



All Saints Primary School Newsletter

February 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful evening All Saints' got Talent was! Those of you who came along to support our brilliant children certainly had a treat. I was immensely proud of all the children who took part and the quality of their performances. The evening was hosted very professionally by organisers Austin and Millie and judged expertly by our Governor volunteers. Huge thanks also to Mrs Wookey and Mrs Regan who supported the children in putting on such a wonderful show!

Drop off and pick up from school

In order to keep our children safe the gate will remain closed until 8.45am when supervision for the children arriving by bus begins. Children must not be left unattended before this time – thank you for your co-operation with this. At the end of the day lessons end at 3.30pm and whilst Diamonds children may be given time to get ready, Rubies and Sapphires will be making the most of all learning time. Every effort is made to get children out of school promptly however it is inevitable that children will not always be 'out the door' at 3.30pm. If you need your child urgently, for example in order to make an appointment, please just pop into the office and we will fetch your child quickly for you.

Music and Songwriting Project

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 are taking part in this exciting project with our partner primary schools. They are composing and performing their own song. On 3rd April 2014 the children will spend the afternoon at The Gryphon School with a performance for parents at 5pm. Please note this advance notice of what should be a lovely event!

Miss Davies continues to work with our Year 4, 5 and 6 choir who have called themselves the Stars of Bishops Caundle. They will be performing at the 'Youth Makes Music' concert in Sherborne on March 12th at 7pm. The children will be singing 'Doorway in the Rain' (which made us all cry at Christmas) and 'Bless the Lord'. This is a real opportunity for us to showcase our talent and promote our school in the community. Miss Davies will shortly be asking for a firm commitment of attendance on the evening but in the meantime we are all enjoying the singing.

Art Exhibition

We are very proud that All Saints' Artwork is going to be displayed at an exhibition held at Sherborne Prep School from Friday 28th March to Wednesday 5th March. I will confirm opening times after half term.

All Saints' Book Week is well underway opening on Monday with the arrival of the Book Fair and a special launch assembly. The children received a sheet of various reading activities that they can colour in as they complete them during. Please encourage them (out of book bags if not already!) and the children to bring them back to school on Friday when prizes will be awarded.

Other activities during the week are:

- Every class has a book to guess from clues every morning on arrival in their classroom. Children with all correct answers will be put in a draw for prizes on Friday.
- Buddy Reading is taking place every day from 12 – 12.15pm. Children are paired across the school for some sharing reading time.
- Last Friday we launched a photo competition called 'Get caught Reading!' We are looking for a photo which shows someone reading in the most imaginative or unusual place. Prize on Friday.

- We are creating our own whole school story in the hall to which the children can add to during the week and we'll read it on Friday. On Wednesday we will hold our annual Book Quiz.
- We are encouraging our children aged 7 upwards to enter the BBC Radio 2 500 words story competition. The closing date for this is 7pm on 26th February 2014. Interested children should have brought home a flyer but the website has lots of inspirational resources – please check it out and encourage your children. Handwritten stories can be brought into school to be uploaded.
- In addition to this there will be Roald Dahl themed activities taking place in class which the children will share at our achievement assembly on Friday.
- We are all looking forward to seeing the children **dressed as their favourite book characters** on Friday to end a brilliant week of reading and writing.

Books at Bedtime will take place on Thursday 27th February 6-7pm. Details to follow.

Special thanks to our lovely staff who have worked so hard to provide these extra and exciting activities for our children. Also, thank you to the parents who attended our Reading Workshops last week. We apologise if the notice was short but we do get carried away on a wave of enthusiasm sometimes and want to pack so much in!

Family Art Club

This is proving extremely popular once again, and it was lovely to see so many of you in the hall last Thursday. Thank you for supporting this opportunity.

Spanish Club

We may have the chance to offer this as an after school club in the future but would like to gauge possible interest first. This club would be free due to the fact that one of our Parent Governors has offered to run it. If you think your child would be genuinely interested in learning Spanish, please return the slip at the end of the newsletter. Thank you.

Swimming

Yes we are already thinking about the 2014 season! The children will be able to swim daily for 6 weeks to build their skills and confidence. The school community greatly prizes this facility however the financial implications of a swimming pool on site are immense and outside of the school's designated budget. In addition to the maintenance and running of the pool there are substantial annual staff training costs. Please remember that we rely totally on funding received to maintain this excellent resource. The requested cost will remain the same as last year at £20 per child. This works out at less than 66p per session which we believe represents very good value for money. We are offering an early payment plan in order to encourage 100% support which is vital in order to keep this much valued facility remaining viable. Please speak to Lou in the office if you would like to pay in instalments.

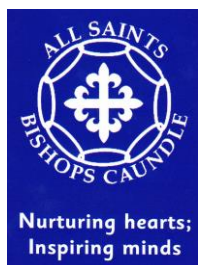
Update from Kaabong, Uganda

The donated gifts finally reached our partner school in Uganda via Linnet Griffith-Jones from Kings Stag who is visiting Kaabong. Here is an extract from Linnet's blog where she mentions the presentation of the gifts:

One thing that was effective, again on a pretty small scale, was a presentation of gifts from [All Saints Primary School in Bishop's Caundle, Dorset, UK](#), to the children of Loiki school. The presents, toys, colouring pencils, pens, paper etc., were collected just before I came to Uganda, so I brought them in my bag and we had a handing over presentation this morning. Many of the gifts were put aside for the whole school to use: a skipping rope, playing cards, some colouring pencils among others were to be used communally for arts and craft classes and play time. It was decided that about a dozen little gifts, such as cuddly toys, were to be given to twelve high achieving students to motivate them to carry on with school, rather than drop out at the end of primary school like many do. In the interest of fairness, each of the toys were wrapped in plain paper and set out so that each child could come, one by one, blindfolded to have the first thing their hands touched as they knelt by a mat that the toys were laid out on.

Here is the link to Linnet's blog if you would like to read further about why this connection is so important to us as a Rights Respecting School educating future global citizens! The money raised by Sophie and Millie at our Bring and Buy sale has been given to the Orchard Project which you can also read about here:

<http://www.asafeworldforwomen.org/safe-world-blogs/kaabong-diaries.html>



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Miss Schafheitle's Wedding

Miss Schafheitle is getting married on February 22nd. I am sure many of you will want to pass on your good wishes on this lovely occasion. If you have any cards from yourselves or the children please bring them into the office and we will ensure that Miss Schafheitle receives them.

After half term we have our own eggs arriving to incubate in school so hopefully we will have some Easter chicks! We also hope there is a distinct upturn in the weather before Year 5's residential trip to Hooke Court in March!

Please support the After School Café on Friday – it will be lovely to get together with a cup of tea before the half term break. FOASS would love to receive cake donations please!

A reminder that half term break starts on Friday and school starts again for children on **Tuesday 25th February**.

Have a great week and thank you for all your support,

Best wishes,

Anne Crumpler

All Saints Primary School Afterschool Spanish Club

My child(ren) (names), would be very interested in attending an Afterschool Spanish Club at All Saints Primary School.

Parent Name:.....

Parent Signiature:.....