



All Saints C.E Primary School September 2020 Newsletter



Welcome back to our children and families – we've missed you!!

I would like to say "Welcome back" to all the children after what has been a challenging few months. It was lovely to see so many of the children come into school with huge smiles on their faces. Although some people were perhaps feeling apprehensive about the return to school, the atmosphere in and around school has remained calm. The children have missed a full term of schooling, but plans are in place to make up for the loss of learning whilst ensuring the children's experience of school remains positive.

A very warm welcome to all our new children in the Nursery and Reception classes. The children have done brilliantly at saying goodbye to their parents at the door and coming into school on their own. In the Nursery, they have been able to enjoy a short stay and play session with parents before coming in for some sessions on their own.

Welcome to new staff

I would like to welcome our new members of staff to the school. Ms Gallagher is the Nursery teacher and EYFS Manager; Ms Evans is the Reception class teacher and SENDCo; and Mrs Seth is the Year 6 teacher and Assessment Manager. All three members have joined All Saints as part of the Senior Leadership Team.

Start and end times of the day

I would like to say 'Thank you' to parents for your cooperation and patience in following the procedures we have put in place at the start and end of the school day. When on school premises everyone appears to be adhering to these measures and I am very appreciative that everyone is following the one-way system down the side of school when necessary. I also want to say thank you to parents for respecting our restrictions on not allowing anyone to enter school with their child.

Covid-19

We want to make the return to school for all the children to be a positive experience. However, it is important that we do what we can to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. Whilst the children are able to sit next to one another in classrooms and play together outside, we have continued to encourage them to be as hygienic as possible. All pupils use hand sanitiser before entering school. They wash their hands regularly throughout the day and also before snack, lunch and after going to the toilet.



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At school, we ensure that toilets and door handles/plates are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected regularly. All classrooms are equipped with tissues, hand sanitiser, anti-bacterial wipes and spray to ensure tables and equipment are kept clean. Staff encourage children to have good hand hygiene and follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

We would be grateful if you would reinforce good hygiene practice with your children at home too.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast and After School clubs have commenced again this week.

The Breakfast Club is open from 8.00am every morning. Children attending the Breakfast Club must arrive between 8.00 and 8.15am. Attendance is free but we ask that all children buy something to eat. Costs for food are very low - between 10p and 30p per item.

The All Saints "After School Club" is also available between 3.00pm and 5.45pm. The children take part in a variety of activities and are given a snack.

To help staff with the planning and organisation can parents please contact the school office to book your child in if you wish to make use of either of these services.

Mrs Judy Allman

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that Mrs Allman passed away at the end of August. She had been battling with cancer for a number of years.

Mrs Allman was a remarkable woman and "outstanding" teacher who touched the lives of all of the children that she taught.

She spent all her teaching career at All Saints and retired 13 years ago after 38 years of service.

Our thoughts are with her husband and two sons at this very sad and difficult time.

Attendance and punctuality

It is now even more important that children attend school regularly and are on time. They have already missed a whole term of learning and it is vital that they are given the chance to catch up as quickly as possible.

As previously, we will be following up all absences. We would appreciate a phone call to explain any illnesses - especially if children are displaying any COVID-19 symptoms.

Assemblies

Due to the current situation and Government guidelines for Covid-19, there will be no assemblies taking place in school. Unfortunately, this means that parents will not be able to attend any 'Well Done' or 'Celebration' assemblies. However, we are going to look into setting up a weekly Well Done assembly via Zoom with all the classes. If this proves to be successful, we will try to invite parents to join us virtually.



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Information for parents

In previous years, we have held an Information for Parents Evening in September to give parents the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and find out about class systems and routines. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions we have had to put in place we will not be able to go ahead with this event.

To ensure parents are still able to receive key information about their child's class we will be sending out an information sheet in addition to the curriculum overview for this term on Friday 18th September. We hope that parents find this helpful.

Term Dates for this academic year (2020-21)

Attached is the final term dates for this year. Please note the change to the final week of term and that there are still two further Inservice days yet to be scheduled during the year.

Dates for your diary

September	
Friday 25 th	Macmillan Coffee Morning/Day for the children
October	
w/b Monday 5 th	Pupil Learning Review Meetings with parents – Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 <i>Details to follow but due to the current restrictions these will take place via a phone call</i>
Wednesday 7 th	Individual and Family photographs
w/b 12 th	Pupil Learning Review Meetings with parents – Key Stage 2 <i>Details to follow but due to the current restrictions these will take place via a phone call</i>
w/b Monday 19 th	Black History Week
Friday 23rd	Flu Nasal Vaccination (pm) School closes for half term
November	
Monday 2 nd	School reopens

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