

All Saints C. of E. Primary School

February 2018 NEWSLETTER

Head Teacher: Mrs J. Beech

Parent Pay

We apologise on behalf of the provider for the delay in getting Parent Pay set up for you as a service. It has now been confirmed that Parent Pay will be available to you from 26th February 2018. Those of you that attended Parents Evening may have picked up an information flyer. These are also available from the main school office. Your account user names and passwords will be sent out before half term.

Staffing News

Congratulations to Mrs Ball who is expecting her first child. She will be going on maternity leave in April. We are currently recruiting for a teacher to teach year 3 for the Summer Term.

Feeling Crafty?

Thanks to those of you who have begun to donate wool and knitting needles or have already said you will come along and help us to get started on our big knit art project. Save the date: **February 14th 1.30pm** (see over page for a reminder).

Pantomime

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the performance of Jack and the Beanstalk from the visiting theatre company that came to school today. You can ask them all about it.

World Book Day

As part of our drive to promote and engage children's interest in reading and following the success of last year, we are celebrating WORLD BOOK day on Thursday 1st March.

On this special day, your child can come to school dressed as a favourite character from any book. It would be good to discuss with your child the different characters from their favourite books. The dressing up possibilities are endless: Oliver Twist, Fantastic Mr Fox, Cinderella, Matilda and the Gruffalo! We can't wait to see who you will come dressed as!

Pupil Numbers

Pupil numbers are as follows:

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

Ofsted Inspection

Thanks to those that completed the Parent View Questionnaire to provide feedback as part of our recent inspection and those that spoke to the inspector on the playground on the day. It was a good experience and the feedback was very positive. We are now waiting for our final report to arrive and will let you know how our school was viewed as soon as we have it.

Thank you for your feedback: Parent Questionnaire.

It really helps us to continue to do what we are doing well and also we act upon your suggestions where we can so thanks for those of you that completed the survey over Christmas on our Christian Distinctiveness and teaching of RE.

Samantha Murray- Aiofe's mom – was drawn out of the completed survey box. A £25 Tesco voucher with our thanks for taking the time and trouble is on its way to you.

Parents Evening

Thanks for supporting your child's education by attending the Parents Evening and Stay and Play sessions (Early Years). It demonstrates the value our families place on education and their children's development. At the event, we hope you found the information board useful. For example, previously parents had asked for clarification on how our 'dot card' system works so they knew the reasons why children are recognised for their attitude, effort, hard work and progress. Every child is different and they are working at different abilities and starting points, which is one reason why they are awarded dots for different things. We also hope you picked up word lists to work on at home.

Music at All Saints

Our Rock Band that meet afterschool on Wednesdays are performing in a showcase on 7th February and we have a Live Music show being performed for the children on 8th February.

Supervision and Playground Activities before school

Please can I ask for your co-operation before school for the safety of all users of school. At this time of year when it is not possible to go on the school field as it is water logged, there is limited space for children, parents, grandparents and younger siblings in pushchairs for us to allow games of football at this time. I completely understand that the children love to play football and that the physical exercise is a great way to start the day however, there have been 'near misses' where the footballs have been kicked towards or into the crowds.

Once the field is accessible again, this ceases to be a problem as there is plenty of space on the field which reduces the clusters of people on the hard surface on the playground. It is only a short wait before children are let into school and they have full opportunity to play football at break time and lunchtime so I ask for your patience and understanding to be fair to everyone.

Also, can I take this opportunity to remind parents and children that we have a stock of school footballs so children are asked not to bring their own harder, caser balls into school as again in confined spaces and in a mixed age environment they are not suitable and we have never allowed caser footballs into school. Thank you for your support on this one.

John Muir Award

The John Muir award is an environmental award which our very own Mr McGarvey is now qualified to run at our school. There are 4 stages to the award; **discovery, explore, conserve and share**. We plan to open up gaining the award, in the first instance to our families. You are invited to sign up at a cost of £50 per family to work with each other and Mr McGarvey to take part in the award over 4 days over the February half term break in the school grounds. Monday 19th February to Thursday 22nd February. Reserve your family places by contacting Mr McGarvey. For additional information you can speak to Mr McGarvey or look at:

<https://www.johnmuirtrust.org/john-muir-award>

E-Safety Briefing Sessions

Last year when we ran these sessions, parents were overwhelmingly relieved that they had took the time to attend as it was so worth having the most up to date information to keep their children safe and unharmed. I do think some of the materials covered was a shock and a revelation to some of us as we live in this ever-changing world and **I urge you to come along as it could make every difference to you child in our school and to older siblings.** Sessions are running:

Wednesday 7th February at 9am or Thursday 8th February at 5pm. Please return your slip to confirm your attendance.

Diary Dates

Class Rock Band performance – Wednesday 7th February 9.00am

Music Show performance – Thursday 8th February 9.00am

Parents E-Safety Briefings- Wednesday 7th February 9.00am or Thursday 8th February 5.00pm

Mental Health and Wellbeing Art Launch in school- week beginning 12th February

Introductory 'crochet and a cuppa' Session – Wednesday 14th February 1.30pm

Break up for half term: Friday 16th February

John Muir Award – Monday 19th February – Thursday 22nd February

Return to school: Monday 26th February

World Book Day: Thursday 1st March

Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle: Friday 2nd March

Mother's Day Activities (details to follow): Friday 9th March

Year 2 and 3 Residential Visit to Edgmond Hall- Week beginning 19th March



Mental Health and Wellbeing week

As part of our Mental Health and Wellbeing week this year we want to bring our community together. What better way than to get creative?

Are you able to Crochet or Knit? Do you want to learn how to?

Come along to our new sessions taking place on various days and times each week.

Come along and share your talents with other like-minded people. Enjoy a cup of tea or a hot chocolate and a chat. The session will be led by Jeni Smith who is very skilled at Crocheting.

Get creative and make a difference!

Crochet hooks and wool are provided but we would be grateful for any donations to school.

Come along for first 'Crochet and a Cuppa' on Wednesday 14th February from 1.30-3.00pm to join in.



This is a long term project to bring people together, learn a new skill, get creative !

All crochet creations will be exhibited together in one piece and will be exhibited in our outdoor space.

Spare Wool?

Do you have any spare balls of wool you could donate to our project?

We would appreciate any colour, size and shape.



Each ball of wool will be turned into a beautiful creation to decorate our outdoor area and forest.

We are also looking for keen carpenters to build wooden frames and work with our outdoor materials to create structures for weaving.

If you are interested please could email the school office address (office@allaints-sch.co.uk) with your name and Mrs Beardmore will contact you.

