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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support over the last term, we really appreciated all the wonderful Narnia costumes and chocolate donations which helped raise a lot of money for our class budgets. We will be using this to directly benefit your children over the year.

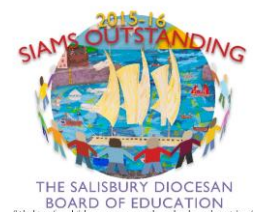
This term, it's getting gruesome! Our topic is entitled, "Trust me, I'm a doctor" and we will be learning about the History of Medicine. Please see our topic web for more details. We would like to involve some medical professionals in the topic so if you have any expertise or contacts, please let us know.

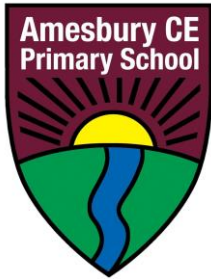
Hopefully, you will be aware of the BLP (Building Learning Power) approach that we are using in school. This term, our focus is Relationships. We encourage you to talk to your child about how they can have positive relationships with others.

School Uniform

We have noticed a few changes from the required school uniform. In particular, shoes are an issue as they must be black. Please see the table below.

Boys	Girls	PE
White shirt Grey/black school trousers/shorts Maroon sweatshirt with school logo* Black school shoes School Tie	White blouse Grey/black skirt/pinafore/school trousers OR Red/white checked school summer dress Maroon sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo* Black school shoes School Tie	Maroon Polo Shirt T-shirt with school logo* Plain navy short/games skirt – not cycling shorts Plain navy jogging bottoms Black plimsoles (daps) for indoor PE Trainers for outdoor PE Drawstring bag – large sports bags are not permitted Spare Socks (They get wet) Hair band (long hair should be tied up) 'Sticky' socks (which have grips on the bottom can be worn for those pupils who do not like being bare foot.)





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### Requests to consider

- Some children appear to be tired when arriving in school, which is affecting their learning and interactions with other children. Did you know that the NHS recommends 9 to 10 hours a night?
- It is a requirement on the Year 6 papers that children be able to write their full name and date of birth. Some children are currently unable to do this. Whilst we all tend to hide our middle names, please help your child to write them when required.
- Remember to keep those break time snacks healthy and leave the nuts at home.

### Changes to staffing in Year 6

- Mrs Thomson will be joining the Year 6 team in the afternoons. She has a wealth of experience in supporting children with their learning and she will be working with different groups of pupils.
- Mrs Pegman will be teaching Art to Avebury class (previously covered by Mrs Moncrieff).
- Miss Goddard will be covering Mr Crabtree's release time on Thursdays and Fridays. She is an experienced teacher and replaces Mrs Sivyler in the role.

### The Hundred Word Challenge

Is your child using the same old vocabulary? Do they resort to text speak #lol? Well then, this is the challenge for them. By Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February (the penultimate week of term), your child needs to submit 100 new words to be in with a chance of winning a mystery prize. We will be looking for ingenuity, application and retention. We wish to be flabbergasted.

### Dates for your diary

Date	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to school
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Whole School Pause Day – History
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Pause Day – Internet Safety
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	SATs Talk 6 to 6:30 pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term

Yours sincerely,

Miss Buck and Mr Crabtree

