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Dear Parents,

Welcome

A big welcome to the children who have started school this week: Leo Barratt, Ella Docherty, Bruno Edge, Willow George, Annabelle Gibson, Millie Higgins, Oskar Hillermann, Alannah Hodgetts, Oscar Howson, Sophie King, James Kitchen, Ilija Lazic, Maisie Manning, Liam Neal, Imogen Newbery, Oscar Parker, Jessica Radford, Evie Searle, Anna Tisdale and Jasmine Walters. They have settled in beautifully this week and we are delighted with the way they have come in so independently. Well done to children and parents. They have been ably assisted by their Year 5 buddies - thank you Year 5. A special welcome to families new to the school. We hope this will be the beginning of a long and happy association with All Saints'.

Parent Governor Elections

We have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent governor. Details have gone out to each family in a letter. Nominations for this important role in the life of our school close on Wednesday 18th September. An election process will then follow. Any person nominated will be asked to write a short summary of 200 words to be distributed to parents.

Mr John Lee is remaining on the Governing Body as the Local Authority representative, a position vacated by Mr Alex Hughes.

Laying of Stones Special Assembly October 9th

We would like to invite the parents and friends of children in Reception and children new to the school, to join us for the special assembly on Wednesday October 9th. We would like each child to bring a stone with their name and date of entry to All Saints' painted on it. This will be placed in the Peace Garden as part of this special time.

Going Home

I know that many parents encourage their children when they reach Years 5 and 6, to walk home at the end of the day. This is an important step in their independence and moving on to secondary schools next year.

However we have already had several incidents this term where children have not followed out their parents instructions. For their safety we would ask that you please reinforce the importance of them not deviating from what you have asked them to do, when walking home.

Whilst it is kindly to help friends by taking their children home with you should their parent be delayed, school needs to know any change in arrangements directly from a child's parent and friends should not take children home without talking to the senior school leader on site.

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.

Messages and Reminders

Mrs Patterson does use the newsletter email list to communicate reminders to parents. In order to receive these we do need an email address that is checked regularly at home.

Instrumental Tuition

Tuition letters have gone out this week.

CLASS NEWS

TUDOR BANQUET DAY Monday 16th September.

A letter has gone out with details of our exciting tudor banquet, planned for Monday. If you are in Years 3,4 or 5 please remember to bring your tudor lunch and come dressed as a tudor. Details on the letter.

NEW TERM REMINDERS

Arrival at School

The school doors open at 8.45 enabling a calmer, prompter start at 8.55. Children need to be in their classrooms by 8.55 for registration and Guided Reading begins promptly. Children who arrive later are missing the start to the day.

I am delighted that so many children are arriving and coming into school independently, thank you. 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.

Reading

We are having a real push with reading this term and *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.

Reading Help in School

The more children read, the more they progress. We would really welcome adults who are willing to hear children read. Please see your class teacher who will be delighted to hear from you if you can help on a regular or occasional basis.

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.

Sports Events

Sport

Swimming Lessons URGENT

Waller began swimming this week but unfortunately we did not have sufficient volunteers to support this activity and needed to double the number of school staff sent. This is not feasible on a regular basis and impacts upon the support children receive in the classroom and teachers receive with classroom administration. *We urgently need more volunteers to join our rota on a regular and infrequent basis. Please check the rota on Waller door. 2 volunteers are needed each week.*

As always we would be grateful for volunteers who have been police checked to help with supervising children. Please add your name to the rota outside Waller class if you are able to help.

Please complete a DAB (formally known as CRB) form.

Cross Country

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

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

SCHOOL MEALS

From September 2013 dinners are £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.

LUNCH BOXES

In line with being a 'Healthy School' we do encourage children to eat healthily and we would appreciate you supporting us when children bring packed lunches. Very frequently children leave their lunch boxes at school, please remind them to bring these home on a daily basis to ensure that they can be cleaned each evening, and replaced when necessary.

NUTS

We have a number of children with severe allergies to nuts. We are **NUT FREE** school and items containing nut **MUST** not be sent into school.

Instrumental Tuition

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

GREEN LEEK ACTIVITIES

I am pleased to tell you that the Year 6 pupils from Burton Green will be joining us on our residential visit to France in June.

We have arranged a variety of experiences to enable the children to develop friendships over the year. These begin with:

Peer Mediation Training 19th September.

All of our children in Years 5 & 6 will join with Year 6 children from Burton Green to develop their Peer

Mediation skills. This training provided by Emmaeus, empowers them in their own personal decision making and with supporting younger children on the playground.
It is an ideal beginning to making friends.

**ADMISSIONS 2014
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.

17th September 2013

9.30am or 11.00am

19th November

9.30am or 11.00am

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Next Valentines Day is Monday 7th October

Please bring your 20ps then

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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.

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.

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.

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

Next meeting :

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

At the AGM we will be looking for people to take over a number of official positions. Mrs Patterson will be stepping down as the Chair and it is important that a

parent takes this role. Jenny Lomas has carried out the role of treasurer for many years and is now at the point as her children have become older that she wishes to step down from this role. We are therefore also seeking a nomination for treasurer. Jenny is happy to talk to interested parents about what is required and to support them as they take over the role in a transition. jenniferlomas71@btinternet.com. Please talk to Mrs Patterson about what is involved in the position of chair.

Next steering group: Tuesday 8th October 7.30pm.

Got a good idea that never been tried?

Join our planning meeting on **Tuesday 8th October**. This is an open meeting to which anyone interested in being involved over the year is welcome. A special welcome to families new to the school. We have had great support over the year and are keen to involve many more parents in planning and organising events., please consider being an active member of the steering group - many hands make light work.

Use our Virtual Shop. www.easyfundraising.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

**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.

15th November 6.00

'The Shrek Event'. Come dressed like Shrek (or a character from Shrek), sing like Shrek, discover Shrek refreshments and WATCH SHREK THE MOVIE.

30th November

Christmas Fair and Raffle

Working Party Saturday 14th September 1.00pm.

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

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;

