

All Saints Primary School Newsletter

October 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can hardly believe that it is half term already! We have been so busy and productive in school that the weeks have flown by! Our reception children have settled well and are enjoying all that school has to offer. Mrs Kellaway has established herself as a valued member of the All Saints team and we thank her for all she has brought to our school.

We are Outstanding!

Firstly I am delighted to be able to share with you that we have been graded as '**Outstanding**' following our recent SIAMS Inspection. On Tuesday, 7th October, All Saints underwent a Statutory Inspection of Anglican/Methodist Schools Inspection which judges the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a Church of England school. The main focus is in the outcomes, that is the impact of provision rather than the provision itself. It examines how well the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meets the needs of all learners; the impact of collective worship on the school community; the effectiveness of religious education and the effectiveness of the leadership and management of the school as a church school. Many members of our Church and community supported on the day and as always, the children were our best ambassadors - so huge thanks to them. Please do read the full report attached. The summary statement says:

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of All Saints Primary School as a Church of England school are outstanding.

- *The dynamic leadership of the Headteacher who, together with dedicated governors and committed staff, is very effective in promoting the Christian vision of the school.*
- *The school's strong emphasis on explicit Christian Values significantly impact on the daily behaviours and individual development of pupils.*
- *There are clear links between the school's Christian values, collective worship and religious education with each having Jesus and the teachings of the Bible as their focus.*
- *Pupils are encouraged and supported extremely well in striving to be the best they can and their achievements are celebrated within the whole school community.*

Other quotes are:

'The well-being and academic progress that pupils make in their learning is central in the school's approach to its Christian ethos. The school's nurturing ethos ensures that pupils and their families are sensitively supported both emotionally and academically.'

'Behaviour is outstanding both in lessons and outside of the classrooms. Pupils with special educational needs make especially good progress due to the care taken by the school in addressing their individual needs.'

'The school's Mission Statement, 'Nurturing Hearts, Inspiring Minds' was created collaboratively with all stakeholders and the school's success in achieving this mission statement was evidenced during the inspection. Parents and governors are very positive about the school's teaching and

care provision, describing the school as a welcoming family where their ideas and concerns are always listened to and considered.'

'The school takes decisive action for the welfare of its pupils and this is evidenced in the significantly improved pupil attendance.'

'Adults in the school know the pupils really well, with mutual respect and positive relationships clearly evident throughout the whole school community. The pupils have a strong concern for people in the world less fortunate than themselves and their charity work demonstrates their commitment to helping others.'

'Parents met during the inspection were very positive about the school and are particularly complimentary of the approachability and care.'

The staff, governors and children are extremely proud of the judgements made about our school. It is a reward for the efforts of the whole school community in consciously living out our aims and values. Well done to everybody!

Staffing

Our wonderful staff team have worked extremely hard to ensure the best for our children whilst coping with considerable staff absence so far this term. Mrs Hatch, who was appointed to the support staff for September 2014 has resigned from her position due to ill health. Mrs Carolina Williams has been recruited to replace her. Mrs Green is currently unwell and much missed at school – we all wish her well soon. Unfortunately, Mrs Kellaway needs further surgery (and this is how she will be spending her half term break) so she will be absent from school for at least a week following the break.

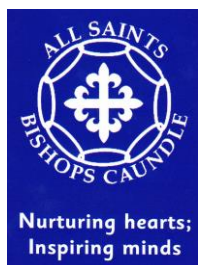
Sadly, after eight years at the school we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hallett at half term. Mrs Hallett has ensured many happy lunchtimes at All Saints. Her kind, caring approach and genuine love of children will be missed and we wish her well with her future plans. Mrs Beasley will also be leaving All Saints at half term to pursue her academic career further. Last year Mrs Beasley spent a lot of time to volunteering in school whilst working towards and achieving a qualification for supporting teaching and learning. This support was much valued in school and we wish Mrs Beasley well in the future.

We will be welcoming Mrs Quinn-Smith and Mrs Jackson to All Saints as midday supervisors following the half term break.

FOASS

The school is deeply indebted to those parents and staff who make up the Friends of All Saints School. So much (not least the swimming pool) relies on the extra funds raised through the association. We recently held the AGM and would like to thank Lisa Harvey for her years as Chair of the association as she steps down (as Chair) but thankfully remains on the committee. She has been inspirational in her commitment to the school and has achieved so much. We also thank our new Chair (Michelle Shaw), Treasurer (Chantelle Stevens) and Secretary (Michelle Nash) along with the rest of the committee members for their continued support. We always welcome new members please just ask if you would like to get involved!

A few generous parents have also bought some great new PE kit for the school so that we look really smart at fixtures. Huge thanks to Mr & Mrs Stevens for Netball/Athletic Kit, Mr & Mrs Bond for sports coats and Mr & Mrs Rendell for Rugby tops. Your support is truly appreciated.



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Important information regarding 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, the bus and one taxi. 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.

Parent Partnership

We welcome communication with our parents and carers and believe that any worries or concerns are best addressed sooner rather than later. We also welcome any information that helps us to get the best from your child at school. Please ensure that communications concerning your child's learning and welfare are made in the first instance to the **class teacher or to myself** – I am on the door most mornings. If you need to speak briefly to a teacher please come in through the children's entrance to the classrooms in the morning. Teachers are also available at the end of the day.

Reading in school

We appreciate those who give their time to support in school. It is really useful to have extra adults for one to one reading especially during periods of staff absence. Please speak to a member of the teaching staff if you feel able to help in this way. Thank you.

Watch out for our promotional video appearing on the website soon – huge thanks to Miss Scott for creating this way of illustrating how we live 'Nurturing Hearts, Inspiring Minds' at All Saints.

Reception Class Parent Meeting – Date for the Diary

On **Thursday 6th November at 3.45pm** we would like to invite all the parents of our Reception Class children to join us for a meeting to share information on how the children will be assessed in their first year at school as well as giving advice on how to support the children's learning.

I wish you all a happy and fun filled half term break. With thanks as always for all your support,

Anne Crumpler