

All Saints Primary School Weekly Parent Email

W/E 16th October 2020

Dear All,

Just one more week before half term: amazing! Whist it has been a half term with a difference, we have gained so much. The children are blossoming in school, working so hard and thus making visible progress and the atmosphere has been as relaxed, friendly and as positive as ever. Today, we had a superb 'Wellie Walk' where the children were so well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. However, singing a cappella did prove difficult for some (namely myself).

Non School Uniform Day

Please do not forget that next Friday (23rd October) is ASSA's non-school uniform day where they ask children to bring in goods for the Christmas hampers in exchange for wearing their own choice of clothes for the day.

New Clothes Bank

ASSA have also arranged for a clothes bin to be installed in school. This is for bagged, clean and dry clothes, paired shoes, handbags, soft toys and belts. Please do not put in pillows, duvets, plastic toys or rags. Money raised from collection of these good will go into ASSA funds. The bin is for the whole local community so please do advertise it!

Parent Contact

I am conscious that, due to distancing restrictions, there has been much less daily interaction this year between parents and class teachers: particularly in KS1 and EYFS. I am aware that this has taken away the opportunity for those daily chats that can reassure you that your children are settled and doing well in school. As usual, we have our Autumn Term parent consultations coming up in November. With hindsight, taking into account the reduced daily parent/teacher contact, perhaps I should have brought these meetings forward for our Reception pupils. However, please rest assured that if we have any new concerns about any child in any class we will be in touch as soon as a concern arises.

Universal Infant Free School Meals

A request. There are times when our Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils bring in packed meals when you have booked hot meals. I know this will happen sometimes and completely understand this, however, we request that you try to avoid it as much as possible because these end up as food waste and even though the meals are free for parents, the school pays for all universal free school meals.

Home Learning

Inevitably, over the coming months, there will be pupils off school because they are ill or in isolation due to being a COVID-19 contact or awaiting test results. For those who are poorly, we will not be setting work (I am not that nasty!) However, we will be setting work for those who are at home self-isolating. This work will predominately be set using Google Classroom (as per 'lockdown'), but we will also be using live lessons and other resources. KS2 pupils will be able to use their school Chromebook to complete this work.

If you have any questions, worries, suggestions, complaints or comments, please do speak.

Nigel Roberts