



All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

W/E 13th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

First of all can I say what a proud and admiring headteacher I was on Wednesday afternoon when our Diamond Class led their celebration worship. I was particularly impressed by their enthusiasm and confidence. It is also pleasing to see evidence of the broad and varied curriculum coverage we have here at All Saints. Thanks to Jenny, Lorna and Tamsin for allowing their pupils to shine. In addition, thanks to all the helpers and readers who give up their time to come in and help our pupils, thus helping them to flourish.

I was in a meeting on Thursday morning and only caught the end of our KS1 And Reception Farm Animal Visit. When I eventually headed down to class, I was met by a wall of excitement from the children (and staff). It makes learning so much more powerful when pupils can experience what they are learning about. We had sheep, calves, a pony, chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs ... what a morning. Many, many thanks to all of our parents and friends who put themselves out to enrich the learning of our pupils.

I do hope you all enjoyed our recent Parents evenings. Hopefully you have gone away knowing your child(ren) attainment, what will help them to make further progress and how they mix socially with their peers and staff. If you feel you need more information about your child's attainment and progress, please do not hesitate to ask.

Finally, many thanks for support Sports Relief today, we had some wonderful donations for our Bingo on Saturday 21st March. However, I regret to report that our children tripled the amount of 2p pieces that were needed which means our female staff will dress up as males and our male staff will dress up as females on Friday 20th March!

Kind regards,

Nigel Roberts
Headteacher

CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19

Naturally there have been some questions about what we are doing about coronavirus (COVID 19). First of all, as a school we have spent a lot of time telling the pupils the importance of hand washing and also showing pupils how to wash their hands. Each toilet has copies of a song that children can sing (This is the way we wash our hands) whilst washing their hands. We are asking children (and staff) to wash hands as they enter school in the morning, when they return to class from playtimes, before and after lunchtime and before leaving school at the end of the day. All visitors will also be asked to wash hands when entering and leaving the school. Each classroom is furnished with boxes of tissues.

The most recent advice I have received is:

- If there has been a suspected case, no restrictions or special control measures are required while laboratory test results for COVID-19 are awaited. There is no need to close the setting or send other learners or staff home.
- If there has been a confirmed case, we will be contacted by the local Public Health Protection Team to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact and then be advised on any actions or precautions. An assessment will be undertaken by the Health Protection Team and we would follow their direction.
- The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of a new **continuous** cough and/or high temperature. If you have these symptoms, however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started. You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, contact [NHS 111 online](#). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

If you do need to self-isolate please contact the school and also keep us updated as to your progress.

There is a Department for Education Coronavirus helpline for staff, parents, carers and young people which is open Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm: 0800 046 8687

WATER BOTTLES

To reduce the risk of spreading any virus, we are temporarily removing cups from classrooms. To that end, could all pupils please bring their own water bottles into school.

POSTPONED EVENTS

The year 4 & 5 Sign Up Gospel Event on March 24th has been unfortunately postponed. We are currently seeking a substitute day later in the school year.

The Good news is that Yr 5 Residential to Mill on the Brue is still currently going ahead. Please refer to the attached letter for more information.

PE KIT

It has become noticeable that a growing number of pupils do not have their correct PE kit in school. Could I please ask that we all check that your child(ren) has all the PE kit we ask for.

BOOK WEEK W/C 23rd March 2020:

Please do not forget to take advantage of the opportunity to pre- order our author, Zanib Mian, books and also the confirmation of attendance for 'Books and Bedtime' which is taking place on Monday 23rd March at 6pm. Copies of these letter can be found on our website or available from the school office. The PTA have also organized a 'Design a Potato Book Character' competition – please refer to the attached leaflet

RABBITS FOR SALE:

As part of the Farm Animal event, a family of Rabbits was on show by Lilly-Grace's family. They currently have two baby rabbits available to go to a good home for a small donation to PTA funds. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Letters Attached:

- What's On this Week 16th March
- Mil on the Brue Coronavirus letter
- Mother Day Pop Up Shop
- Design a Potato Book Character Competition