



# All Saints Primary School

## Weekly Parent Email

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Dear Parents / Carers,

All Saints have enjoyed another fantastic week. Here are some of the highlights:

**Haynes Motor | Museum Visit:** Diamond and Topaz class had a super day out at Haynes Motor Museum!

The staff at the museum and our parent helpers were so impressed with the brilliant behaviour of the children. Please do congratulate your child if they were on the trip as they have made us very proud! Here follows some feedback from the children: Nellie said: "We had fun dressing up!", Archie commented: "We saw one of the cars that only had three wheels and the engine was at the back!" Lily said: "I learnt that some cars have a mascot at the front of them" and Nieve stated: "We saw Minis and they were different colours. One of the Minis had been cut in half!"

**Dance Crew Dancer of the Week:** In our fabulous Dance Crew club, that meet every Monday after school, a special award is now given to the dancer who has impressed the most that week. Miss Scott assesses listening skills, team work, behaviour and creative flair. Winners so far include: Lacy Stokes, Thea Adam and last week was Lilly Dennison.

Please look on our School website [www.bishopscaundle.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.bishopscaundle.dorset.sch.uk) for photos of some of these events.

### Gentle Reminders....

**Attendance and Punctuality:** Well done all the children who received certificates for attendance at the end of the Autumn term. 49 children had attendance that exceeded 97% and out of those, there were 17 children who hadn't had a single day off school last term. THANK YOU SO MUCH to those families who have been working hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance is high. THANK YOU for getting these important life skills established early on in your child's life as it will make a difference in their futures.

We have a number of trigger points for individual attendance and do issue letters informing you if you are approaching one of these. This is so that we can work with you to support improving this wherever possible, so that important learning time is not lost more than is absolutely necessary. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

I'd like to remind parents/carers that the school day at All Saints starts at **8:55am** when children's learning begins. Start of day sessions are tailored to children's individual areas of development and are essential, this is also often the time when teaching assistants are hearing readers 1:1.

We understand that we all run late sometimes. For your child, arriving late to school occasionally will not cause major disruption and inevitably, sometimes circumstances will prevent them from being on time. However, consistent lateness eventually takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience and *this can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability*. Children who are often late may have trouble settling in and mastering routines and may disrupt a class that is already settled to learning. Sometimes children miss out on being able to talk to their teacher in the morning or on finding out about what they are learning that day.

*At All Saints, we allow time for children to enter school and get settled for the day, which we believe is important. A staff member is available to greet children at the door, but they need to be in class at 8.55am so the main door has to be closed promptly.*

*However, an increasing number of children are being admitted via the office on a regular basis, at what can be a very busy time of the day here.*

Being frequently late for school also adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year

As a school, we make regular punctuality and attendance checks and this includes identifying children who are regularly late for school. This also forms part of a termly attendance report for the Local Authority, which also specifically highlights those children whose attendance has fallen below a certain percentage where there will be a negative impact on achievement. Please respect that issuing this reminder reflects our commitment to working together with parents/carers to provide children with the best possible start in life.

**“We the Curious Trip” Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Monday:** We are still looking for additional adults to support this trip. If you would like to accompany us please let your child’s teacher know. Thank you

#### **What’s Going on Next Week:**

There is lots happening in school next week:

**Yr 6 Pop-Up Restaurant:** The Year 6s, brilliantly supported by Miss Scott, are creating a pop-up restaurant on Tuesday evening in the school hall. 48 tickets have been sold to the year 6 families, and friends, teachers and governors. The theme of the evening is cuisine from around the world and a fabulous 3 course meal us being served along with Mocktails and nibbles. The proceeds of this event are going towards the Year 6 leavers’ hoodies initiative. We look forward to telling you all about this fabulous evening next week.

**Year 6 SATS Information Evening:** On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, Mrs Regan and Mrs Beecham are running a workshop in order to keep parents fully informed about the National Curriculum tests (Known as SATS) that the Year 6 children will be taking in May this year. Year 6 parents please do not forget to return your reply slip to Sapphire Class ASAP. Thank you

**Diamond & Topaz Class Stay and Play Session for Parents:** Mrs Parsons and Miss Withers have introduced a brilliant initiative for parents to stay and play with their children. The aim of the programme us to give parents an insight in the learning that typically happens within our classrooms. There are two sessions being offered next week: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 1.30 -3.00pm and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 9.30-11.00am. We strongly urge all KS1 parents to book a preferred session by contacting the class teachers direct or emailing the office on [office@bishopscaundle.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@bishopscaundle.dorset.sch.uk)

#### **Letters Home:**

- What’s on Next Week W/C 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Kind regards,

All Saints