



All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

W/E 18th December 2020

Dear All,

What a shame, nearly got away with it! I have to say the staff and I are so frustrated, however, we have been energized by the overwhelming messages of support and love from you and the wider school community. **Please remember, if any pupil tests positive for Covid-19 up to and including 24th December, could you please email the school office to let us know. This will allow us to initiate contact tracing as instructed by NHS Track and Trace.**

The whole team at All Saints would like to thank you for your positivity and support this term. From me, I would like to thank all of our staff. At times I wonder what I have done to deserve such dedicated, caring and professional colleagues. The past nine months have highlighted even more to me how lucky we are to have such an adaptable team who put the needs of the pupils before their own. It would be amiss of me not to mention the pupils at this stage. They have been outstanding and they have excelled! They are the reason we are here and each day the staff are humbled by the qualities they demonstrate.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our loyal and dedicated volunteers. Sadly, we have not been able to see them in recent months. However, to all our readers, governors, ASSA (PTA), helpers, advisors and anyone else who gives up their time to enrich opportunities for our pupils, thank you so much, we are truly lucky to have you as part of the school community and we are counting down the days until you can come back into school.

I am sad to partly say farewell to Amy Parker who has been working in Diamond Class this term. Amy stepped in at the last minute and has been wonderful support to our Diamond Class pupils. Thankfully, Amy will continue with her Thursday after school Performing Arts Club which has been so popular over the past year or so. Many thanks Amy for your positive attitude and excellent support in Diamond Class this term.

Pupils across the school have been writing to residents in local care homes this week, reminding them that we are thinking of them at this time of year. Our KS1 classes have sent a class card, whilst our KS2 pupils have all written to a specific individual. Hopefully it will bring some joy to some of our older members of the local community. Naturally these letters and cards will be quarantined before being passed on to the residents.

ASSA, our brilliant PTA, raised over £1000 from the Christmas Raffle: amazing! Many thanks to all of you for supporting the fund raising. They have also been so generous in buying each child a present for Christmas; these now be given out in January.

To reassure those with disappointed children, the Diamond & Topaz Class Party has been rescheduled to Friday 8th January and I have also rebooked Father Christmas for a post-Christmas virtual visit.

Finally, please do take time to watch – via the school website – the KS1 Nativity, our whole school thanks to our helpers and the Ruby Class Ukulele Concert.

Applying for School Places

Please remember, 15th Jan remains the final date for applying for school places in Reception for next September. If you have a child who is coming here next year, please do apply online with Dorset Council sooner rather than later, we would hate for any of our current families to miss out. If you need any help or advice with the application, please do give Lou a call.

Inset Day – 4th Jan 2021

Please note that Monday 4th January is an Inset Day. Pupils will start back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Have a fantastic Christmas, I hope you get some opportunity to spend some time with family and friends. Please remember we are here for support, advice and assistance if needed: please just call or email.

Nigel Roberts