



All Saints C. of E. Primary School

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2011

Head teacher: Mrs. J. Beech

School Closed for Staff Training

As you know we have already held three staff training days. The remaining staff training days are as follows:

Friday 4th February 2011
Monday 20th June 2011
Thursday 21st July 2011

Happy New Year

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2011. Thank you for your continued support.



Continued links with All Saints Church

Thanks to those parents that walked with us to church for our Christmas service. We managed it even in the snow showers! Vicar Andrew is in on Thursday talking to the Year 5/6 children about Confirmation. He will be coming to school to do assembly on 12th January, 16th February & 9th March, you are most welcome "to come along" We will next visit church on Friday 8th April 2011.

After-School Clubs

There are new opportunities to sign up to after-school clubs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Letters will go out this week.



Residential Visits

The Children always have a fantastic time when they go on residential visits and they really are memorable times. Children in years 1 and 2 enjoyed Edgmond Hall in November/December last year. Next week year 3 and 4 are visiting Frank Chapman Monday to Friday. They will call in each day and we will keep you posted on their adventures on the notice board at the front school gates. Year 5 and 6 are also going to Frank Chapman at the end of March.



Celebration Assembly

Reminder that you are welcome to come to our weekly assembly on Thursday at 2.40pm.

Improving the Building

Just to keep you updated that we started decoration work to the entrance/dining area over Christmas and completed some essential electrical work. The school roof repairs over Nursery/Reception have also been completed. We continue to try and update and maintain the interior & exterior of the school as best we can.

School Uniform Supplier

A reminder that we will no longer be ordering uniforms on-line. To make it easier and more cost effective for parents. You will be able to buy your child's uniform directly from Uniforms Plus who are based at the Scott's Arm's Island. Prices for the new uniform are available on a leaflet from the school office.



Dinner Money

Thanks very much for sending dinner money in named envelopes with your child's name on, it really improves efficiency. As of Monday any change will be carried over to the following week. Change will not be sent home.



Children's Toy Afternoon

Children can bring in a toy or game to share on Friday 7th January. Please don't send anything that needs plugging in. If the weather is okay there will be the chance to share any outdoor toys. Please make sure toys/games are well labelled. We do not accept any responsibility for any lost or broken items.



School Absences

Parents are reminded that if your child is going to be away from school for any reason, i.e. illness could you please contact the school office before 10 am. Otherwise your child will receive an Unauthorised absence in the school register and will count against their overall attendance.

Heating

Over the Christmas break our pipes froze over—as did many schools and homes over the country. Tuesday the school was therefore cooler than usual. Heating engineers were called out and continue to monitor the heating supply. Children were accommodated in warmer areas of the school and were encouraged to wrap up warm whilst we waited for the full service to return. At no point while the children were in school did we have no heating as this would have enforced an emergency school closure. I apologise for any inconvenience but hope you understand we managed the situation as best we could to avoid disrupting the usual school day and to keep your children comfortable. We now only have 2 areas which have low levels of heat so we have accommodated the children to other available classrooms. Should the situation change or deteriorate we will use the text message service to inform you of any full or partial school closure due to heating failure.

Toast! We really enjoy our toast especially in the cold weather. We desperately need volunteers to help. Please see Mrs. Poxon at the school office for details. Please note that all volunteers will need to have or apply for a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Check before they can volunteer in school.

Weather

Thanks to you all for your co-operation over December when dropping & collecting children. Despite gritting the playground was very icy so we needed to use the front entrance. Children were very sensible and keen to still get to school. I'm pleased that staff, parents and children pulled together to keep school running as usual. Our text messaging service is now live and ready to use should the event arise.



Updating Contact Information

Please return all forms that were sent out on Tuesday 4th January so that we can ensure all information is up to date. Whilst setting up the text messaging service we noticed not all data was correct.



Parents Evening

Tuesday 5th April 3.30pm - 6.00pm will be parents evening. Tony Wright (Parents Choice for Secondary Schools Advisor) will be available later on that evening to offer advice on high schools to year 5 parents between 7.00 and 8.00pm. Previously, parents have really welcomed talking to him

Dates for your diary.....

January

- 7th - Children's Toy Afternoon
- 10th - 14th - Year 3 & 4 Residential to Frank Chapman
- 12th - Vicar Andrew Assembly
- 14th - Mrs Morgan's Group Assembly
- 21st - Miss Sloyan's Group Assembly
- 28th - Mrs Matthews's Group Assembly

February

- 4th - School Closed (Training Day)
- 11th - Mrs Darby's Group Assembly
- 16th - Vicar Andrew Assembly
- 18th - Mrs Fox's Group Assembly
- School Closes (Half Term)
- 28th - School Opens

March

- 4th - Mrs Hughes's Group Assembly
- 9th - Vicar Andrew Assembly
- 11th - Mrs Cockshott's Group Assembly
- 18th - Miss Smart's Group Assembly
- 25th - Miss Alden's Group Assembly
- 30th - 1st Apr - Year 5 & 6 Residential to Frank Chapman

April

- 1st - Mrs Grainger's Group Assembly
- 5th - Secondary School Advisor in school
- Parents Evening (3.30pm - 6.00pm)
- 8th - School to Church
- School Closes (Easter Holiday)

Spring Term