

# All Saints C. of E. Primary School

## January 2018 NEWSLETTER

Head Teacher: Mrs J. Beech

*Happy new year everyone. Here is to a happy, hopeful and positive 2018.*

### December at All Saints

Looking back to before we broke up, thank you to everyone that supported the activities and events we held in school from Christmas Craft, performances, the disco and film show. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time in school, were courteous to each other and cooperative. Go to the parent pages on the school website to see some of the feedback from Christmas Craft.

[www.allsaints-sch.co.uk](http://www.allsaints-sch.co.uk)

We hope those of you that attended the Carol Service or Crib service at All Saints Church over the break enjoyed this coming together. Thank you to those families that supported us in our whole school walk to Church on the last day of term.

### 100% Rewards Day

This was a successful day in school with 169 children making it to the 100% club for the Autumn Term. The new window for achieving 100% started on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This is your child's opportunity to become a member of the 100% club for Spring Term.

### Staffing News

We welcome Miss Emma Green to the school office team. Also, Miss Katie Gibbs to the lunchtime supervisors team. Miss Fellows joins us resuming the teaching of Class 4P. For information, Mrs. Smallman who already works as an LSP in early years and in breakfast club, is now also a member of staff in the Afterschool Provision.

### Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

#### Inspection

The inspector visited our school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. It was an exceptionally thorough day and as well as scrutinising pupil's work, observing lessons and Worship and completing a learning walk the Inspector also interviewed staff, spoke to a group of our parents and Grandparents, Governors and spoke with children. Judgements are made about the Distinct Christian Character of the school, the effectiveness of leadership and management, the impact of Collective Worship and the effectiveness of the religious education. I am thrilled to announce that school received **Outstanding** as its overall judgement. A copy of the final report can be seen on the website on the report pages. Thank you and well done to staff, Governors, parents and children that make All Saints C of E Primary the very special place it is.

*"Excellent relationships between all members of the school community informed by the schools Christian values and cultivated by nurturing staff who encourage pupils to thrive. The school provides exceptional care and support for all groups of pupils so that they regularly attend and achieve well."*

(Extract from SIAMs report: December 2017)

### Diary Dates

Year 1 Trip to Blakesley Hall (rescheduled date) – 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
 Stay & Play Sessions for early years – week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> January  
 Parents Evening – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
 Pantomime in school for Children – 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
 Parents Online Safety Workshops - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9am or  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm  
 Mental Health & Well-being Launch Week – Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup>  
 February  
 School closes for February half-term – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
 School re-opens after half-term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Please see school website for full calendar of events for the rest of the academic year on the parent pages

**Love thy Neighbour** Please can I remind you not to park across the driveways of residents in Wilford Road. They need access via the drop curbs to get on their own driveways and to get home. There are parents blocking these driveways and then causing traffic delays on Wilford Road as residents can't pull off the road. There are traffic patrol vehicles roaming the area and it is offence to park like this. Thank you.

### Pupil Numbers

Pupil numbers are as follows:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year5	Year 6
60	60	61	59	60	35	35

### Music at All Saints

Mr.Cockshott from SIPS Education (Music) and Mrs. Beardmore our Arts Leader in school are really impressed with the afterschool Rock Band and what they have produced so far. They are all developing and practising new skills producing some good sounding music. We hope to have a live performance over the Spring Term.

Also, children in year 2 have been learning to play the Ukulele. To reinforce what they have been learning at home, you can go to [ukulelerocks.co.uk](http://ukulelerocks.co.uk) website and sing-along with what they have been learning.

### Calling all creative and hands-on enthusiasts- we need you!

We are looking to launch an outdoor art project in February to bring people together and create visual textile and installation art pieces in the outdoor area. We hope this will cheer up our Forest areas, brighten up the fences and railings and most importantly give us all something we can feel good about making together. As I hope you know, we care a lot about the staff, children's, parents and families mental health and well-being and making a positive contribution to something, feeling you belong to something and generally finding things to be happy and proud of is a perfect way to build connections, friendships, tackle feelings of isolation and build resilience in ourselves. We hope you want to work with staff and children on our own little 'Happiness Project!'

There is something for everyone. We are looking for volunteers who are:

- People keen on handy DIY- carpentry skills to help us to create wooden structured looms for weaving and 'dream catchers' we would love to hear from you
- People that love working outdoors to clear and prep the land help us with small scale gardening projects we would love to hear from you
- People keen on knitting, weaving, lace work, textile work, sewing or just generally creative and find this sort of thing relaxing we would love to hear from you
- People that can donate wool, fabrics and materials we can knit or weave with we would love to hear from you

Over the Spring Term we would like to put on opportunities for people to come together and as well as the chance to chat to friends, meet new people and enjoy a cuppa, make a positive contribution by creating textile work that can be displayed around school and the outside area. There is lots of flexibility about when these creative circles can get together so at this stage register your interests, talents or skills and we will let you know when we need you to come along.

### Thanks for your feedback

We always appreciate it when you tell us what we are doing well and also when you have any suggestions. Here are some of the things we have done to act on your feedback.

You Said	We did
You would like to know when events are happening in school sooner so you can plan for them.	A full list of school events and calendar dates were on website, under parent pages, in September 2017
Notice of events or trips coming up	Newsletters go out every month with reminders of diary dates
The pavements by school were too icy and untreated. It is hard to park cars and drop off in snowy/icy weather	We are following guidance of what we can and can't clear. Pathways and easier/ earlier drop off points were actioned within school grounds. Mr.McGarvey and Mr.Payne were posted on the roadside to help you safely get to the gates.
You would like an alternative way to pay for school services.	We are in the process of setting up Parent Pay. We are sorry for the delay but school have done all that they can do at this stage to set this service up for those that want to use it. It is coming soon.
You would like better ways to spread the costs of events and school payments to manage budgets better.	The new Parent Pay system we are investing in will allow you to do this.
You are unsure how the school 'dot card' system works and the things children can get house points (dots) for.	At parents evening (1 <sup>st</sup> Feb) there will be a display board up showing how this works and examples of dot cards and reasons for house points.
You found the internet safety sessions last year 'vital' in keeping your children safe and would like more of this to keep up to date with new technology, apps and their potential risks.	Next Parent Briefing sessions are: Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February at 9am <i>or</i> Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February at 5pm
Parents of children who had gone through reception and year 1 had asked for support with phonics and how they could help their children at home earlier in the academic year.	The current year 1 phonics sessions for parents were held in September and the current Reception in October.
Parents had requested an earlier drop off time for breakfast club to assist with getting to work on time and battling the traffic.	Our breakfast club service now operates from 7.30am.