



# All Saints Primary School Newsletter

## September 2015

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year at All Saints. The staff team have spent many days in the holidays preparing for the start of term - our staffroom and Emeralds Room have been redecorated and classroom environments look amazing. It has been good to have a tidy and sort and feel ready for an exciting year ahead.

We have enjoyed a lovely start to the year and extend a very warm welcome to our new children and teaching staff. We also welcome the Hancock family to our school who have recently moved to Holwell, Cali has joined us in Year 4 and Emily in Reception. Some additional lovely news is that Bethany Nash now has a gorgeous baby brother, Charlie, who arrived safely in the holidays!

I have included some information below for our new families and as a reminder to our existing ones.

### SPORTS COACHING

This year the children will be having one PE session with sports coach, Mr Noyce. This will be on a **Wednesday morning**. We are unable to change the timing of this session and it is always our intention that the children, except in extreme weather conditions, go outside for this. Therefore, please ensure that PE kits are in school on Wednesday and as the weather gets colder that this includes additional warmer layers.

### SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

A reminder that slip returns and letters, along with any worries or concerns, should be made via the classteacher and not the office. Please remember that we are always here to listen and we welcome you into school with any questions you may have. The morning arrangements ensure that teachers are available so that any concerns can be acted on at the earliest opportunity.

Similarly, we welcome support from parents in school and if you feel you would like to be involved in school life and can offer a regular commitment, we would love to hear from you. This could be hearing readers, helping with Art and Cooking or any skill you may have to offer! Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like to become involved.

### START AND END OF DAY

The school is open from 8.45am for all children to come into school, greet their teacher and friends and get organised for the day ahead. Diamonds children may be directly taken to their classroom and all other children enter via the children's entrance. Please be mindful however, that learning does start from 8.55am and as I am often teaching in the mornings I will need to be prompt with closing the door!

Children in Years 2-6 will be starting with daily 'Quick Maths' at this time and it is very important that they are present for this important activity.

At the end of the day we suggest that parents collect any children in Diamonds Class first from their classroom and then return to the front of the school to collect brothers and sisters where they are supervised.

### ACCESS TO SCHOOL

Please can I remind everyone that access by vehicle is not permitted on the school grounds when collecting children at home time. The only vehicles allowed are those that are used for school transport. This is to ensure everyone's safety at this busy time of day. Cars are permitted to drop children off in the mornings as there tend to be staggered

arrivals, however please drive slowly and one way through the service road. In the interest of everyone's safety parking or reversing by the school office is not permitted.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please can you ensure we have the correct contact telephone numbers and email addresses for you in school and that information regarding any medical requirements e.g. asthma is updated as necessary.

### **TUCK SHOP**

Year 6 will continue to run a weekly Tuck Shop in school every Thursday break time to raise funds towards their residential trip in the summer term. All children may bring a maximum of 30p to spend at Tuck Shop. Regretfully, we are unable to lend money to children who forget! We are always grateful to receive donations of small cakes and biscuits for this venture and thank you for your support.

### **MEET AND GREET**

'Meet and Greet' sessions have now been arranged as an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn about the classroom routines for this year. Even if the teacher remains the same other details may change so please do come along.

### **READING**

Thank you once again for your fantastic support with children's reading during the summer holidays, this will count towards their next reading reward. I hope you like the new, upgraded reading records and that you will encourage your children to look after them. On Page 7 you can read the details of All Saints Reading Reward Scheme and why it is important that reading at home is recorded.

### **HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT/E MAIL and INTERNET POLICY**

We feel that you play a vital role in supporting the school with its values as well as with the education of your child. The parent/school relationship is a vital one in every way.

You will find these on pages 4-6 of the Reading Record. Please could you read these and sign as soon as possible.

Please also read the child's part of the Agreement with your child and explain what it means. Of course if you would like to discuss the content before signing then please do let us know.

### **CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING**

Children love to share their learning and we continue to offer the opportunity for this through Celebration of Learning assemblies. Please remember anyone is welcome to attend these events – friends and relatives with you or instead if you are unable to come.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Stourton Caundle Village Hall has been booked for a fundraiser for All Saints and the village hall featuring 'The Roving Crows' on November 6th Friday. More information to follow in due course.

### **GERANIUMS!**

Following the generous supply of a geranium plant for every child at All Saints please don't forget to drop off your geraniums this Saturday between 9am and 10.30am at Stourton Caundle Village Hall for the chance to win a cup or cash prizes!! We are excited to hear who has won!

With best wishes,

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