



All Saints C. of E. Primary School

FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Head Teacher: Mrs J. Beech

Governor Vacancy

We have a position available for a Diocesan Parent Governor (Parent at All Saints School that attends Church). If you are interested in finding out more about what being a Governor involves please come and see me and I'll be happy to talk you about it.



February half term holiday club

We still have some place available for the holiday club between Monday 13th February & Friday 17th February this half term provided by Sports Plus Ltd. The scheme will run each day between 9:00am & 3:00pm and children will need to bring a packed lunch. Please see Mrs. Beech or our Sports Coach Miss. McDonnell to sign up for a place. The price packages are as follows:

5 days = £25.00

4 days = £22.00

3 days = £20.00

2 days = £15.00

1 day = £10.00

The Sports Plus Letter can be downloaded from the School Letters section of our school website.



School Council

Our children's representatives have been busy helping to make decisions. They have produced a pupil friendly attendance policy which will be available on the school website and on display on the children's notice board by the playground. I also asked them to name the school kitchen / dining area. They chose "Come dine with Lee" (All Saints Family Kitchen). Hope that you like it as much as me!



Developing Reading

The attainment of our children in reading is above National expectations and we are proud of that. In order to maintain this we constantly challenge our practice so that our children stay interested, make progress and keep reading. Our reading priorities are:-

- 1.) Increase staff's range and repertoire of skills for teaching reading and comprehension.
- 2.) Promote reading for pleasure and the importance of reading.
- 3.) Ensure staff make effective use of assessment to plan next steps for reading.
- 4.) Increase the schools capacity to maintain good reading standards.

This week we are holding a parents workshop on how best you can encourage your child (ren) to read and what questions you can ask as you read together. I'd like to invite parents of children in years 1 and 2, Nursery or Reception to attend on Thursday 9th February. There are two different times to assist you in being able to come along, the first is at 2:30pm and then it will be repeated at 5:00pm.

Useful Websites to develop reading

Useful websites for parents to use with all children are:-

www.literacytrust.org.uk

www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk

Anti-Bullying Charter Mark

We are really pleased and proud that our school achieved recognition for how we keep children safe, our positive behaviour management and our learners positive attitudes towards school. Assessors praised the staff, parents, governors and the children themselves last Wednesday. Our school went through the process quicker than any other Sandwell school which shows how well embedded strategies are and further continues the very good reputation of the school. Well done everyone.



Parents Council

I was really pleased that so many parents turned up to hear more about how they could be on our parents council and contribute to school life. The following parents have signed up to come along to the meetings:-

Jo Edgecombe

Jane Proctor

Jilly Cowles

Alan Langford

Don Webb

Tracey Dyke

Lisa Morgan

Clare Riley

Linsey Champion

Tracey Sharman

Our first meeting will be on the 1st March at 4:30pm. Anyone else that wants to join please see Marie Poxon in the School Office.

Training Day

Reminder that school is closed to parents & children on Friday 10th February as it is a staff training day. School will re-open after half term on Monday 20th February 2012.

Parking outside of school & watch your speed.

We have thoughtful and courteous parents but the School Governors would like me to remind you not to park outside school or across driveways and also to be aware of speed as you pass for the safety of all of you, your children and Jo our school crossing patrol lady. Thank You.



Little Angels

Reminder that our mother and toddler group meets every Tuesday morning in our school hall from 9:30—11:00. This is run by Hillside Children's Centre staff come along—you are most welcome.



Parents Evening

Reminder that parents evening is on Tuesday 21st February from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Can I respectfully remind you that appointments are for 10 minutes maximum per parent so that we can try and see everyone and avoid the queues.

School visit to Church

We are walking to Church on the morning of Wednesday 22nd February (Ash Wednesday) for our service. If you would like to accompany us walking up to Church please do, extra help and your support are always appreciated. Please let Mrs. Cockshott know ASAP if you wish to accompany us.



Updates to school website

Please go on to the website and look at "Governors Profiles" within the About us page. This tells you who the School Governors are and also a little more about them, and why they are governors at our school.

West Midlands Fire Service

Free Home Safety Checks

As part of the West Midlands Fire Service on-going Home Safety Check Campaign they are offering free home safety checks to members of the public. These safety checks involve them going out to peoples houses to provide Fire / General safety advice and free smoke alarms to those who need or would like one. These safety checks take approximately 20-30 minutes and are done at the occupiers convenience.

The phone number to book is: 0800 389 5525

Or for more details you can contact West Bromwich Fire Station on 0121 380 7548



Keep off the Grass

Please help us to preserve our school grounds by reminding your children not to climb or walk on the wall at the front of school and not to run on the grass at the front of school.



Adult Literacy Class

We have booked an Adult Literacy course to be run in school through Sandwell Adult & Family Learning. The class will be very relaxed and will focus on many aspects of Literacy. If you would like more information about this course please see Marie Poxon in the School Office as places will be limited. The Literacy class will commence on Wednesday 25th April 2012 and will run from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.



Dates for your diary....

<p>February 6th— Celebration Assembly (2:40pm) 10th — School Closed (Training Day) 13th — 17th - Half Term (School Closed) — Half Term Holiday Club 20th— Celebration Assembly (2:40pm) 21st — Parents Evening (3:30-6:30pm) 24th— Year 3 & 4 Showcase Assembly (Frank Chapman) 27th— Celebration Assembly (2:40pm)</p> <p>March 2nd— World Book Day 5th— Celebration Assembly (2:40pm) 9th— Year 1 & 2 Class Assembly 12th— Celebration Assembly (2:40pm)</p>	<p>March (cont.) 16th— Year 5 & 6 Class Assembly 19th— Celebration Assembly (2:40pm) 23rd— Sports Relief Day 26th— Celebration Assembly (2:40pm) 26th—30th - Holy Week* (*Worship led by Vicar Andrew) 30th— Year 3 & 4 Class Assembly</p> <p>April 2nd—13th - Easter Holiday (School Closed) 16th—School Re-opens —Celebration Assembly (2:40pm) 6th— Good Friday (School Closed) 9th— Easter Monday (School Closed)</p>
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Spring Term