



All Saints C.E Primary School

September 2021 Newsletter



Welcome back to our children and families

I would like to say “Welcome back” to all the children and I hope that everyone has been able to enjoy the summer break.

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.

Covid-19

We want to strive to make the return to school for all the children to be a positive experience. However, it is important that we continue to do what we can to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Whilst national guidance from the 19th July 2021 (updated 17th August 2021) removed many of the system of controls for educational settings, schools in Stockport received additional communication from the Local Authority advising that we will need to consider which measures to continue or strengthen to ensure that the spread of Covid-19 continues to be minimised.

At All Saints we will be continuing to keep the following measures in place:

- Pupils will be asked to use hand sanitiser before entering school
- Pupils will wash their hands regularly throughout the day, particularly on entering the school from outside as well as after going to the toilet
- We will 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 will 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.

In addition to the measures we continue to have in place in school, it is important that we have the support from parents/carers too.

Please may I ask parents and carers to:

- Adhere to social distancing guidance when waiting outside at the beginning and end of the school day
 - Follow the one way system down the side of school (next to the railway line)
 - Ensure your child has a jumper/cardigan or school fleece in school.
- Although the school continues to be heated, windows and skylights are open to allow for adequate ventilation

Thank you for your continued support with this matter.



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Attendance and punctuality

It continues to be extremely important that children attend school regularly and are on time. The pandemic has had a significant effect on children's learning across the country over the last couple of academic years. I came across a quote over the holidays which really struck a chord with me:

“For all children who are going into Year 3 in September, the last full year of schooling they received was when they were in Reception class. For all children going into Year 6 in September, their last full year of schooling was when they were in Year 3.”

It is of course, the same for children in all year groups and I am sure you will agree with me, that this powerful quote really brings home just how much learning they have missed since the start of the pandemic. Therefore, it is even more important that the children are in school and arrive promptly for the start of the school day to ensure their learning opportunities are maximised.

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.

Homework

Helping with homework is an important area where parents can support their children's learning and comes in a variety of forms.

- Children have a reading book each week - when you are hearing your child read, it is far better to do short spells (10-15 minutes each day) and often (every day) rather than trying to get them to sit for a long time once or twice a week.
- Children have spellings to learn each week.
- They also need to practise their Multiplication Tables and other Mental Maths skills.
- Staff will also provide additional pieces of homework to be completed at home.

If all parents could take the time to support their child with their homework, reading and spellings and encourage them to do their best at school it would make a huge difference.

If you are unsure about how to help please talk to your child's teacher who will be more than happy to help.

All children are expected to complete homework in time. If pupils fail to complete homework, they will be required to complete it either during their break/lunch time or Golden Time. If a pupil regularly fails to complete homework, teachers will contact parents/carers.

School Uniform

The children all looked smart in their school uniform on the first day back. Thank you for your support in this area but please would you all ensure that your child has their name in **EVERY** item of clothing.

May I also remind you that your child needs to have their P.E kit in school at all times. This should be a pair of navy/black shorts and a plain white t-shirt. This kit only needs to go home at the end of each half term to be washed.

For Key Stage 2 Games on a Wednesday afternoon the children need to wear suitable outdoor clothes such as jogging pants, warm tops and trainers. They need to remember to bring these each week. If a child does not have their kit in school then they will not be able to take part in the lesson and will be given some work to complete in class.



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Holidays taken during term time

As you are aware, the law is very clear - a school may only authorise up to 10 days leave of absence in a school year in exceptional circumstances. I'm afraid I cannot use the reason of "a holiday already booked" to authorise any absence.

I completely understand why parents wish to book when the prices are cheaper than during the holidays. I wish that I could accommodate these types of requests but, unfortunately, I cannot.

It is far more important to remember that any time off school is likely to have a detrimental effect upon your child's attainment. This is even more so given the amount of schooling children have had to miss due to Covid-19.

Finally, the school is required to complete attendance returns and the Local Authority may fine parents that take unauthorised holidays.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

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 this service.

Information for parents

To ensure parents receive key information about their child's class we will be sending out an information sheet on Friday 10th September - some parents may have already received this for their child's class.

The sheet will provide key information about learning as well as introducing the staff who work in your child's class. We hope that parents find this helpful.

Term Dates for this academic year (2020-21)

Attached is a copy of the term dates for this year - this was also sent out at the end of last academic year. Please note the dates of Inservice days and the date of the Year 5 and 6 Residential trip to Whitby.



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Assemblies

Schools are still being advised to reduce the number of occasions where larger numbers of adults come into the building. Unfortunately, this means that parents will not be able to attend any of our 'Well Done' or 'Celebration' assemblies at this time.

I know that this will continue to be a disappointment for many of you. However, I am sure you understand that we want to do our best to keep the children, staff and all of our families safe to minimise the risk of spreading the virus.

Assemblies will continue to take place in the school hall, but as part of our on-going risk assessment, we have decided to conduct them in key stages rather than for the whole school.

The Friday assembly plan for this half term is as follows:

10 th September	8.50am - KS1 Well Done Assembly 9.20am - KS2 Well Done Assembly
17 th September	8.50am - KS1 & EYFS Well Done Assembly 9.20am - KS2 Well Done Assembly
24 th September	8.50am - Reception & Year 2 Celebration Assembly 9.20am - Year 4 & Year 6 Celebration Assembly
1 st October	8.50am - Nursery & Year 1 Celebration Assembly 9.20am - Year 3 & Year 5 Celebration Assembly
8 th October	8.50am - EYFS & KS1 Black History Week Celebration Assembly 9.20am - KS2 Black History Week Celebration Assembly
15 th October	8.50am - KS1 & EYFS Well Done Assembly 9.20am - KS2 Well Done Assembly
22 nd October	8.50am - KS1 & EYFS Well Done Assembly and "Star of the Half Term" 9.20am - KS2 Well Done Assembly and "Star of the Half Term"

Dates for your diary

September	
Friday 24 th	Non-Uniform day and cake sale in support of the Macmillan Coffee Morning for the children
Thursday 30th	Inset Day - School closed for the children
October	
w/b Monday 4 th	Black History Week
Tuesday 12 th	Pupil Learning Review Meetings with parents 1.15pm-3.00pm: Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 (in the school hall)
Wednesday 13 th	Pupil Learning Review Meetings with parents After school appointments (all classes in classrooms): 3.00pm-7.00pm
Thursday 14 th	Pupil Learning Review Meetings with parents 1.15pm-3.00pm: Key Stage 2 (in the school hall)
Wednesday 20 th	Individual and Family photographs
Thursday 21 st	Flu Nasal Vaccination
Friday 22nd	School closes for half term
November	
Monday 1 st	School reopens

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