

All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

W/E 03rd September 2021

Dear All,

I hope you had a fantastic summer. I thought I would get in touch before the children come back to give you an update.

Firstly, we are very much looking forward to this academic year. I am thrilled with our - ever expanding - teaching team and we are supported and challenged by a fantastic Governing Body. I am confident that we will go from strength to strength.

At long last, we will (providing advice doesn't change) be able to invite you into school for Parent Consultation, Class Performances, Presentations and Class Meet and Greets.

Coronavirus Procedures

Please see the bottom of this Newsletter for the latest government advice for testing and isolation: we expect all of our families to follow this.

Naturally, we will do all we can to reduce risk by:

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

We will NOT be working in bubbles. This will enable us to have whole school events, daily worship and also will give pupils a lot more scope at breaktimes. Naturally, if we are unlucky enough to have any cases, we will reassess these procedures.

Pupils will still be asked to sanitise their hands before entering school in the morning, however, there is no need for parents / adults to wear masks on school grounds. Of course, we are expecting many of our school community to continue wearing masks.

For meetings in school, we will not be wearing masks. If you are uncomfortable with this and would like the member of staff you are meeting with to wear a mask, please do ask in advance and we will ensure that this happens. Likewise, if a member of our staff would prefer you to be wearing a mask, we will inform you prior to the meeting.

As ever with these things, if in doubt, please do ask.

Daily Timings and Procedures:

- Apart from our new Reception pupils in the first week, the school day will run from 8:45am – 3:30pm for all pupils.
- Breakfast Club will run from 7:45 – 8:45am.

- After School Clubs will run from 3:30 – 4:30pm.
- Diamond Class (Reception & some Yr1s) pupils will enter and leave school via the side gate (they are to be dropped off and met there).
- Topaz (Some Yr1s & Yr 2s) and Sapphire Class (Yr 5s & Yr 6s) pupils are to enter school and leave via the Children’s Entrance / cloakroom.
- Ruby Class (Yr 3s & Yr4) pupils will enter and leave school directly from their classroom (last year’s Sapphire classroom).

Forest School Clothing

All classes now have Forest School timetabled each week. During these sessions, there will be a number of activities taking place: these will happen pretty much whatever the weather! To that end, could you please ensure that your child has wellington boots in school and, in addition, a waterproof jacket, waterproof trousers, and clothing that could get wet, muddy or even snagged. Forest School days are as follows:

Diamond & Topaz	-	Thursday and Friday
Ruby	-	Monday
Sapphire	-	Wednesday

PE Kit

I strongly recommend that pupils keep their PE kit (including trainers) in school for a whole half term. If they are getting a overly dirty, staff will send the home for washing. PE sessions will be on the following days:

Diamond & Topaz	-	Wednesday and Thursday
Ruby	-	Tuesday and Friday
Sapphire	-	Monday and Friday

Work Completed over the Summer

Over the summer we have been busy as ever improving our facilities. Whilst the list of jobs completed is long and not particularly interesting, the headline grabbers are:

- Our forest school now has an area covered by a parachute.
- We now have a fully resourced Studio adjacent to the changing room; this will be used by Year 5 each morning and group work in the afternoons.
- You will see a hexagonal Spirituality Bench outside of the office: this displays our six school values. Please feel free to use it.

Bishops Caundle Forest School Toddler Group

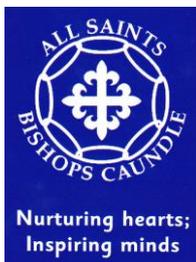
Our Friday morning ‘Bishops Caundle Forest School Toddler Group’ group is restarting on Friday 10th September from 9:30 – 11am. Please do let friends and family know about it because all families with pre-school aged children can attend. Please direct any enquiries to Lou in the office.

Request for Fizzy Drinks / Water Bottles

We still need 200 more 2 litre coke type bottles to complete our recycled greenhouse. Could you please continue to collect them, de-label them and bring them into school.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday morning,

Nigel Roberts



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LATEST GOVERNMENT CORONAVIRUS ADVICE

When to self-isolate:

Self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test (a test that is sent to the lab) on GOV.UK as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – check below if this applies to you)
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

However, you should still:

- get a PCR test on GOV.UK to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19
- consider limiting contact with people who are at higher risk from COVID-19

If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days.

You may need to self-isolate for longer if you get symptoms while self-isolating or your symptoms do not go away.

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.