



All Saints Primary School Newsletter

July 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well we are nearly at the end of another year and at that point where we say goodbye to some of our wonderful children and their families. Please always feel you are welcome at All Saints; we would love to hear your news and catch up on how well your children are doing.

Great Results!

We are delighted with the achievements our Year 6 children have made across all areas but not least in the National Curriculum tests they took in May. All our children achieved at least expected levels in Maths and Reading with 40% achieving a higher level in Maths and 80% in Reading! I believe the Reading Reward Scheme really makes a difference and we will continue to support and encourage all children to engage with this. Children will be receiving their awards for this term today.

We monitor children's progress carefully as it is most important that we remove any barriers to learning so that children can achieve their potential. All of our children have made at least expected progress in Reading, Writing and Maths with many exceeding. This has contributed to us achieving our best results in at least three years at All Saints.

The Tempest

Year 6 along with Years 4 and 5 also wowed us in our end of term production of 'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare. This was an obvious choice following a term's learning about The Tudors. It brought the language of Shakespeare alive for our children and hopefully will have forged a little affection for and curiosity to discover even more of Shakespeare's work. They received two standing ovations and I received many positive comments from the audiences who were obviously overwhelmed. The children at All Saints are brilliant to work with and it is lovely to have so much to celebrate at the end of the year.

Parent Questionnaire results

I have attached the results of our most recent Parents' Questionnaire to this letter. Please remember our door is always open to discuss any worries you might have.

Start of the day in September

If you read this carefully you will see that the staff have decided to change the start of the school day in September. Children will be allowed into the school building from 8.45am (the bus children when they arrive) in order to give the children a chance to settle into their classrooms and prepare for their learning before the day begins at 8.55am. This does not mean they need to arrive at 8.45am; 8.55am remains the official start of the day. Parents of children in Reception are invited to take their children around to the classroom. All other children may enter through the children's entrance via the cloakroom, hang up bags and coats and make their way to their classrooms. A member of staff will still be on duty at the entrance to greet the children. We believe this will make for a more settled start to the day.

Attendance

We have had a positive year maintaining national expectations as a school – final percentage 96.2%. Congratulations to Diamond Class who have been the best attending class in the school and congratulations to Hannah Parker –Taylor, Leanne Cuff, Austin and Connor Wookey who received a special badge for achieving 100% attendance across the whole year!

Free Hot Meals for KS1

Please remember that you will only receive your Free School Dinner if you book them NOW! **N.B All paying children will need to follow the same process.**

It is vital you book online to secure your child's meals. Please follow the instructions sent home last week (This information is also available on our website) **No online booking means that no food will be delivered!**

Swimming

Thanks to the weather, Mr Parker and our parent volunteers we have had a great swimming season this year. The progress of the children has been remarkable. We have not been without problems with our aged pool but thanks to Mr Parker the disruption to swimming has been negligible. However there have been additional maintenance and parts costs to find. I know this is a greatly prized facility of the school but the school receives no funding for running costs and repairs. If you have not yet made your contribution for this season we would be very grateful to receive it before school closes tomorrow. The future of the pool depends on it - many thanks.

Leavers' Service

All are welcome to attend our Leavers' Service on Tuesday at 1.30pm. The earlier start time is to allow us to celebrate and say thank you to Mrs Powell for 20 brilliant years of service to the school where she has had a huge impact on the many children who have been in her care. She will be greatly missed by parents, children and staff members but we all wish her much happiness pursuing new interests now that she will have the time to do so!

We are looking forward to welcoming our new children and families in September.

Thank you all so much for your fabulous support during the year. Have a wonderful summer with your families and we look forward to doing it all again in September!

Best wishes,

Anne Crumpler