposts have finally arrived!

Our new term begins with a focus on our core value of **Responsibility** and each week this half-term we will be exploring different aspects of what it means to be Responsible.

Attached to this letter we have sent home this term's calendar of events to give you as much notice as possible of family sharing events on offer. Please note some important dates for your diary: our **Harvest Festival celebration on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** and our **Parent Consultation evenings on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. We have also now set our final INSET day and our occasional day. **School will be closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** and the **SPA Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

### Family events coming up soon..!

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2.45 pm - 'New families' tea party with Mrs Bremner.**

If your child has just joined Sarratt this term, we would like to invite you to come to school a little earlier on Friday afternoon this week to join us for a cup of tea. We hope this informal tea party will help break-the-ice for new families and we will be on hand to answer any questions or queries that you may have.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 am or Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30 pm - Year group information meetings for Parents in Years 1 to 6.**

Class teachers are hosting brief meetings to go through essential year group information with parents and there is a choice of two possible meetings, either first thing on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> or straight after school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. If it is not possible for you to attend either meeting, teachers will prepare a handout to send home. Each meeting will last no longer than 30 minutes. Reception class parents do not need to attend these meetings as Miss Stowe will host an information meeting later on this term when your children have had more time to settle into school.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 7.00 pm: Secondary Transfer Meeting**

Mrs Serby invites all Year 6 parents to join her so that she can explain the process of Secondary Transfer to you.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2.30 pm: Headteacher's tea party: Our new Cornerstones Curriculum and Homework – how is it for you?**

Mrs Bremner invites parents to join her for a tea party launch of our new Cornerstones Curriculum. These materials were kindly purchased by the SPA last term and we are now ready to share the curriculum topics with parents and explain about our new curriculum and our plans for this year. We also want to pick your brains about Homework as we begin a consultation to review what's working well and what we may change. We'd love to hear your views so please come along if you can.

## **ACTION REQUIRED!**

### **School meals**

Mrs Chrysanthou would like to remind parents to pre-book their preferences for school meals for this half-term. A copy of the letter sent out at the end of last term is attached explaining the new system. We realise that any new system can be challenging at first, but we believe in the long run that this system will simplify the ordering and payment for school meals for everyone, – so please give it a go!

### **DATA SHEETS**

Data collection sheets will be coming home this week and you should have received yours to check by Friday at the latest. It is very important that we hold accurate information about your child so please check these carefully and return them to the school office no later than the 16<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you for your cooperation with this important action.

### **Clubs**

Mrs Martin has been busy arranging after-school clubs and lunchtime clubs on offer this term – look out for the new timetable coming home tomorrow!

All clubs will start Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Please note that some clubs are booked via the school and others are run by external providers and booking for these clubs is directly with the provider concerned.

We politely ask that children attending school run clubs are encouraged to commit to regularly attending. If you have any queries about these, please speak to the teacher running the club for further information.

### **Medicine in school**

If your child has a medical condition or allergy that requires them to access medication during school hours e.g. asthma inhaler or epi-pens, please ensure that you return the form sent home this week along with the required medication as soon as possible. If your child's health needs have changed and they no longer require medication

please tell us so we can remove them from our list. If you have any queries please ask the office staff to alert Mrs Gregory and she will arrange to speak to you.

### **School Uniform**

The school is in the process of switching uniform supplier from DJ Uniforms to Mapac and in the short term there may be limited stock. If you would like second-hand uniform please contact Mrs Seraj Chair of the SPA, her email address is SPA.CHAIR@sarratt.herts.sch.uk

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Finally, we want to say a huge well done to Ethan W-H in Year 4. Last term he had the inspired idea of selling refreshments at our Sports Day to raise money for Cancer research. With help from his friends and family he raised an impressive £223.71! Well done Ethan!

**Pippa Bremner**  
Headteacher