



# All Saints C. of E. Primary School

## DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Head Teacher: Mrs J. Beech

### Basic Skills Quality Mark

We are pleased to say that our Basic Skills Quality Mark award has been renewed following a thorough assessment in November. This quality mark is now valid until 2014. The mark is recognition to the high standards in many aspects of school life including:- assessment of pupil progress, target setting, our work with parents and families, teaching and learning, school planning and monitoring, staff training and development, marking and feedback and supporting children with special educational needs.



### Visit to Church

We are all looking forward to walking to church for our Christmas service on Friday 16th December after morning registration. It was lovely that so many moms, dads, and grandparents joined us in the summer. If you would like to walk with us and sit in the service with us, All Saints Church and School welcome you this Christmas.



### Trips and Visits

Years 1 & 2 had a lovely residential visit to Edgmond Hall last week. Our children always behave impeccably and staff always say we stand out for this. Can I remind parents that the full payment is due by the extended deadline of 9th February, either in full or by instalments on your payment card. Nursery had a day trip to the "Christmas themed" Edgmond Hall last Monday and Reception on Thursday. All had a magical time. Photos will soon be posted on our website. Also last week some children in KS1 & KS2 enjoyed a visit to the Old Rep Theatre to watch Jungle Book which was a lovely experience for the children.

### Parents Council:

#### We need you.

We really appreciate your feedback, suggestions and ideas. Your feedback always leads to us improving or continuing something you think is a strength. In the summer a group of parents came in to give comments and contribute to our anti-bullying policy which was accepted by School Governors and even led to the children producing their own version of this policy in a leaflet that came home. Are you interested in working with our Family Support Worker Marie Poxon to create our own parents council? It would involve looking at new school initiatives, helping us to review policies and plan whole school events. Some meetings would be during the school day, some straight after school. It won't take up much time and all we need is your experience of being a parent or grandparent and your ideas. We have a school council of children we now need a parents council. See Mrs. Poxon if you are interested.



### Money in School

A polite reminder to parents that all money that comes in to school **must** be in a labelled envelope if it is to be accepted by the school office. Any money that is not in a labelled envelope **will not** be accepted. Please do not be offended if our office staff refuse any money that is not in a labelled envelope as they are following school policy. Thank you.

### Arts & Culture Week

All of last week we explored Indian culture in order to learn more about it's traditions, food, Art, Music and Stories. The children thoroughly enjoyed it. Can I say a huge thank you to parents, families and our Indian children who shared knowledge and their culture with their friends. We plan to repeat this - focusing on a different culture - in the future.



### Pupil Progress Reports

As you know all schools must send an annual report to parents at the end of the school year. We appreciate that you want regular updates on your child's progress, attendance and effort so this year we are sending you an additional report so that you can get up to date information for the end of the Autumn term. This brief report does not replace the end of year report. I'm sure you appreciate - as I do - the extra work teaching staff have gone to, to keep you informed. Reports will be sent out with your child(ren) on Friday 9th December. Please sign and return the comments slip and any feedback about this way of keeping you informed would be well received. Thank You.



### Fundraising

As ever we thank you on behalf of the charities we support. This year we raised £400 for Children in Need and £440 from our Fair Trade Friday event. Look out for our dressing up photos for Children in Need on the school events page of our school website.



### Christmas Production Information

#### **Nursery & Reception Nativity**

9th December - 10:00am & 2:00pm

#### **Key Stage 1 Production**

7th December - 2:00pm

8th December - 9:30am

#### **Key Stage 2 Production**

13th December - 6:45pm

14th December - 1:30pm

### Punctuality

Can I please remind you that morning registration starts at 8:50am. We have noticed that some children/families are persistently arriving late and entering school via the door by the mobiles or the playground door. We will be monitoring this. We open doors at 8:45am so that any children that are waiting on the playground can hang up coats and bags and settle for registration for a prompt 8:50am start.



### PE Kits in Cold Weather

Now weather is getting colder we allow children to bring in **plain** tracksuit bottoms and tops for PE. We suggest black, blue or grey in colour and also allow them to wear trainers for **outdoor** PE work so that they are appropriately dressed. We hope to use the outside space as much as possible to give children good quality PE sessions. As usual please make sure all PE items are labeled clearly with your child's name.

### Maintaining the School

You may have noticed that we have had new clearer signage at the front of school with school details and to welcome visitors. We have also had a new wireless network installed that provides wireless internet connections for all school areas, which means laptops that children and staff use can perform better in all areas of school. Year 6 have had new coat pegs in their mobile classroom as these were broken.



### Parking outside School

Parents are politely reminded that when picking up and dropping off their child(ren) to take care not to block the driveways of residents in Wilford Road or stop on the yellow zig-zag markings outside of school. Parking Wardens are now patrolling the area for cars that are obstructing the highway. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Choir News

I joined our fabulous choir and their choir leader Mrs. Cockshott performed at the LG Arena: Young Voices concert on Thursday 1st December. What an exceptional evening with lots of atmosphere, the children have done superbly and thoroughly enjoyed the scale and excitement of the event. Thanks to Miss. McFarlane and Miss. Alliden who accompanied them.



**Merry Christmas & A Happy  
New Year**

**to all our families.**

**Best Wishes From**

**All the Staff & Governors at  
All Saints C. of E. Primary School**



### Mobile Phones

Parents are politely reminded that during the School Christmas productions all mobile phones should be either switched off or on silent/airplane mode, as mobile phones can be very distracting to the children performing. Thank you.



**Dates for your diary ....**

December	January
7th — KS1 Christmas Production (2pm Start)	3rd — School Opens — Yr 5-6 Residential to Ingestre (3rd - 6th January)
8th — KS1 Christmas Production (9:30am Start)	23rd — Yr 3-4 Residential to Frank Chapman (23rd - 27th January)
9th — Termly Reports Out Nursery & Reception Nativity (10:00am Start) & (2:00pm Start) Christmas Dinner Day	<b>February</b> 10th — School Closed (Training Day) 13th - 17th — Half Term (School Closed) 21st — Parents Evening
13th — KS2 Christmas Production (6:45pm Start)	
14th — KS2 Christmas Production (1:30pm Start)	
15th — Christmas Party for children	
16th — Eucharist at All Saints Church (9:20am) — School Closes (3:15pm)	

**Autumn Term**