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# NEWSLETTER 2013/487

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Dear Parents,

## Welcome back to Autumn Term 2013

Welcome back to school after what I hope has been a very enjoyable break and has enabled us all to feel re-energised for a busy term ahead. You will see many exciting activities already planned on the dates list that goes out today.

A particular welcome this week to Mr Andy Horsley, class teacher in Dudley; and Mrs Gail Duxbury who will be teaching Waller on Monday and Thursday afternoons. I hope that this is the start of a long and happy time at All Saints'. Welcome also to Ana Moisa and her family who have joined us this week. We hope that they will all be very happy as part of our school community.

This term will see some very deliberate changes in the organisation of the school which have been agreed in order to continue to strive for excellence in everything we aim to achieve as adults and children. As I'm sure you know I am passionate about the special qualities that a smaller, community based school brings to education and am confident that as our two smaller schools at All Saints' and Burton Green continue to collaborate together in a range of exciting, as well as efficient and cost effective ways, that both children and staff will benefit enormously.

I will be sharing my time equally between the schools in a regular pattern. On Tuesdays and Fridays I will be in All Saints' throughout the day and on alternate Wednesdays I will also be in school here. I am out and about on the outside of school, before and after school whenever possible.

## Newsletter Delivery.

The newsletter goes out every Friday. We try to publish before lunch so that you are aware if your child has any awards and wish to attend 'Achievement Assembly' at 2.45 on Friday. This week we are sending a paper copy of the newsletter to each family. Normally we send most newsletters by email.

Each week we do receive a number of no reply responses. If your copy does not come through each Friday please let us know so we can check we are sending to the correct/ preferred address.

## NEW TERM REMINDERS

### Arrival at School

Arrangements for arrival at school continue as last year. The school doors open at 8.45 enabling a calmer, prompter start at 8.55. As the children have all moved into their next year group I hope that they will continue to show developing independence when entering school and organising their belongings. From Year 1 upwards

children should be entering school independently. Teachers are more easily available for parents to see re any concerns at the end of the school day. I am available both in the morning and at the end of school on Tuesdays, Fridays and alternate Wednesdays. Mr Woodage is here to help you throughout the week.

## Behaviour

Good behaviour underpins all aspects of individual progress and impacts on the progress made by others in the class. We have focused on expectations, within and outside the classroom, this week and are applying our expectations throughout the day. Your support, including signing homework diaries, is appreciated. Further information from class teachers and Mrs Patterson.

As you are aware we plan and deliver a full week of activities each night after school. These are provided by a range of people, some employees of the school, some outside providers. We expect that excellent behaviour continues beyond the school day in these activities and good behaviour is a condition of pupils accessing these opportunities.

## Uniform

*For Health and Safety reasons children should not wear jewellery in school. Where they have had ears pierced and earrings must be worn these should be studs rather than hoops. The children will be asked to remove these for PE. Where this is not possible they will be taped.*

*Shoes should be worn during the school day, trainers should not be worn.*

*Uniform can be ordered via the office using an order form. Please leave together with cheque and your order will then be processed by Mrs Sue Alsop and uniform then sent home with your child.*

## PE

*We would appreciate it if you could check with your children which days they do PE and ensure that their named PE kit is in school on that day- black shorts and a gold school T-shirt please. Children in Key Stage 2 may bring trainers (old and inexpensive) and a tracksuit (not fashion wear) when they are doing games outside in the colder weather.*

## Painting Shirts

*All of the children need a painting shirt/old T shirt to be kept in school.*

## Medication

Whilst we are willing to administer essential doses of prescription medicine, we would appreciate you only bringing over the counter medicine into school as a one off in an emergency.

Children who require medication in school should bring these to the office. Parents should consult with Mrs Patterson or Mr Woodage re details for administration. Children in Key Stage 2 who need inhalers are encouraged to keep their own inhaler with them and self administer when required. Children who require inhalers in school should bring a spare inhaler to be kept in the classroom. If your child uses an inhaler at home we should have one in school please. Please contact Mrs Patterson to update us on your child's medical needs.

#### **KS 2 Fruit at Breaktime**

Fruit is available for children in Key Stage 2 @ 10p per day.

#### **Water Bottles**

Having water readily available through the day is important for the children. Water bottles are available from the office priced £1.00. **Please do not send in alternatives as these spill and spoil children's work.** Only water should be put in bottles for use during the day for health and safety reasons. Please encourage children to bring bottles home for washing!

#### **Reading**

We would appreciate it if you would encourage your child to read for a short time each evening. This is an important and essential aspect of their homework that impacts directly on their progress.

Children in Key Stage 2 are encouraged to read for 15 minutes each night, and must read at least 4 times a week as part of their homework.

It is essential that the children bring their reading books back to school each day along with their reading diary.

#### **Mathletics and Spellodrome**

Many thanks to the P.T.F.A who funded our introduction to Mathletics last year. This was very successful and as a result we have extended access to school and home online resources to include Spellodrome. Spellodrome will be funded by P.T.F.A. but we would appreciate a donation of £3.00 per child to enable us to continue to fund Mathletics. A private, more limited, home purchase would cost £35.00 for Mathletics alone. Please join us on our ICT evening to learn more about how these programs can be used effectively at home. I would appreciate you returning the Attached slip with a donation. Many thanks.

#### **Disclosure and Barring Service (Previously known as CRB Checks) and Volunteer Driver forms**

Volunteers are always welcome to help in classrooms, trips and activities. Everybody working in school must be DAB checked. If you are a new volunteer please see Mrs Hancocks for a form.

All parents offering lifts for trips including sports fixtures to children other than their own must complete a volunteer driver form.

#### **Data Collection Forms**

The contact information on these forms is crucial in an emergency - please return as soon as possible.

**SCHOOL MEALS** From September 2013 dinners will rise to £2.15 If you wish to pay until October half term please pay £83.85.

Please send in on Mondays if paying weekly. Many thanks.

#### **Instrumental Tuition**

If you requested instrumental tuition your child will be able to begin/ continue next week when payment letters will also be sent out.

#### **ADMISSIONS 2014**

I would like to invite parents of children who are due to start school in September 2014 to visit the school on our:

#### **OPEN MORNINGS**

Join Mrs Patterson on a guided tour around the school in a small group, with the opportunity to ask any questions that you might have.

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

9.30am or 11.00am

**19<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am or 11.00am

Please ring 01926 400498 to reserve your place.

#### **AKANY AVOKO.**

**Next Valentines Day is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Please bring your 20ps then

#### **Class news**

**Years 1 & 2**

**Heroes & Villains Day next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

Please come dressed as a hero or villain on Wednesday. Please make sure you know why you are a hero or villain.

#### **Sports Events**

##### **Sport**

##### **Swimming Lessons**

Swimming begins for Waller Class on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September (letter sent home this week). Please make sure you have signed and returned the permission slip to allow your child to swim. As always we would be grateful for volunteers who have been police checked to help with supervising children.

##### **Cross Country**

The first race of the season takes place next Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at Southam College. A letter has gone out this week.

If any parents who are runners are able to help with cross country on Fridays after school Mrs Patterson would be delighted to hear from you.

#### **Wise**

**Young at Heart- Year 6 Trip to Westminster Abbey and the Churchill War Rooms**

The annual shared outing takes place on Friday, 27th September. Full details in letter that went out this week. Please be aware of additional car parking on that Friday. Departure is at 7.15 return at 7.00.

### WWII Topic Films

As part of their topic, Wise class will be watching Goodnight Mr Tom PG and extracts only from Hope and Glory. This is a Certificate 15 film but the children will only be watching appropriate opening scenes. If you have any questions or concerns about these films please see Mrs Jacob who will be happy to discuss them with you. Please do not watch the film at home until we have watched it in class.

### All Saints' Extra

**Contact Amy Garlick 07971598909 between 8am and 7pm daily.**

All After School Early Risers and All Saints' Extra activities are now fully open. Recorders, Science and Cross Country end at 4.15. Other clubs end at 4.30. For football children will need football boots or appropriate trainers. It isn't wet at the moment. They should also have shin pads for all football coaching.

### Behaviour at out of hours activities.

At the beginning of the year we would like to reinforce our expectations of good behaviour beyond 3.15 in order to ensure that everybody who takes part in activities has fun and that adults continue to want to deliver activities.

Each child has been given a behaviour contract which we would appreciate you talking to them about and signing. Poor behaviour will result in children not being able to take part in activities.

### Booking and Payment

We continue to have ever increasing demand for Before and After School Activities. This means that places for all clubs need to be booked in advance and school notified if your child is not attending a club where they are expected.

### Changing

We are encouraging children to change more carefully when taking part in after school clubs. Please support us, particularly on Fridays when there are lots of sports clubs. Please make sure your child has picked up all **their** clothes and taken them home. Football boots **must** not be worn in the school building.

### Nature Detectives

Nature Detectives this term will be at 3:15-4:30pm on Wednesdays for those in Y2 and above. We will be continuing to improve our school grounds for wildlife, learning more about the wildlife, making crafts with natural materials, playing games and more. To sign up please contact Amy Garlick.

## P.T.F.A: Making a difference!!

Next meeting :

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October AGM 7.30, followed by an ICT Evening. Explore the potential of Mathletics, Spellodrome and our other wonderful ICT developments.

Next steering group: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 7.30pm. Planning the programme for next year.

Use our Virtual Shop. [www.easypfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easypfundraising.org.uk)

Just go to the site and register, we are listed as All Saints Leek Wootton.

Further details available from

[kimberleylunn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kimberleylunn@yahoo.co.uk)

### Raise Funds by Saving Your Old Pens

**Half way to 5kg: Keep collecting.**

A box has been put outside the school office for your old pens etc or see Lesley Knott at the KS2 gate.

### Dates for your diary

**2nd November Bags2school Collection** We raised £400 last year through Bags2school. Thank you for your collections. Our next collections later this term, so please save unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding, soft toys and belts. Bags will be distributed before half term. Please ask neighbours, friends and family for donations too.

**30<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Fair and Raffle**

**Working Party Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1.00pm.**

**Thank you to volunteers who have already contacted me following my early morning message.**

Last year we had a very successful afternoon doing a range housekeeping jobs outside. This set us up for the year and was extremely useful and really appreciated.

### The jobs include:

- Preparing and pruning in the Peace garden to get ready for our special 'stones' assembly;
- Harvesting produce;
- Digging over the raised beds, clearing the greenhouse, tidying up the gateways. Please bring any appropriate tools you might have;
- Replanting the tubs;
- Removing rubbish;
- Checking and cleaning the guttering around the building;

Children are welcome to play in the school grounds whilst we work. If you can help would you please complete the slip below, many thanks.

**All Saints' Church**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

8am Holy Communion

9:30 am Holy Communion with Children's Groups

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

8am Holy Communion

9:30 am All Age Worship and baptism

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

8am Holy Communion

9:30 am Holy Communion with Children's Groups

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

8am Holy Communion

9am Breakfast

10am Holy Communion

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival**

8am Holy Communion

9:30 am Harvest Parade Service

**Leek Wootton Cancer Research**

Family Beetle Drive

Leek Wootton Village Hall

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013

2.30 until 5.30pm

Children's Tombola

Ticket £5.00 to include a Hot Dog, Squash, Tea & Cake.

Children to be accompanied by an adult.

**Dates**

**Wed 11 Sept** 9.20 Open Assembly Mrs Patterson

**Fri 13 Sept** 2.45 Achievement Assembly

**Sat 14 Sept** 1.00 onwards **Working Party**

**S Patterson, Head Teacher**

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.....is able to help with jobs on Saturday. Preferred task.....

Mathletics and Spellodrome Suggested donation £3.00 per child

I enclose a donation of £                      for my  
children.....and.....

Signed