

# Old Sarum Primary School



**“Pupils enjoy learning and say that lessons are challenging and fun. A typical comment made by a pupil was that ‘the best thing about our school is the teachers’.”**

**- Ofsted Report 2017**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of our staff and governors, I would like to welcome you to our happy community school. It is our vision to inspire excellence in every member of our school community. We value and nurture our core values of trust, care and respect so that every child can thrive and achieve success. We offer high quality teaching and support for every child. Our curriculum is enjoyable, challenging and inclusive.

Ofsted rate our school “Good” (October 2017) in every respect including leadership and management, standards of teaching, pupils’ achievements and pupil behaviour.

We are housed in a stunningly well-designed building that is beautifully furnished and equipped. We opened in 2011 and have since added a fantastic extension in 2017. This is an exciting time for Old Sarum as our numbers on roll continue to grow.

*‘Emotional Literacy’* is at the heart of our school’s ethos. We believe all children should feel happy, valued and secure. This will pave the way for their success as lifelong learners and ensure good standards of behaviour and achievement.

All members of the school share a real sense of unity and commitment to serve our growing community and welcome opportunities to work with other groups from within it. We are very proud of all we have achieved.

We look forward to getting to know your child and making them an important part of our successful community school.

Mr John Jones BA (Hons) PGCE. MSc. NPQH  
Headteacher

## Contact Us

If you wish to contact the school or make an appointment to visit, please phone **01722 410677** between 8:30am and 4.30pm on school days or e-mail [admin@oldsarum.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oldsarum.wilts.sch.uk)

**Open Days** for those looking at joining **Reception in Sep 2019** are:

- 0930 - Monday 8th Oct 18
- 1330 - Thursday 18th Oct 18
- 0930 - Monday 3rd Dec 18

# Inspiring Excellence

## Our Core Values

- **Trust** – understanding and meeting the needs of individuals to encourage independence, honesty and team work.
- **Care** – for the whole child within a safe and nurturing environment.
- **Respect** – to create an environment which champions equality and respect for our families, our school and the wider community.

## Our Visions and Objectives

At Old Sarum Primary School we believe that pupils should be helped to become:

- Happy, polite and well-behaved children who are kind to other people, even when they are different.
- Confident and successful learners so that they can all achieve as highly as possible, especially in reading, writing and mathematics.
- Knowledgeable investigators of the world they live in, what has happened in the past and preparing for the future in Britain and the world.
- Good citizens in their school, local and global communities who help others whenever possible.



## Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher  
Deputy Headteacher  
Chair of Governors

Mr John Jones  
Mrs Lizzie Fletcher  
Mrs Jacqui Goodall

## Admissions

Applications to join the school should be made through Wiltshire Local Authority and an application form can be accessed [here](#) or a copy can be obtained from the school office. As a community school our Admissions Policy is set by the Local Authority. The policy is available to view on our school website.

## Facilities



We are proud of our buildings and grounds which have been finished to the highest design standards. The school has two classes for each year group, a design technology room and a studio room in the KS2 building. Learning areas are spacious, bright and cheerful, lit naturally with sun tunnels that enhance the light in each classroom. The school has a large hall that is well equipped for gymnastics and school productions. We have an expansive library open to all staff and pupils daily.



Our school grounds are attractive and well planted. The school has two junior football pitches and two netball courts. We have worked in conjunction with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the Parish Council to create a community garden. Reception classes have access to an attractive enclosed all-weather outdoor learning area. The school has excellent ICT resources, making use of Wi-Fi throughout the building enabling modern technology to be brought into every child's learning. The school has digital projectors and interactive capability in all classrooms and the school hall.

## Old Sarum Challenge

We believe that learning should be fun! Every child in our school takes part in the Old Sarum Challenge. Each year group are given three challenges to complete in six categories, which are linked to their learning inside and outside school. This ensures each year every child experiences exciting school visits, interesting projects and visits into school by stimulating guest speakers and authors.

Children join a house team and receive team points for great learning and behaviour. At the end of the week they take part in 'golden time' learning activities as a reward for good learning. Every week we hold a 'Celebration Assembly' to award 'Learner of the Week' certificates and a team point cup.

We achieve high standards of attainment through a clear focus on teaching skills and a curriculum designed for the needs of our children. Our aim is to develop thinking skills, problem solving and creativity for every pupil. We want learning to be enjoyable and challenging so that every child leaves us ready to thrive in the next phase of their learning journey.

## Special Educational Needs

Old Sarum Primary encourages the participation and inclusion of all children and, in accordance with our Equality Policy; this includes those with special educational needs. The school can draw upon the help of our Special Needs Coordinator, the support and expertise of the Special Needs Support Team, other agencies and other schools within the local area. The school works in partnership with parents recognising that parents play a key role in the education of their children. We keep parents informed and involved.

Governors report to parents on the implications of the school's policy for pupils with special educational needs in the Annual Report to Parents. The school environment is designed to be accessible to all. If you wish to speak to our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCO) please contact Mrs Katy Butler.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

Each term we offer a full range of extra-curricular activities including sports and music. The programme will depend on the time of the year and staffing. Examples of some the activities we have offered in the past include – sports with Chelsea Football Club, fencing and archery with Premier Sports, netball club, dance with a qualified external teacher, a Mathematics club, lunchtime choir, piano lessons, computing club and Rugby Tots sessions.


## Competitive Sports and Swimming

All pupils take part in inter-house competitive sports competitions throughout the year. We are active participants in inter-school tournaments and matches. We send teams to compete in the local football, netball, rugby, boccia, hockey, cricket, gymnastics, orienteering and athletics competitions. Every class takes part in two PE lessons per week. One PE lesson will cover skills and is usually taken indoors. The second will cover competitive sports and will be taken outdoors unless the weather does not permit this.

Swimming takes place at a local leisure centre in the summer term for the Year 3 class.

## Communication

The school uses many highly effective systems to communicate information:

- Weekly newsletters published on the School mobile phone app  **School Jotter**. Follow the link and download free from iTunes/Google Play.
- [School Website](#)
- School Facebook page.
- Parent Teacher Consultations.
- Invitation to make appointments with teachers following publication of School Reports.
- Email: [head@oldsarum.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:head@oldsarum.wilts.sch.uk) or [admin@oldsarum.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oldsarum.wilts.sch.uk)
- Open Afternoons. Parents are invited to view children's work, school displays etc.
- Parent Questionnaires and Surveys.
- Communication by text.
- Curriculum Information Evenings.
- Headteacher available in playground at start and end of the day.

