



# All Saints C.E Primary School January 2022 Newsletter



## Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and I hope 2022 has started well for you and your family.

### Covid-19 Update

As we welcome the children back after the Christmas break, it is important that we continue to do what we can to minimise the spread of Covid-19 in our school community.

Please do not send your child to school if:

- they are displaying one or more Covid-19 symptoms
  - a high temperature
  - a new, continuous cough
  - a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste
- they have had a positive test result

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 they need to self-isolate for 10 full days. Under the new guidance, Covid-19 cases can now take lateral flow tests starting from day 6 of their self-isolation period. If two consecutive tests, taken 24 hours apart, are negative, they can end their self-isolation on day seven. Those who continue to test positive, those who can't test, won't test or can't get hold of the tests need to self-isolate for the full 10 day period. This change applies to all cases, including staff and the children.

If someone in your household tests positive for Covid-19, your child can continue to attend school if they are not displaying any of the three main symptoms. However, it would assist us in reducing infection rates in school, if you could test everyone else in the household, including any child who is in Year 3 or above.

Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

### Winning House

A reminder for parents that last half term's winner were Chapel - so we say a huge "Well Done" to all the children in that team.

They have earned the privilege of taking part in a film morning in the school hall on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January. As part of their reward, they will get some treats to enjoy whilst watching the film.



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## Attendance and punctuality

It is every parent's legal responsibility to ensure that their child attends school regularly as poor attendance has a detrimental effect upon children's progress.

I would also like to remind all parents of the importance of the children being "on time" as the number of children arriving late last half term was becoming a huge concern.

Please ensure that your children are in the school playground ready for the bell at 8.40am. The playground doors open at 8.30am and are locked once the bell has gone.

## PE and Games lessons

A number of children regularly do not have their PE or games kit to take part in the lessons. Therefore, can we remind parents to ensure that their child has a kit in school at all times. PE is a National Curriculum subject and therefore all children are expected to take part unless they need to be excused for medical reasons. If this is the case then school need to be informed by letter from the parent.



During the winter months, children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should have warmer clothing to take part in Games lessons outside on Wednesday afternoons.

We would also like to remind parents that all children with longer hair will be asked to make sure it is tied back for health and safety reasons when taking part in any physical activity.



## Smarties Challenge

Before the Christmas holiday, all the children were given a tube of Smarties to take part in the Smarties Challenge. The children were allowed to eat the Smarties and the idea is that they fill their empty tube with as many 20p coins as they can. The children will then return the tube to school with 20p coins in - do not worry if it is not full. The closing date for when the tubes should be returned to school is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Some children have already started to bring their tubes with 20p coins back into school.

The money raised will be donated to the 'Friends of Grafton Street Park' who are raising funds for the refurbishment and upkeep of the local park.



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## Assemblies

The Friday assembly plan this half term is as follows:

7 <sup>th</sup> January	No Assembly - Film morning for winning House Team (Chapel)
14 <sup>th</sup> January	EYFS & Key Stage 1 Well Done Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Key Stage 2 Well Done Assembly
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 and 2 Celebration Assembly
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 and 4 Celebration Assembly
10 <sup>th</sup> February	EYFS & Key Stage 1 Well Done Assembly and "Star of the Half Term" Key Stage 2 Well Done Assembly and "Star of the Half Term"

## Dates for your diary

January	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School reopens</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Film morning in the school hall for the children in Chapel
February	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Closing date for the Smarties Challenge
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School closes for Half Term</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Inset Day – no school for children</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>School reopens</b>

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