



# All Saints C. of E. Primary School

## October 2017 NEWSLETTER

Head Teacher: Mrs J. Beech

### November In Need: Supporting Charities

As part of our continued work of educating the children on mental health, well-being and helping others we are supporting the following charities next half term. We hope you will be able to support one or all of the following charities.

**Baby Basics:** We will be supporting this National Charity by helping new mom's in the local area who due to difficult circumstances can't provide for their new born babies. We will be collecting items to make new born starter packs. To find out more about how you can help us look out for a letter after half term.

**MIND:** You will receive a letter explaining how we are supporting the charity MIND. This charity provides advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. We have been asked to put together "comfort boxes" for people. These boxes are then gifted to people who access the Support Services and Recovery Services.

**Poppy Appeal:** As usual we will be selling Poppies and other items in school after half term to show our respect and support for the Poppy Appeal. Our Remembrance Service is in school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. The Royal British Legion will also be accepting old £1 coins in the collection boxes in school.

**Children in Need:** This year's Children in Need's Spotacular is back! This year Children in Need falls on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Children are invited to come to school dressed in 'spots' and give a contribution of at least £1 to the charity box.

### Zero Tolerance

It is with regret and unfortunate that I have to mention that we are experiencing more incidents of aggression towards school staff or other parents. It is especially unfortunate that this is happening in a Primary School and often on display in front of young children and other parents. I am certain that the vast majority of families join me in saying that **this is not acceptable behaviour** and that we do not want adults or young people subjected to it. **Parents have approached me to put this reminder on a newsletter as although this behaviour and conduct is rare it is nevertheless unacceptable and upsetting to them.**

### Parent Pay

Parent Pay is coming to school shortly after half term. This is a system to support parent's convenience in paying for school meals, trips, breakfast club, afterschool club and much more using a secure online service. For more information, pick up a leaflet from reception or see the school website.

### Parents Evening

Thank you to those that attended our parents evening on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>. Overall our parents told us they were pleased with the feedback and how their child(ren) has settled in to their new year group. Please help by supporting your child at home with their learning next steps.

### Polite Notice

Could we ask that parents and families refrain from smoking right outside the school gates please. Adults are free to make their own life choices but we would like to present a healthy choice message to our young people. Please help to promote positive role models.

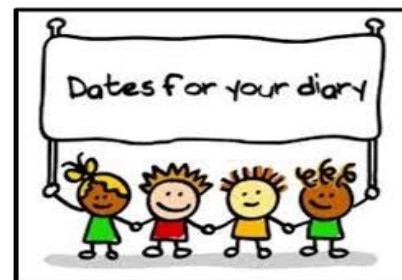
### Pupil Numbers

Pupil numbers are as follows:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
60 Full	60 Full	61 Full	59	60 Full	35 Full	35 Full

## Diary Dates

Break up for Half term—Friday 20th October  
Return to school—Monday 30th October  
School Photographer—Tuesday 31st October  
Reception trip to the safari Park—Wednesday 1st November  
Early Years Stay and Play— Week Beginning 6th November  
Year 3 trip to Cannock Chase Museum- Friday 24th November.



## Emergency Plan and Lockdown Procedures

Purely for your information and reassurance, the school has procedures in place in the event of a number of emergency situations. **Many of these 'emergencies' would not disrupt the day-to-day running of the school and would not be a risk to the children but still need to be planned for.**

We do also have in place a procedures for a full or partial lock down should the school ever be in the situation of needing one as does most other services, industries and businesses. In the event of an actual lockdown parents will be notified **via school text as soon as is practicable possible.**

Should the lock down procedures be activated please be advised of the following things:

- Do not contact school as calling school could tie up the telephone lines that are needed for contacting emergency service providers.
- Do not to come to the school as you could interfere with access by emergency service providers and may even put themselves and others in danger.
- Wait for the school to contact them about when it is safe to come and collect their children, and where this will be from.

## School Photographs

Individual and family photographs are being taken in school on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**. All children will be photographed on their own and also with their siblings but should you wish to have family group photographs with siblings or family members not at All Saints, you are welcome to come into school at 8:30am on the day. Please go to the Studio door to meet the photographer, (follow Dance Studio arrow from the main entrance).

All individual and sibling group photographs for all children in school will be taken during the school day and will be organised by school staff.

The photograph proofs will be sent home with your children on the same or the next day and all orders must be back in school with the correct payment, sealed in the photographers pack, no later than Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

## Ingestre Hall

Some children from years 4, 5 and 6 had a really successful residential visit to Ingestre Hall this half term. They were creative through The Arts and produced some excellent work. The group that went represented All Saints and their families very well with their positive attitudes, manners and team spirit- well done to them!

## Harvest Festival

As ever we were overwhelmed by your generosity and what we were able to gather for our Harvest Festival. The contributions will be collected by the local food bank to support local people. Thank you.

## Leading Parents in Partnership (LPPA)

As you know we achieved the award for recognition for our work with parents and families in June 2017. We continue to work on this partnership and how we support families in helping their children academically, socially and emotionally. We have a super working party made up of parents, grandparents and staff that meet to work on our action plan. If anyone is interested in joining us and contributing to our positive school the next meeting is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 3.30-4.30 in The Hive.