



All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

W/E 23rd November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Diamond Class got this week off to an amazing start with their Celebration of Learning assembly on Monday. The children were delightful and presented their learning with enthusiasm and great skill. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers obviously enjoying the occasion, thank you for supporting this – it really does mean the world to the children.

Key Stage 2 Reading Reward Scheme Thank you for supporting our Reading Reward Scheme by supporting your children with their independent reading. Our belief is that if children read regularly and often they will develop fluency quicker and therefore a love of reading, at the earliest opportunity, whatever their starting point. Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

There is a difference of over one year's schooling in reading performance between young people who never read for enjoyment and those who read for up to 30 minutes per day. We believe it is our duty to foster a love of reading from an early age.

The National Literacy Trust has released results from recent research (September 2018) exploring the link between reading, writing and mental wellbeing. This was carried out on children aged 8 to 18 in the UK. It was found that children who are the most engaged with literacy are three times more likely to have higher levels of mental wellbeing than children who are the least engaged.

Please continue to support during the few remaining (busy) weeks after which I hope to be able to award the most book prizes ever at All Saints! Please encourage children to respond to comments and targets that will help them to achieve a book prize at the end of term.

White Hart Vale Magazine Competition Our younger children were asked to design a winter's scene for the cover of the Christmas edition of the local magazine. Well done to Lucia whose design was selected and look out for it popping through your letterbox soon!

Lunchtime Football Club further reminder Sadly Miss Scott is still reporting that children do not have the correct clothing to access her club. This is causing upset for the children and is frustrating for staff who are giving their time because they really want to make a positive difference. Children in Key Stage 2 will require **football boots AND shin pads** to take part in the club. For safety reasons all children must be wearing shin pads if football boots are being worn by ANY players.

Key Stage 1 will be using a separate pitch and will require **trainers and shin pads** please. Football boots will NOT be worn for safety reasons.

Please can I ask you again that you support us in keeping your children safe whilst wishing to offer high quality provision to learn football skills and keep fit and active. Thank you.

Hair Decorations We respectfully ask that hair decorations worn in school are not over-large or ornate please!

School Parking The Parish Council have raised the issue of parking near school at pick up times. There is real concern that access for emergency services is compromised as the road below the school exit (closer to Hill View) gets blocked for larger vehicles, where people are parking on the pavement. The school kindly requests that everyone parks with respect for this concern at all times.

Children in Need Total: The School Council are delighted to announce that they raised £114.42 last Friday for Children in Need. I am sure you will all agree that this is an amazing achievement. Thank you Mrs Parsons and School Council for organising the events.

KS1 Nativity: Last week Diamond and Topaz children received a note home telling them what part they will play in this year's Nativity play, and what costumes are required. If you have not received this note, please contact your child's class teacher

Staff News Mrs Parsons wishes to share her exciting news that she is expecting a brother or sister for Floella, at the end of May. Congratulations to the whole family and we will keep you informed of any necessary staffing changes nearer the time.

The week ended on a high with our Christmas Fair, which was very well supported by our families and the community. We were delighted that Santa was able to join us despite being very busy indeed and the burger and hot dog bar was very popular! Huge thanks to Emma Osment and the ASSA team for the hours they have given behind the scenes leading up to the fair and all day Friday to prepare for the event. It was an amazing success and we will inform you of the total amount raised shortly.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and week ahead,

Anne Crumpler

Additional Letters:

- What's on this Week W/C 26th November 2018
- KS2 Carol Service Commitment (Already sent home in book bags)
- Easy Fundraising Poster