



All Saints C. of E. Primary School

MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER

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Book Fair

The Book Fair is in school this week. Remember to make it easier for you it can now be viewed in the mornings and after school.



Year 5/6 Frank Chapman Residential

Our children are off on a residential on 30th March—1st April. Staff attending the residential are Miss Allden, Miss Sloyan, Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Beech.



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.



School Garden

We are at the very early stages of creating our own school garden at the back of the school by the mobile classrooms. Mrs. Grainger has a Gardening Gang who are keen to get going on planting with support from Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Fox. The children have dug over the ground and have also planted some new trees on the field by the staff car park. We plan to put up a fence around the garden and lay some stepping stones to make access easier as well as developing raised beds and planters. Again, anyone with green fingers that thinks they can donate anytime or resources to our very own All Saints Garden—we'd love to hear from you. Please see Mrs. Grainger if you are interested.

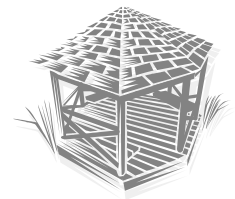


Lining up in the morning

As you know school registration starts at 8:45am but we have a keen lot here that like to get to school on time. Members of the Senior Management Team therefore, open up the doors earlier at 8:40am to allow children to come in and organise themselves before school officially starts. Can we ask you to help the early morning routine by standing away from the children's lines so that staff can see all of the children and make sure they enter school calmly please. Alternatively, your children can wait with you away from the lines until staff come out at 8:45. Thanks, that will help a lot.

Outside Shelter

We hope you like our new wooden shelter on the playground near nursery. It has two purposes. Primarily, it is for you our parents and grandparents to sit and wait for children you are dropping off or collecting from school. We will also be able to use it as an outside classroom for children, to do things like discussions, story time, or as a base for when they are learning outdoors. We would like to be able to put plant pots or tubs around it to make it look even more welcoming. If you would like to donate any to school that would be much appreciated.



Jewellery and Sport

Just to clarify that for your children's safety and in order for us to comply with Health & Safety legislation, children who wear earrings for school should not wear them on PE days if they are unable to take them out for themselves. Jewellery that is removed will be kept safe by the teacher for the duration of the lesson.



Help your child with Maths—Free Resources available

Parents often ask how they can help their children with maths followed up by "we didn't do it that way when I was at school!" as methods change over time. With this in mind we have purchased a bulk of maths DVD's called "How do they do? A guide for parents". We will be showing a preview of the DVD at a short parents meeting on Wednesday 23rd March at 8:00am or at 2:45pm. **Come along to watch and pick up a free copy of the DVD for you to use at home with your children. Alternatively, they will be on sale at parent's evening on 5th April**

Developments to school site since last newsletter

As I have mentioned the new wooden Gazebo has now been installed. Also, new curtains have been fitted in the dining area / entrance and school hall. We have had hand driers fitted in all of the children's toilets to improve conditions and reduce paper towel waste as well as automatic air freshener systems. We now also have lots of potted plants around school to further improve the learning environment. Repairs to the Interactive Whiteboard technology in year 6 and year 2 now make teaching of learning a lot easier. We'll keep you posted on any further updating and maintenance.

The Chicks have hatched!

Our incubators and eggs arrived this week in Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1. It's very exciting and the children have been fascinated to see the chicks hatching for themselves or on our live web-cam recording. Please ask the children about this.



Chewing Gum

Please help us to keep school tidy by not having chewing gum in school or on the playground. We have had cases of children with gum stuck to their shoes which has never been a problem before.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

If any parents shop at Sainsbury's the school is collecting the Active Kids Vouchers for school sports equipment. Could we please ask parents or relatives to please support the school and collect any vouchers and please post them in the collection box in the school hall. Thank you.



Celebration Assembly

Reminder that you are welcome to come to our weekly assembly on Thursday at 2:40pm. Please ensure that mobile phones are turned off or on to silent. Thank you.

School Uniform

Reminder that we are proud of our school colours and expect children to wear their uniform including school shoes. For your convenience school uniform is available from Uniforms Plus on the Walsall Road, Great Barr. School uniform is as follows:

Boys

Winter

Charcoal grey / black trousers. White shirt, royal blue top with school logo. Dark grey / black socks, and dark coloured school shoes to be worn.

Summer

White polo shirt with school logo. Royal blue top with school logo. Charcoal grey / black trousers. Dark grey / black socks, and dark coloured school shoes / sandals to be worn.

Girls

Winter

Charcoal grey / black skirt or trousers. White blouse, royal blue top with school logo. White socks or grey / black tights. Dark coloured school shoes to be worn.

Summer

White polo shirt with school logo. Charcoal grey / black skirt or trousers or light blue gingham dress. White socks. Dark coloured school shoes / sandals to be worn.

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.

Dates for your diary....

Holy Week (W/C 4th April)

Mon - Palm Sunday Assembly & Procession around school.

Tue - Vicar Andrew to do Maundy Thursday & Last Supper Assembly.

Wed - Vicar Andrew to do Jesus' trial in assembly.

(Celebration Assembly - 2:30pm)

Thu - Easter Bonnet parade 11am - 12pm & Vicar Andrew to do the crucifixion and the tomb in assembly 2:30pm - 3:10pm (Good Friday).

Fri - Vicar Andrew in to do the resurrection in assembly.

8th April - School to Church
- School Closes (Easter)

26th April - School Opens

29th April - Royal Wedding
(School Closed)

2nd May - May Day (School Closed)

W/C 9th May - SATS Week

27th May - Half Term (School Closes)

6th June - School Opens

20th June - Training Day (School Closed)

Spring Term