



All Saints C. of E. Primary School

NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Head Teacher: Mrs J. Beech

Myself and the Staff hope that your families had a happy & restful Half Term break.

Half Term Club

We are thinking of having a "Sports Academy" club at our school over half term (February 2012) which will be run by Sports Plus Ltd. Sports Plus Ltd are our regular providers of sports coaches that currently work with our children from year 1-6 and provide some of our afterschool clubs. All interest and enquiries should be registered with Sports Plus directly on 0845 643 1998. If there is enough interest in the Sports Academy and it is viable to run we will let you know in the next school newsletter.



Arts & Culture Week

This will run for the week commencing 28th November. This years theme is India. The children will have great fun through a range of activities exploring Arts, Music, Dance and stories from Indian Culture. Any families out there who would be willing to join in and offer expertise and skill are most welcome. Anything from dance, traditional stories, mendi, cooking and food we would love to hear from you. Please speak to Miss Horne or Mrs Cockshott. To end this cultural experience we hope to take the children to The Old Rep theatre to watch a production of The Jungle Book on Friday 2nd December. Letters will be out shortly so you can request a ticket for your child to attend the theatre visit.



Staffing Announcements

As you know, Miss Bennett our learning support practitioner in Foundation (Early Years) has now gone on maternity leave. Covering this leave is Mrs Bahia and we welcome her warmly to Early Years and our school. Our lunchtime supervisor Mrs Nightingale left us last half term after 3½ years here. We welcome two new lunchtime supervisors Mrs Summers, and Mrs Greenfield to the All Saints Team.



Parents Evening

Thank you for such a good turn out to parents evening to see how your child(ren) have settled in to the new school year. We hope those of you that went to look at the other events in the hall found them useful and people seemed to very much enjoy the school dinners—thanks to our cook Lee. I realise we had a few queues so I thank you for your patience and thanks to those who kept the settling in chat brief.



Visiting Speakers to Assembly

Something new we started this year was to have a broader range of visiting speakers to our Friday assembly. They have gone really well and children have enjoyed them. So far we have had assemblies led by The Boys Brigade, Community Police, Guide Dog Association, Rev. Andrew Smith, Our School Choir and a Barnabus Day. Coming up this half term we have visiting speakers including the Royal Air Force. Today we had White Watch from West Bromwich Fire Station visit us in assembly to talk to the children about keeping safe over bonfire weekend. If you know of any groups that we could invite please let us know.

School Choir

Our school choir have been practising hard and are going strong. The choir are performing at the LG Arena as part of the Young Voices concert on Thursday 1st **December. I'm sure it will be a great atmosphere and we wish them every success at it.**

Dinner Money

A reminder to parents that school dinners are now charged at £1.90 per day or £9.50 a week. All money must be in a sealed named envelope to be accepted by the office.

Text Messaging Service

In order for us to send you notices of urgent messages please ensure that the School Office have your most recent & up-to-date mobile telephone numbers.

School Council News

As you know we have a school council who meet and take ideas back to classes and gather views of their **classmates. At All Saints it's really important to hear our children's** views and for them to know they can help to make decisions to improve our school. Currently your children are helping to make a pupil friendly **"Keeping Safe" leaflet which links to** our health and safety policy and anti-bullying policy. They are also **arranging a "Fair Trade Friday" for** Friday 25th November. Look out for a letter about this event soon.

Anti-Bullying Week & Children in Need Event

This national event is week commencing 14th November. We are a very pro-active school in preparing children for what to do if bullying should occur for them or a friend in or out of school. We are also very effective with dealing with any reported issues thoroughly and sensitively. All teaching staff and lunchtime supervisors have had up-to-date training which is another way to keep our children safe. During this week **the children will explore the theme "Stop and think, words can hurt". We will also be supporting the National fundraiser "Children in Need" on Friday 18th November. Last year your generosity and support meant we raised £1,685.23. It was the 1st year the school backed the event and the children loved it. So here we go again this year and we hope we have your support again. Look out for a letter soon.**



Reminder to parents

A polite reminder to parents and families that we ask the children not to ride bikes or scooters on the playground before or after school as it causes an obstacle for other pedestrians. If bikes are bought in for specific skills lessons we ask children to walk alongside their bikes as they enter school grounds. Please help us to maintain this school rule by not confusing your children by letting them ride bikes and scooters on the playground. Can we also ask that parents please help us by not letting your children climb on the walls outside the front of school. Thank you.

Maintaining the School

We just wanted to let you know that repairs were made to the perimeter fencing behind the trim trail during the half term holiday. We also had additional shelving put up **around school so that the children's home learning projects could be displayed.** Mr. Jones has been busy painting the wood work on the outside of the building to brighten it up. Our medical room has been painted and new storage cupboards **put in place. Mrs. Grainger's class have also had new desks delivered too.**



Attendance League Table

Well done to Class 6W who have had the highest attendance in the 1st half term. Remember it is essential your child attends school regularly (Government target is over 95%) and that they are punctual. We will be running **"late gates" through November and December and will monitor attendance and punctuality. Please help us to meet our attendance target.**



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.



Edgmond Hall Residential

The Key Stage 1 residential visit to Edgmond Hall will take place on 30th November to 2nd December. Last year the children had a magical Christmas themed trip which was enjoyed by all. A parents meeting is being held in school on 2nd November at 3:30pm in the school hall. There are still some places available for this visit. Any parents that would like their children to go on the visit can they please contact Mrs Matthews.

Book Fair

The book fair will be in school week commencing 7th November. This will be available to view and buy books. The book fair will be open afterschool Tuesday & Thursday at 3:15-3:30pm and Tuesday & Friday at 8:30-8:45am. Pupils will also have the opportunity to visit the book fair during the school day. Children can also design a new book character. Entries should be returned to the class teacher by 2nd November. £5 prize for the winner.

November

- 1st—School Opens (Autumn Term 2)
— All Saints Day
- 11th—Choir Performance Assembly (9:00am)
- W/C 14th—Anti Bullying Week
- 18th—Children in Need Day
- 23rd—RAF Visit
- 25th—Vicar Andrew Assembly (9:00am)
- W/C 28th—Arts & Culture Week
- 30th Nov to 2nd Dec—KS1 Edgmond Hall Trip

December

- 1st — School Choir @ LG Arena
- 2nd—Arts & Culture Assembly
- 5th—Termly Reports Out

December (cont.)

- 7th —KS1 Christmas Production (2pm Start)
- 8th—KS1 Christmas Production (9:30am Start)
- 8th—Christmas Quiz
- 9th—Nursery & Reception Nativity (10:00am Start) & (2:00pm Start)
- 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 — School Closes (3:15pm)