



All Saints C. of E. Primary School

March 2017 NEWSLETTER

Head Teacher: Mrs J. Beech

Staffing News

Mrs. Hughes leaves to go on maternity leave at Easter. The year 1 class will be taught by Mrs. Thomas all week over the Summer Term. Parents of children in 2S know that Miss Southall leaves us at Easter to take up position in a behaviour support school. Whilst we are sad to see her go we send her with our blessing and support to follow her dream of working with very vulnerable children that will benefit greatly from her experience and commitment. I am sure you join us in wishing her well. Mrs. Whitehouse joins the teaching team and will in the first instance teach 2S over the Summer Term. We also welcome Mrs Ball who also joins the teaching team after Easter. She will be teaching in year 3 initially. Other staffing news is that Miss Smart in early years also leaves at Easter to take up a new job in a nursery. Again, I am sure you join me in wishing her well in the next stage of her career.

Attendance

Helps us to maintain high standards of attendance by bringing your children to school regularly and on time. Please refrain from booking holidays in term time so that your children do not miss learning planned for them.

Remember to help you to plan extended weekend breaks and holidays are next training days are set for:

Friday 23rd June 2017, Monday 24th July 2017, Tuesday 25th July 2017.

2017–2018 Training Days

Monday 4th September 2017, Tuesday 5th September 2017, Tuesday 2nd January 2018, Monday 16th April 2018, Friday 15th June 2018.

Dates for your Diary

24th March Comic Relief

3rd April–7th April Holy Week

5th April Easter Bonnet Parade (More information to follow)



6th April 100% rewards day

7th April Walk to church (help is welcomed as usual)

7th April Break up for Easter

24th April Return to school

24th April–28th April Years 3 & 4 Frank Chapman Residential visit

Mothers Day

Our Worship group are leading a special Mother's Day assembly on Thursday 30th March at 9am for any mom's or Grandma's that would like to come along. Also anyone that can make it we are having a short session following the assembly where you can complete an activity with your child in school. A separate letter will be sent out with more details about the activity. We wish all the mom's out there a Happy Mother's Day on Sunday.



Pupil Numbers

Pupil numbers are as follows:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
60 Full	62 Full	60 Full	60 Full	35 Full	35 Full	35 Full

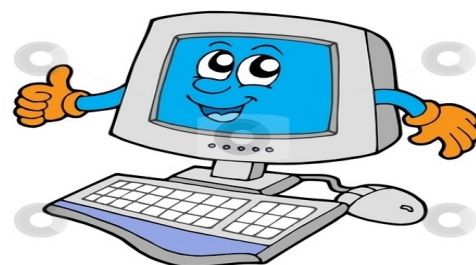
Arriving To School

Whilst we are pleased that our children want to arrive at school in plenty of time we are also noticing that some children are arriving unaccompanied by an adult very early. We cannot guarantee staff supervision outside which is why we run a breakfast club facility which is fully staffed. Some children have been seen arriving in school and then leaving the grounds to meet friends or go to the shop. **This is not safe.** We therefore politely remind adults to accompany their children and recommend that people do not arrive before 8.30 so that there is more capacity in school to supervise children. If you would like details of the Breakfast Club service please see a member of the office staff.

On Line Safety

Thank you to those parents that attended the online safety talk that we held in school. Your feedback suggests that the briefing was informative and enlightening and that you feel better informed to safeguard your children when they are gaming or using the internet. There is information on the safeguarding pages of the school website which we recommend to parents that were unable to come to the sessions. As well as online safety lessons in school we have also developed our All Saints Code of Conduct which we want the children to use at home and school:

*Things you see online aren't always true. Don't let people trick you.
Things you share will always be there. Keep it private!
Remember stranger danger! Only talk to people you know.
If someone is being unkind, tell someone and get it off your mind.
If you see something you don't like always... TELL!*



The on-line safety competition winners are: Jack Bavington, Vijay Patel-Owen and Jacob Riley. Well done to them and all of the children that took part.

School Meal Costs

SIPS Education our catering provider have notified us that as from 1st April 2017, school meals will increased to £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week. We continue to allow flexibility when ordering a school meal. You are able to choose between a school meal or a packed lunch on a daily basis. School menus are available in the office

Explore Learning

Well done to our year 5 children. Recently when Explore learning came in to work with them on a maths project they commented on their positive attitudes and capability. This is what they told us:

"I just wanted to follow up with you after running the maths workshop with Year 5 today. I have to say they were a truly delightful class and were such a pleasure to work with. They demonstrated some excellent understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages and were one of the few schools that we have managed to complete the entire workshop with from start to finish."





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LPPA NEWSLETTER

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Progress of LPPA Programme: here are some of the ways we have been working in partnership.

You Said...	We did...
You wanted to know how the new spelling scheme works and what you can do at home to help your child.	Spelling briefing sessions were held earlier this month for parents and word lists for different year groups were issued. Feedback was very positive.
You would welcome meeting and getting to know any new teachers joining the school.	Miss Whitehouse, who joins the school after Easter, met with parents in 2S to say hello recently.
You wanted improved signage around school.	Signage indicating the main reception and pick up points for afterschool clubs are now in place at the front of school.
You wanted a 'search' button on the school website to make it easier to navigate.	Search function is now available on the website.
You would like breakfast club service to start earlier.	Explored this and are looking at operating Breakfast Club from 7.30 from September 2017. More details to follow in the Summer Term.
You would like access to 'parenting' classes for tips and advice and to have discussions with other parents.	We held this in January. It was oversubscribed so we ran two free training sessions. Feedback was excellent.
You wanted to know more about how the end of KS1 and KS2 tests would be managed and know more about what study guides/ revision books to use.	We ran briefing sessions for parents with children in years 2 and 6 in February. We gave you free copies of revision guides to use with your children at home.
It would be good to have afterschool fitness/ exercise clubs for parents.	We are currently exploring running these in the Summer Term- more details to follow.
You would like more information and background theory on healthy eating programmes and family fitness.	This week we are meeting with representatives from Make, Move & Munch & Groundworks. It is a parent/ child program that runs for 8 weeks. More details as we have them to follow. We have also provisionally booked the Active Family Programme through Aspire- one of the taster sessions we held during health and wellbeing week.
You would like more information on how to support your children's homework especially when there is no home computer available.	We invited West Bromwich library to our health and wellbeing market hall events. Families can get free access to books and even free photocopies from reference and research books on a daily basis.
You would like Family Learning Days at weekends so that parents- including working parents- can take part in activities with their children.	We held two off-site family learning days to Edmond Hall in September and then again in December. We are currently holding 'Beat the Street' family walks afterschool and at weekends. We plan to hold family learning days in school at weekends over the Summer Term- more details to follow.
You asked what real phonics sessions look like in school and how best you could support your children with phonics.	We held briefing sessions for parents with children in year 1 recently. We showed videos of live phonics lessons so that you could see what it looks like. We have posted 'how to' videos on the school website so that you know the letter sounds and how we teach them.
You also told us that the sessions need to be earlier in the school year...	We plan to hold these briefing sessions early in September for parents with children new to year one.