



All Saints Primary School Newsletter

December 2013

December 9th

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas 2013!

Well Christmas is definitely upon us - Christingles have been made and our Christingle Service was very enjoyable thanks to Reverend Budgell, Mr Budgell and Mrs Lyon who led the service and supported us with the music. The school tree is up! (Thank you to the fantastic band of volunteers who stayed behind on Friday to decorate the school) and we look forward to the Nativity and Sapphire Choir performances this week along with the other Christmas 2013 events in school. The Post Box is available in the library and we do encourage the children to use this for their Christmas post. Please can you make sure that full names and classes are clearly written on the envelopes. Thank you.

Just a reminder about this Friday's Christmas Parties.

- The KS1 Christmas Party for Reception, Years 1 & 2 starts at 6.00pm until 7.00pm. The good news is there is no need for parents to stay as this is an exclusive party for the wonderful All Saints Children.
- The KS2 Christmas Disco for Years 3, 4 & 5 starts at 7.00pm until 8.30pm.
Entry for both parties is £1 which includes a drink and a biscuit.

Newsflash! We have just received some very exciting news courtesy of the Royal Navy. They are once again helping Father Christmas this year and will be flying in an Elf to collect the children's letters to Santa (which they will work on in school) and make sure they get safely delivered to the North Pole. This exciting event is taking place on Thursday 12th December at 10.10am. Everyone welcome!

Carol Service – Wednesday 18th December 7.00pm

Our Key Stage 2 Carol Service will take place at Folke Church this year. This is always a special occasion and we do expect our children to attend. Please contact us if there are any problems with this and we will do all we can to help. Car parking has been organised and there will be a governor directing traffic on the evening. The Church Wardens advise 'sensible' footwear, warm clothes and that you bring a torch for the short walk to the church!

Staffing

Regrettably Mrs Powell is still too unwell to return to school at the moment. She is much missed and is very disappointed to be missing out on one of her favourite times in school. Our thoughts are with her and we continue to wish her a speedy recovery.

Interviews took place yesterday for the position of Diamonds Class Teacher from January to July 2014. Miss Victoria Hosegood was appointed and we look forward to her joining the team in January.

Uniform

We would like all children to feel proud of their identity as a member of All Saints. To reflect this please could all children wear the correct items of school uniform including footwear. We would especially like Sapphires looking very smart for their performances this week. Also, a gentle reminder that any earrings worn in school should be small studs only – thank you.

Cold weather clothing – Please can I remind you that children need a coat in school as it is always our intention that they go out into the fresh air even when it is cold. Rubies and Sapphires also require warm clothing (sweatpants, sweatshirt, even a hat in extreme temperatures) for their games session on Tuesday as they are outside for a long period.

Uganda update

Chris Crowstaffe from AWARE Uganda is delighted that the children of All Saints have raised money for her charity through their recent Bring and Buy sale and she says: *'Please thank Sophie and Chloe profusely on behalf of AWARE Uganda - I know they will be delighted! It is really fantastic that the children did this!!'*

The funds are going to be taken directly to Kaabong with Linnet Griffith-Jones who is going to work with the charity for 6 months. It would be great if we could also put a Christmas package together (as we did last year) for the children. Please bring in any **small** toys or items you may wish to donate by Monday 16th December.

Curriculum Evenings

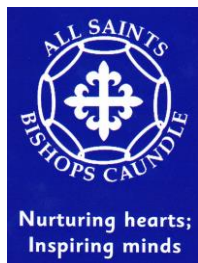
We were once again disappointed that not many attended our recent curriculum evening for Diamonds on 21st November. We do need to share information with you face to face at times (for example Mrs Regan was demonstrating the phonics sounds that the children learn) to ensure that our joint support of children's learning is consistent. Members of staff spend a long time preparing for these events and we would like to ensure that we manage to reach as many parents/carers as possible. We would be grateful if you could return the slip below indicating your preferred times for these workshops to take place in future.

Our new Headteachers!

On Friday 6th December All Saints had three brilliant new Headteachers for the day, Mr Bond, Mr Harris and Mr Staunton. They all took their responsibilities very seriously and everyone enjoyed the day – especially me who had the chance to handover some of my jobs for the day! Please see our website for a full report and pictures.

Thank you for your continued support in all that we do,

Anne Crumpler



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CURRICULUM EVENINGS

RETURN SLIP

Name:.....

I would prefer these sessions to take place at: (Please tick)

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