

All Saints C. of E. Primary School

January 2019 NEWSLETTER

Head Teacher: Mrs J. Beech

Ofsted Inspection

As I am sure you are aware, we had a two day Ofsted Inspection on 15th and 16th January. Thank you to those parents that took the time to complete the survey for inspectors and those that took the opportunity to approach Inspectors on the playground and support the school. The inspection went well and we are awaiting our report which I will share with you when we have it.

Parking Outside of School

Concerned parents and staff are urging you to park and drive safely and responsibly particularly at the start and end of the school day. I realise it can be a challenge to park up and even more so while renovation work is taking place across the road which limits the car park access but we are all for protecting our children and grandchildren. Parking on the pavements right outside and opposite school means that pedestrians have to walk in the road and can't cross safely. This is very risky to our own school community. I plead with parents and carers to park with respect for pedestrians and drive slowly as passing school. There is also the option of allowing an extra 5-10 minutes to journey planning and parking further away from school and using the time to encourage another opportunity to be physically active with your children and grandchildren by walking a short distance to school. Thank you for being courteous and cautious.

Marathon Kids

This week the children have heard about an initiative we are starting in school soon called **Marathon Kids**. They have learnt that the recommended time to be physically active on a daily basis is **at least one hour per day**. Our pupils do lots of things during the school day and take part in lots of clubs afterschool and at weekends- they love the challenge, the exercise and the social benefits attached to this. Marathon Kids is a new challenge for them to take part in during the school day, in PE lessons and at planned times over the week. The aim is that using our school running track, they will- over time- complete the equivalent of a Marathon (26 miles)! They were excited to hear about this in assembly this week. Teachers and support staff will be tracking and logging the number of laps completed over the school year and when a pupil completes 'their marathon' they will collect certificate and wrist band. All pupils are invited to join in with this challenge and it is not a race or competition but something they can each work towards at their own pace.

Celebration Assembly

We are so pleased to consistently see so many parents and Grandparents coming along to our celebration assemblies every Monday afternoon. The children feel proud and well supported by you. Thank you. Just a polite reminder, that once the assembly has started, it can be very hard for the staff presenting and distracting for the children when parents are talking through the assembly or are seen to be using their telephones. At these times we will ask parents respectfully to leave the hall area and take calls and talk to each other out in the lobby area. Thanks in advance for helping us to model this respectful behaviour to the children.

Job Opportunity

We have a vacancy for a school cleaner. For further information or details call into the office or speak to Mrs. Fiddian the School Business Manager. You can also find the advert on our website www.allsaints-sch.co.uk

Pupil Numbers

Pupil numbers are as follows:

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

Staffing News

Some of you may already have met or spoken to our new School Business Manager- Mrs. Fiddian- who joined us at the start of January. We welcome her to the team. We also welcome three members of staff who join us as part of an Apprenticeship scheme. Miss Carter, and our own Miss Gibbs join our administration and family support team. Mr. Rogers joins the site and facilities team.

Charity Support: Baby Basics

We are backing this local charity again this term as the response we had previously was fantastic and the charity was overwhelmed and grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Baby Basics supports new mothers who may have very little support from others and find themselves in difficult personal circumstances with basic items being packed into a simple shoe box or baby gift bag to help them and their new-borns through those first special days and weeks. It can include items for mom and/or baby. Baby Basics will collect donations on the 1st March from school. If you would like to contribute then please drop them into school via your child, the main reception or when you come on Parents Evening. Thank you so much in advance.

Diary Dates

EYFS stay and play sessions- week beginning 28th January
EYFS Parents Evening option- Thursday 31st January
1st February- Fizz Free February Starts
Week beginning 4th February- Internet Safety Week
Visiting Theatre Show for Children- Beauty and The Beast-
Thursday 7th February
Years 1- 6 Parents Evening- Thursday 7th February
Whole School Mental Health and Well-Being Week- Arts Week-
week beginning 11th February
Break up for half term- Friday 15th February
Return to school- Monday 25th February

Fizz Free February

All Saints C of E Primary is supporting and taking part in Sandwell's Fizz Free February and we encourage parents, families and staff to take part too. We're asking children and young people to give up fizzy drinks for 28 days- making it easier for them to cut down for the rest of the year. Going fizz free can help you to save money, stay healthy and look after your teeth better. Have a look at hints and tips about going fizz free and please make your pledge a www.fizzfreesandwell.co.uk

Let's show Sandwell that All Saints are up for it! It is something for all the family to join in with and do together. Opposite school we have the refurbishment of the local shop taking place and opening on 6th February as our local One Stop. Dan the manager is supporting Fizz Free February and the Sugar Smart campaign by making it easier to find the healthy options of drinks and snacks in store by displaying items near the entrance for us. Big shout out for Dan and his staff for being responsible retailers. The children have been given the facts and education about added sugars and hidden sugars in assembly this week so ask them all about it. Families please log on and make your pledge to support this. Look out for a competition the whole family can take part in- coming soon!

The Hive is now open before and after school everyday selling smoothies, flavoured milk and a variety of healthy snacks

Leave of Absence in Term Time

A reminder that if you are requesting leave in term time for your child or children you need to complete a leave of absence request form so that your case can be considered. Holidays should be taken in scheduled breaks. To support your planning of holidays and short breaks I can confirm that school is closed on the following days for the rest of this school year:

Break up Friday 15th February- return Monday 25th February- Half Term Break

Break up Thursday 11th April- return Monday 29th April- Easter Break and Training Day

Closed Monday 6th May- Bank Holiday

Break up Thursday 23rd May- return to school Monday 3rd June- Half Term Break and Training Day

Break up Friday 19th July- return to school Wednesday 4th September- Summer Break and Training Days