



All Saints C. of E. Primary School

December 2016 NEWSLETTER

Head Teacher: Mrs J. Beech

From all the staff at All Saints have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Staffing News

Welcome Back Miss Davies! We are looking forward to having Miss Davies back in early years soon. She returns from maternity leave on Thursday 15th December. This means we say goodbye for now to Mrs Kenyon who has been on long term supply cover for us and has been part of the All Saints family for a good while now. She has been great and we are very grateful for all her hard work in early years. We say goodbye and good luck to our Assistant Head Teacher and Phase 3 leader Mrs Beardmore for a little while as she goes on maternity leave at the end of this term. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well as she goes off to have her first baby. We have appointed a new office administrator and receptionist we will welcome Lisa Emms in the New Year to the team. We also say goodbye to Abbie Butler who works in Breakfast club and After school provision and wish her well in her new job.

Autumn Term Reports

Parents with children in years 1-6 will receive a termly report on 12th December, parents of children in nursery and reception on 14th December. This will give you an update on their progress this term. With your report, children in years 2-6 will also have written you a letter to say how they think they have done and what improvements they have made this term. They will also tell you what they want to work on after Christmas so that you can help to support them with this too. They have worked hard on their letters and I know from your feedback you have appreciate this personal touch previously.

Christmas Craft Activities

It was good to see so many of you that were able to come into the Phase 2 Christmas Craft workshops to be creative alongside your children. I hope you picked up some good ideas of things you can make with your children. Any making that you can do at home will help their development in concentration, recognising patterns, noticing details, developing pride in what they do and it's good to practice their scissor and sticking skills as well as the art and design elements of being creative.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club service continues to be a well-used and appreciated service. Run by our own school staff the activities and provision on offer is of very good quality. We have reviewed our service, in terms of what we offer and the costs and are notifying you that as of the 1st January the price of each breakfast club session is increasing to £3.50. This is the first time that we have reviewed the cost in the years it has been running. We are still very competitively priced compared to other providers so hope that this increase is understood in order to make this a viable service that school can continue to offer.

Christmas Service at All Saints Church

We are following tradition and looking forward to our Christmas service at Church on the 16th December. We will all walk to the service which will be led by Mother Jane. Any parents or Grandparents that wish to walk with us to help get the children there safely and stay to join in with the service are as usual very welcome. We will be serving hot drinks and mince pies on our return to school for parents and grandparents who have volunteered to help our walk to church.

Pupil Numbers

Pupil numbers are as follows:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
60 Full	60 Full	59	60 Full	35 Full	33	35 Full

School Priorities

A reminder of our priorities for this academic year and our progress towards meeting them:

1. Increase the proportion of pupils working at age related expectations (ARE) in **all areas but particular reading and writing. We are making good progress towards this.**
2. To further develop the collection of evidence to support the assessment of reading and improve reading skills. **We are making good progress towards this.**
3. For teachers to consistently use marking, feedback and questioning to allow learners to demonstrate mastery in the curriculum. **We are making outstanding progress towards this.**
4. To further facilitate the wider development of all leaders and managers. **We are making good progress towards this.**
5. To further develop the challenge of Governor's to focus on pupil groups through visits, monitoring and specific questioning. **We are making good progress towards this.**
6. To further develop the PHSE programme to reflect school values and SMSC opportunities across the curriculum. **We are making good progress towards this.**
7. To continue to raise standards for all pupils in EYFS. **We are making good progress towards this.**

Attendance Update: 100% Club

It's that time again when we hold our 100% rewards day for the Autumn Term. Children that have managed to come to school every day on time for the Autumn Term will take part in non-uniform day and fun activities on Thursday 15th December in school. This time we have face painting, arts and crafts, hot chocolate and marshmallows at the camp fire and circus skills! There are 192 children that have achieved 100% for this term. They will receive their bronze badge to wear with pride. Our school's attendance currently stands at 97% which is excellent. Well done everyone.



Winter Disco, Film Show and Christmas Shows

We launched the 1st December with our disco and film show. The children that attended this afterschool event thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you for supporting this school event. Thanks also for supporting our Christmas shows. The quality was exceptional and I'm sure you join us in being proud of the children's achievements.



Dates for your Diary

14th Dec	Christmas Party Day
15th Dec	100% Day
16th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
16th Dec	Walk to church
16th Dec	Break up for Christmas Holidays
3rd Jan	Return to School
3rd Feb	School Pantomime Cinderella
17th Feb	Break up for Half Term
27th Feb	Return to School

