



# Saltford Primary School

## Term 1 launch letter

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020



**WELCOME BACK** to the new academic year. I hope you have had a lovely summer. Here is our Launch Letter giving you a flavour of all that's happening this term. Newsletters will be back next week in the usual format, sent out each Thursday by email.

Please click [here](#) to see our poster that will remind you of the many ways we communicate with you.

Our website is up to date and you can find our term dates and calendar under the [Office section](#) (although some of our events may have to change because of Covid restrictions). Please note our swimming pool will not open during term one due to the challenges around pool running procedures. We will revisit the decision prior to the scheduled reopening of the pool in term four. Have a lovely rest of your week.

Mrs Sage

### NEWS

We have been looking forward to welcoming the children back to school and supporting them to reconnect with their learning and school. You have received the [operational plan for the school](#) and we are fully committed to ensuring the children are safe, happy and learning.

**Looking back:** While the period since March has been challenging for many of us both personally and professionally it is important we look back and reflect. Our children did us proud. They responded positively to home learning and when they were attending school or able to return to school they did so with enthusiasm. As parents, you took on the challenging task of home education alongside work and home commitments. We know it was a learning curve but it has had positive outcomes. As a school we worked in partnership with other settings and frequently reviewed and revised our provision.

**Our strategy for the autumn term:** At the beginning of the summer term and again last week we emailed you all the paperwork – sharing with you all the steps we were taking for the new term. We have worked hard to make adaptations to the physical environment and our timetable whilst considering the educational needs of the children. I appreciate there is a great deal to remember but everything we are sharing is relevant to the start of term and beyond.

**Well-being questionnaires:** Thank you very much to everyone who has responded to our questionnaire sent out at the end of the summer holiday (approximately three hundred responses). The information you provided was very helpful in planning for the immediate needs of the children. A key pattern from the majority of parents was the need for children to rebuild relationships and friendships and build their confidence. A key priority will be supporting mental and physical health.

During the summer holiday staff have been busy preparing the school for the new academic year. We have refurbished our music room inside and out (lessons are restarting in most instruments other than wind and voice, which will be done virtually instead) and also refurbished the exterior of the Wessex and Bug Room buildings.

Staff have posted initial information on the [class page](#) of the website. This will include a class letter with details of PE days and homework etc and a curriculum map of what your children are studying.

## THIS TERM WE WILL BE...

- Welcoming sixty new Reception children and children new to other year groups and their families into the school community.
- Electing a new School Council.
- Electing new House Captains and Vice House Captains.
- Carrying out socially distanced [tours](#) of the school in small groups (but not entering classrooms) for any new parents interested in September 2021 places.

Our [weekly newsletter](#) will provide updates and links to information on [our website](#). We will also continue to Tweet about life in our school [@SaltfordPrimary](#)

### Working on our new School Improvement Priorities by

- Continuing our 'Read to Achieve' project as our number one priority.
- Writing – building back up physical stamina through extended writing projects
- Maths – revisiting basic skills for number bonds and tables. Revisiting key concepts and regular reasoning focus sessions.
- Our Nature Matters week (w/b Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October) will build on our curriculum development work.
- Further building on our commitment to support the emotional health of our community. Support for children can be found [here on our well-being page](#). Support and sign posting for parents [is here](#).

## WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Without the support we have from our parents, we would not be able to achieve as much as we do.

**PTA:** for more information on how to get involved please click [here](#). The first PTA meeting will be held in the school hall on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

*Everyone is welcome.*

**Volunteer to help** on a regular basis in class, become a library volunteer, share your gardening skills and help to look after the Secret Garden or pond/wildlife area.

Please call 01225 872185 or email the school office at [contactus@saltfordschool.org.uk](mailto:contactus@saltfordschool.org.uk) if you can spare time to support the children or help all the children get the maximum benefit from our great resources.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

At Saltford School we offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. The clubs section of our website provides full details of all the clubs we offer. As you can imagine clubs were not able to run last term. However, now all year groups are returning to school some of our clubs will gradually resume albeit they will adapt their running procedures in light of the school operational plan. Please click [here](#) for full details and start dates of the clubs that are starting initially.

**Chuckles Before and After School Club** - All children who attend Saltford School are offered wrap around care provision. This means they have access to supervised before and after school care. This is run by [Tiddlers Day Nursery](#).

## OUR GOVERNORS

Being a school governor is extremely rewarding. You are an important part of the school community, making a real difference to how the school is run.

Please [find our more about our governors here](#) including information about each of our Governors.

Please [find our annual meeting plan for 20/21 here](#).

## ATTENDANCE

At Saltford we appreciate the important life skills of good attendance and punctuality.

Please read through this helpful new [quick guide to procedures for Covid-related absences](#) that we have put together as a school for staff and parents.

In the event of an outbreak of Covid-19, Saltford Primary School will work closely with Public Health England and the WMAT and agree any 'local lockdown' or quarantine procedures necessary and we shall communicate this appropriately. However, please note, we shall not disclose who has tested positive with symptoms. In the event of any school closure, we shall switch to our Virtual School and communicate accordingly.

# Staff overview for 2020/21

## TEACHING STAFF

Mrs Dawn Sage – Headteacher

PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) FOR DETAILS OF THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

<b>Class Teacher</b>	<b>Class Title</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Curriculum Responsibility</b>
Miss Elizabeth Davis	ED Bumblebee class	Reception (R)	Foundation Stage and Key Stage One Leader, Early Years, Early English and Maths
Miss Gemma Donovan	GD Butterfly class	Reception (R)	Science, PHSE & Citizenship
Miss Charlotte Evans	CE	Year 1	Computing
Mrs Ruth Hayden	RH	Year 1	Art, Music & Design Technology
Miss Natalie Jupp	NJ	Year 2	PE, PHSE & Citizenship
Mrs Maria Newark	MN	Year 2	History
Miss Charlotte Mulready	CM	Year 3	N/A
Mrs Elizabeth Spincer/ Miss Sheila Tang	ES/ST	Year 3	Deputy Headteacher & Assessment  Art, Music & Design Technology
Mr Robert Jenkins	RJ	Year 4	Religious Education
Mrs Patricia Nethercott	PN	Year 4	Lower Key Stage 2 Leader, Modern Foreign Languages, English & gifted and talented
Mr Jake Bowkett	JSB	Year 5	PE
Mr Andrew Boyle	AB	Year 5	Geography / Travel Plan
Mr Nathan Styles	NS	Year 6	English and Science
Mr Jonathan Godwin	JG	Year 6	Upper KS2 Leader & Maths
Mrs Gemma Godwin		Year 6	Inclusion Leader

Mrs Melissa Brook                      Teacher Part Time (PE)  
Miss Sophie Hansford is currently on maternity leave.

**Office Manager** - Mrs Jennifer Evans  
**Clerical Assistant** - Mrs Claire Rich  
**Administrative Assistant** - Mrs Louise Quick  
**Finance Manager** – Miss Frances Creevy  
**Communications Manager** – Ms Laura Stiles

**Teaching Assistants**

Mrs Maggie Arden	Mrs Bernadette Sewell
Mrs Jo Browne HLTA	Mrs Nina Whittaker
Mrs Andrea Hathaway HLTA	Mrs Emma Dixon
Mrs Rebekah Perrett-Ford HLTA	Miss Sarah Harding
Mrs Fiona Smith	Mrs Micol Hoyle
Mrs Emma Willett	Mrs Alison Williams
Mrs Cheryl Knight	Mrs Julie May
Mrs Karis Newbury	Mrs Kirstie Bowerman
Mrs Debbie Parfrey HLTA	Mrs Emma Warren
Mrs Pippa Saunders	Mrs Elizabeth Carter
Mrs Lia Lewis	

**Caretaker**

Mr Andrew Beckett

**School Meals Supervisory Assistants**

Mrs Sally Commane	Mrs Ruth Harding
Mrs Ali Williams	Miss Sarah Harding
Mrs Natalie Gammon	Mrs Louise Partridge
Mrs Corenna Jennings	Mrs Pippa Saunders
Mr Harry Kidd	Mrs Elizabeth Carter
Mrs Amelie Bleakley	Mrs Calogera Brucculeri
Mrs Justine Larkham	Mrs Michol Hoyle
Mrs Lucy Gilmour	Mrs Emma Willett
Ms Alison Pyle	Mrs Emma Dixon
	Mrs Michelle Weldon

**Zest Catering Services**

Ms Lynne Portlock	Mrs Lisa Ford
Miss Shane Hope	Mrs Candy Jenkins
Ms Olivia Macke	