



All Saints Primary School Newsletter

September 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOMES

Welcome back to the start of another school year. I sincerely hope you were able to make the most of the good weather this year and enjoy some family days in the sunshine. There has been much activity at school over the summer with the renewal of the main children's toilets which I have to say are amazing! Sapphires and Rubies have changed classrooms and all classrooms were beautifully prepared for the start of term ready for some exciting learning.

Our nine new children in Reception have had a fabulous start to school this week and we welcome them and their families to All Saints along with Richard Kuepper (Year 5) and his family.

We also extend warmest welcomes to Mrs Kellaway who is teaching Sapphires and to Mrs Hatch who is supporting learning across the school. We hope they really enjoy being a part of the All Saints team!

START AND END OF DAY

The change in early morning arrangements has led a smoother and calmer start to the day. The school is now 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 note however that the start of the school day has **NOT** changed, there is no requirement for children to be in school before **8.55am** when the school day begins.

I will be greeting the children in the mornings so will be available for informal chats and catch ups at the entrance. If you need to speak to me at length or privately please contact the office to arrange an appropriate time, thank you. However, in rare instances when it may be necessary to speak to me immediately I can always be made available.

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.

MUSIC LESSONS

A reminder that we can offer opportunities for children to learn the guitar, piano and violin from Year 3 onwards. Please contact the office for more information. Sapphires will be receiving a weekly class guitar lesson as part of their music provision for this term and will be bringing home a guitar in order to practice!

IMPORTANT DATES

Children in Year 6 will take their National Assessment Tests (commonly called SATs) in the week beginning 11th May 2015. Children in Year 1 will take the government Phonics Screening during week beginning 15th June 2015. If applicable please keep these weeks free from any other commitments.

SAFEGUARDING

Following on from our recent Esafety workshop and as part of rigorous procedures to keep our children safe, I am attaching an Esafety Acceptable Use Policy for All Saints Primary School which requires careful reading and a couple of signatures please before returning to school. The children will be revisiting this important topic and signing theirs in school shortly.

TUCK SHOP

Year 6 run a weekly Tuck Shop in school every Thursday break time to raise funds towards their residential trip in the summer term. All children can bring a maximum of 30p to spend. We are always grateful to receive donations of small cakes and biscuits for this venture. Thank you.

HOME/SCHOOL CORRESPONDENCE

It is our intention to reduce the amount of paper we use for environmental reasons, and to save administration time by using the wonders of modern technology! To this end we will be using email to correspond with you and all communications will be posted on our website. Please ring the office if you do not have access to a computer in order for us to make alternative arrangements.

Our website company is currently working on providing the facility for consent forms to be returned electronically. However, until this facility is available anything requiring a signature will still be sent home as a paper copy. Please can letters for the office be delivered by the children to class teachers.

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 eg asthma is updated as necessary.

MEET AND GREET

‘Meet and Greet’ sessions are now arranged as an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and learn about the classroom routines for this year. It would be great to see most of you at these sessions. Please see the list of dates with this letter.

Unfortunately Mrs Kellaway will be absent from school from Wednesday 10th September until 18th September. I know Mrs Kellaway is very sorry to be unable to be in school at this time, however it is unavoidable. We will work closely with Mrs Kellaway’s plans for the children during this time so that learning is optimum and will look forward to her return! We will arrange a date for Sapphires Class ‘Meet and Greet’ on Mrs Kellaway’s return.

We look forward to a great year of learning at All Saints, one in which we will be developing the children’s ‘learning power’! (Ask them about gems and powers) We also look forward to another brilliant year in partnership with our families.

With best wishes,