



ST. ALDHELM'S VA CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL
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ST. ALDHELM'S NEWS

September 2019

Dear Parents

It is fantastic to be able to share the wonderful start the children have made to this academic year. All classes have settled into routines well, already made good relationships with their class teachers and covered a lot of learning already. Our new Reception children have settled into 'big school' very well and very much feel a part of our school community. See [page 2](#) for our new class pictures.

This term children have explored the topic 'What Makes Me, the Me I Am?', an e-safety week and begun their author study. This week children have enjoyed our first Maths Problem Solving Day this year. The focus was on finding many possibilities with bipods and tripods. Children used a variety of different investigation skills and systems to explore. A follow-up will be included in our next newsletter.

We welcome parents to school this month on Friday 4th for Parent Voice at 9am, on 11th October for our first Celebration Worship this year and at church for the Harvest Service on Tuesday 15th October. We are hoping this year that we will be able to offer a harvest contribution and will gratefully receive harvest donations on the day. This will in turn be gratefully received by a local Shepton charity – see [page 5](#) for ideas of harvest gifts.

Next week parents will be able to come to office reception and sign up for a Parent Consultation appointment with their class teacher. This is a really important time to have a 1:1 conversation about your child; how they have settled in, strengths they are already showing and areas identified that may need support both in school and at home.

Kind regards
Mrs P Cohen
Headteacher

Term 1

- 04.10.19 Parent Voice 9-9:45am
- 10.10.19 PaddleBoat Theatre Performance for children during the afternoon
YR Reading Meeting for Parents 3:30pm
- 11.10.19 Friends of St Aldhelm's PTA AGM 2pm
Celebration Worship 2:30pm
- 15.10.19 Harvest Service 9:30am
St Aldhelm's Church, led by Y1 & Y4
Y3 Visit to Doultong Quarry
- 16.10.19 Christmas Card designs must be bought into school – deadline today!**
- 17.10.19 Outdoor Learning Day
- 21.10.19 Parent Consultations 3:30-6:30pm
- 24.10.19 Parent Consultations 3:30-6pm
- 24.10.19 End of Term 1
- 25.10.19 INSET DAY**

Term 2

- 04.11.19 Back to school
- 05.11.19 Tallulah Swirls Theatre Company workshops for Year 1-5
- 06.11.19 Maths Problem Solving Day
MumbleCrust Theatre Performance for Year 6 at St Paul's
- 11.11.19 Anti-Bullying Week
- 13.11.19 Open Day 9:30-11am & 2-3pm
- 28.11.19 Dance Festival at Whitstone School for a group of Year 2 and Year 5 children
- 29.11.19 Celebration Worship 2:30pm
- 11.12.19 Y1&2 Christmas Performance 2:30pm
- 12.12.19 Y1&2 Christmas Performance 5:30pm
- 13.12.19 Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Fair
- 16.12.19 Christmas Craft Day
- 17.12.19 Christmas Service 9:30am – St Aldhelm's Church, led by YR & Y5;
Christmas Lunch
- 19.12.19 Celebration Worship
- 20.12.19 Class Christmas Parties
End of Term 2



YEAR 3
OWLS

YEAR 4
FINCHES



YEAR 5
WOOD-
PECKERS

YEAR 6
BLACK-
BIRDS



St. Aldhelm's Open Day 2019

Our school will be holding an **Open Day on Wednesday 13th November for prospective parents**. We will be welcoming parents and their children to come and see our school in action. Anyone with a preschool child will be making their decision about where they send their child to school next September. This decision has to be made and an application submitted to Somerset County Council by **January 15th 2020**. We really advise visiting to see the school facilities, the opportunities on offer at St Aldhelm's and most importantly the children who already attend the school. Children will be providing tours around the school, staff will be on hand to answer any questions and refreshments will be provided. We also have some vacancies in some of our classes and welcome any in-year applications. Please do share the date with any friends and family who are viewing schools for their children.

For first time applications visit: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/> for more information or contact the school office on 01749 880376.

Job Vacancies at St Aldhelm's

St. Aldhelm's VA Church Primary School
Chelynch Park, Doulling, Somerset BA4 4PL
Telephone: 01749 880376

Caretaker/Handyworker

Required: As soon as possible

Hours: 20 hours per week – permanent, term time only

Every day from 7.30am – 9.30am and 4.00pm – 6.00pm (4 hours per day) Salary: £9.93 per hour

Closing date for applications: 14th October 2019 at 9.00am.

Interviews 16th October 2019.

We are looking to recruit a caretaker/handyworker. The ideal candidate will have practical DIY skills. Main responsibilities: open and lock up of school premises as registered key holder; identify repairs, carry out daily maintenance, complete various safety checks, liaise with contractors. Uniform and training provided.

St Aldhelm's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. This post is subject to a satisfactory DBS check, medical check and references.

Application form and job description can be downloaded from our website: www.staldhelms.co.uk or contact the school office via email staldhelmsoffice@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Midday Supervisor x 2

We are looking for a friendly, energetic and enthusiastic team player to work from 11.50 a.m. to 1.40 p.m. Monday to Friday term time only.

Hours: 9 hours 10 mins per week term time

Start: ASAP

Grade: £9.18 per hour

Please apply by using a SCC application located on our school website www.staldhelms.co.uk under school information, current vacancies. For a full job advert or to discuss information relating to the vacancy, please see Mrs Liz Barton, School Business Manager or call the school office.

Closing date for applications: Friday 4th October at 9.00am

Harvest Festival Food Contributions:



St Aldhelm's Cleaners

We all wish to thank Niki Barber, who has cleaned at St Aldhelm's for the past few months. We thank her for her hard work and wish her well in her new managerial role!

We are delighted to have appointed a new cleaner, Annette Baker, who already works at school as a Learning Support Assistant. She starts next week and joins Georgie Cullen to make the team that clean and care for our school and make our environment ready for everyone each day. Thank you!



We are delighted that Hill and Hill Ltd are now taking care of our school grounds and are pleased that much needed maintenance has been taken care of following the summer.

We also wish to thank: Elaine Jeffery for helping with two runs to the tip to clear some unwanted items, Mr and Mrs Adams for painting and staff for cleaning during the summer– this really was much appreciated. Thank you ☺



St. Aldhelm's Church News

Next Messy Church

Sunday 6th October 2019, 4 – 6 pm at St. Aldhelm's Church
This is an event for parents, carers and children of all ages.

Do come along and join us!

All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

A contribution for the pot would be much appreciated but is in no way obligatory.

If you would like to come or would like more details, please contact Janice Minchin by Friday 4th October on 01749 880627



Harvest Home

Sunday 19th October 2019 at 6:30pm

In Doultling Village Hall

Three Course Meal with Entertainment & Licensed Bar

Adults £8 Children £4

Tickets from John Lees Tel: 01749 880260

Proceeds in aid of Doultling Church Funds

