

All Saints Church of England Primary School

October 2018

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

This half term is flying by and we are well on our way to the half term break. The children have all settled back into school life well and are working very hard.

This half term we have introduced a new times table programme for the Key Stage 2 children and they will be bringing home login details, so they can also play the games at home. With regular practice both in and out of school their recall of these facts will greatly improve and benefit them for the future.

This new style newsletter has been written by staff and pupils and is intended to keep you up to date with everything going on in school.

Thank you for all your support this half term.

Best wishes

Mrs Tuttle

Acting Headteacher



Twitter

We now have a school Twitter account where we will be posting about exciting events that take place in school. If you would like to follow us our account is: @All_SaintsCofE



Non Uniform day

Books for our library

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Monday 8th October. We would like to raise money for our new library area. The money raised will be used to purchase some more non-fiction books to help the children research topics they are covering in class. We will be charging £1.00 for the children to come in their own clothes for the day.

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather as they will still be playing outside at break and lunchtime.

Please ensure your child brings a coat, named, to school every day now the weather is getting colder.

School Photographs

On Tuesday 9th October we will have a photographer in school. They will be taking individual photographs of each of the children. They will also be taking photos of sibling groups. You will then have the opportunity to purchase these.

Please ensure that the children are in school uniform and are looking smart when you send them to school in the morning. We will then do our best to keep them tidy so get some lovely pictures.

Parents Evening

Parents' Evenings will be taking place for children in Reception and Year 1 to 5 on Tuesday 30th October and Thursday 1st November. Letters will be going out before half term for you to select a time slot.

Year 6 will be having their parents' evenings on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th November. More information about these will come out to you after half term.

Keeping our Country tidy

On Monday 24th October Class Elmer walked to Brocks Hill in Oadby. Elmer met a lovely Park Ranger called Jamie; she was great. We joined her at Brocks Hill to do some litter picking. Jamie was kind, thought-provoking, educational and supportive to class Elmer. The kids had a great time and were enthusiastic about cleaning their local community and a park that they like to use. "We've made it so clean and tidy!" said one child, "I can't believe how much litter there is, it's yucky!" said another, and finally one Elmer student said, "It's not safe for the animals, they might eat the rubbish and get poorly or even die!" The children had a great time and a very important message about littering was spread.

Elmer say – Don't litter, find a bin!

Application for First-time Admission to Secondary School 2018

All Year 6 parents need to apply to County Hall for a secondary school place for their child. If your child is currently in Year 6 years the closing date for applications is **31st October 2018**.

Parents are encouraged to apply online at www.leics.gov.uk/admissions where you will find an online application form and guidance notes. This is quick and easy and an emailed receipt is sent so you can be sure the application has gone through. For more information, contact School Admissions on 0116 3056684 or email: admissions@leics.gov.uk N.B. Applications received after the closing date will be dealt with after those received on time; if the closing date is not met it may not be possible to offer your child a place at their local school if all available places have been filled.

All Saints – All Active

20 minutes a day of extra physical activity! At All Saints we are an Active School; every child participates in amazing PE lessons twice a week, has the opportunity to do a lunch time PE session once a week and have the chance to do breakfast and after-school clubs. On top of all this we are now doing 20 minutes of extra physical activity a day. All the research shows how important exercise is for your child's health and learning. Ask your children all about this and encourage them to get involved – you may hear them talking about GoNoodle, the daily mile or even Yoga.

Cross Country

Straight back to competitive sport for All Saints – our cross-country squad visited Wigston Academy last Thursday and did us all proud. Every runner tried their very best and showed true resilience. We had a lot of athletes get new PB's (personal bests), which is fantastic. If you are in KS2 and would like to get involved then Mr Read will be starting a new Cross Country after-school club very soon, so look out for this.

Mr Dandolo

Emotion Coaching at All Saints

This year at All Saints, we have introduced a new method of behaviour management, called 'Emotion Coaching'. It is actually more akin to behaviour regulation than management as the end goal is the help children to regulate their emotions by themselves.

Based on research by American Psychologist John Gottman, Emotion Coaching uses moments of heightened emotion and resulting behaviour to guide and teach the child about more effective responses. Through empathetic engagement the child's emotional state is verbally acknowledged and validated, promoting a sense of security and feeling understood. This activates changes in the child's neurological system and allows the child to calm down, both physiologically and psychologically.

Inappropriate behaviours are not condoned in Emotion Coaching and when the child is calmer, incidents are discussed in a more rational and productive manner. Moves are made to problem solve and engage in solution-focussed strategies.

Emotion Coaching works through these five steps:

1. Be aware of the child's emotions
2. Recognise the emotion as an opportunity to teach
3. Listen empathetically to the child and validate the emotion
4. Label the emotion and help them to understand what they are feeling
5. Set limits on behaviour

We would like to invite you to an introduction to emotion coaching on Friday 26th October at 2.00pm before our Harvest Supper. We hope you will join us to find out more about this approach and how it can support your children.

Mr Read

Uniform

As mentioned in the last newsletter we are very keen for children to be wearing the correct school uniform. There have been a number of children coming to school in joggers, sweatshirts with logos on the front and in some cases no uniform at all.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform for school. As the weather gets colder they can wear a school jumper or cardigan with or without a logo. Please do not send them in a different colour or styled top.

As the weather is getting colder and wetter it is vital that your child brings a warm coat to school for break and lunchtime. Please ensure that this is named as many coats are very similar if not the same and it is difficult to reunite them with their owner without a name.
Thank you



Pre-school

It has been a busy start to our new term. The children are choosing their own interests and topics and we are following their lead. These have included an ice cream shop, walking in the jungle and fire engines.

Pre-school have also been involved in a photo shoot for a local play equipment company, Red Monkey, and we in return have received some lovely new equipment including a new water table and pump. A big thank you to them for supporting us.

Over the next few weeks we will be exploring Autumn.

Please contact us if you require a place within our setting. Application forms are available from Pre-school.

Mrs Thompson

School Council

This year the school council will be busy sharing their ideas and supporting the SLT and Governors with development across the school. Their first job this year was to meet with Mrs Green, our Chair of Governors to describe what qualities they would like their new headteacher to have. These suggestions will be used in the application given out to potential candidates. They will also take part in the interview process meeting the candidates and advising the panel on which candidate they feel would be right as the next headteacher of All Saints.

This year's school councillors are:

Class Lineker: Sophie Cross and Vijay Vinod.

Class Cavell: Jaiden Hurst and Leah Cooper

Class Mandela: Ryleigh Hurst and Brodie Rayne Limbert Bennett

Class JK Rowling: Arron Burton Bennett and Millie-Ann Lang

Class Parks: Logan Preece and Niyah Thomas White

Class Dahl: Hugo Harding and Erica Wiltshire Ross.

Class Elmer: Cameron Atton and Sophie Lavocah

Class Handa: Ryan Brown and Libby Pedzeni.

Footsteps: Euan Fullerton.

Pupil Reports

Girls Football Team Tournament

By Theo Burrows Year 6, Class Lineker

Yesterday at 3:15pm I went to Wigston Academy with the All Saints Girls Football Team to watch them play in a tournament to decide which team will represent Oadby and Wigston. In the end, our team won on penalties, not conceding a single goal in any of the matches and were chosen to represent our borough. Although everyone in the team played well, if I had to pick one person I would have to pick Chloe Dalby because she was running up and down the pitch, box to box and I think without her they wouldn't have got as far as they did. Overall I think the whole team played very well and can go on to win other things like the League cup. Congratulations to the team and good luck for the future.

Year 6 Super Science

By Kelsea Thompson and Sophie Cross, Class Lineker

Science is FUN!!!

On 18th September 2018 a group of Year 6 students went to Wigston Academy to become Scientists. First they made rainbows in test tubes by following instructions. Second a few students set fire to gas bubbles and made a huge flame. Lastly they did experiments to find out which two chemicals made the best hand warmer.

I was not expecting a big flame when I touched the bubbles with fire – Sophie

My favourite was the fire – Hollie

I liked taking the temperature of the chemicals - Zuzanna

Attendance

Every Minute Counts

As a school we are really working on our attendance. At this point in the year our attendance is starting to slip below our target. It is really important that children are in school and arriving on time. Lateness can have a big impact on a child's progress and learning.

It is important that medical appointments are not taken during school hours unless it is an emergency. If your child has an emergency medical appointment they will be able to attend but siblings will not be authorised to leave with them. If you are worried about being back at school in time for the end of the day any siblings can be booked into Cool Saints. You will be asked to provide evidence of medical appointments

A polite reminder that holidays in term will not be authorised for any reason. If you need to take your child out of school for a day or more a holiday request form needs to be completed, with evidence of your holiday booking. This will then be filed with your child's records but their absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Percentage	Lessons Missed Each Year	Days Missed
95%	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!
Percentage based on 190 academic days



ParentPay

As you will be aware we have now changed our internet-based payment system to Parentpay. Please do not pay using School money anymore. You should have received a login to access your own payment page. If you are having any difficulties with Parentpay please ask a member of the office staff for support.

As we have moved to an academy and changed to Parentpay we need to ensure that payments are made on time. To ensure that payments are not able to mount up we will be imposing a credit limit on school dinners. If a debt of £22.00 is accrued your child will not be able to have school dinners until the debt is paid, they will need to bring a packed lunch. The school office will keep you informed of any debts and support you with a payment plan, should one be needed.



Harvest Festival

You are all invited to attend All Saints Church on Friday 12th October at 1.30pm for our Harvest Festival. This year it is being organised and led by Class Mandela. All classes will take part in the service and we would love to see parents there. During the service we will be having a silver collection for the children and families affected by the Tsunami in Indonesia

On Friday 26th October we will be holding our annual Harvest Supper. The children will be creating the supper themselves and look forward to sharing it with you. We would like to invite you to join us at 2.30pm following the Emotion Coaching parents' workshop.

Dates for your diary

October

Thursday 4th – KS2 Cross Country at WAT

Monday 8th – Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday 9th – Individual and Sibling Photos

Friday 12th - 1.30pm Harvest Festival

Monday 15th to Friday 19th – Half Term

Friday 26th – 2.00pm Emotion Coaching Introduction

2.30pm Harvest Supper

Tuesday 30th - Parents Evening

Wednesday 31st – Closing date for Secondary Applications

November

Thursday 1st – Parents Evening

Tuesday 6th – Bonfire Disco

Year 6 Parents Evening

Thursday 8th – Year 6 Parents Evening

Friday 9th – Dahl Remembrance Class Collective Worship

Tuesday 13th – Footsteps Official opening

Friday 16th – Children in Need

Friday 30th – Non-Uniform Day

December

Monday 3rd – Parks Christingle Class Collective Worship

Thursday 6th – Christmas Fair

Monday 10th to Friday 14th – KS1 Christmas Performances

Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th – Christmas Parties

Friday 21st – EYFS Nativity in Church

Monday 24th to Monday 7th January – Christmas Break

January

Tuesday 8th – Children return to school.