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Dear Parents,

This week's news

Green Leek Governors Keeping In Touch

The newly formed Governing Body met for its first regular meeting this week bringing together experienced governors from both our schools and people for whom this is a new experience. Some names will be very familiar to you, others less so. Over the next few weeks each governor will give you a short self portrait of themselves.

Kimberley Lunn, Foundation Governor, Chair of the Green Leek Governing Body, SEN Governor.

My involvement with All Saints' began 8 years ago when my oldest two children entered Reception. Back then, I was a regular, enthusiastic volunteer within the classroom helping with reading and school trips, on the PTFA, as well as supporting the teaching of French to KS2. By the time my other two children started school I had become a Foundation Governor. I love my role and have spent many hours working on projects including creating All Saints' Extra, complying with health and safety legislation and more recently developing the Federation between the 2 schools. In 2011, I became Chair and subsequently took on the role of SEN governor which links with my 'day job' as an Intervention TA at an Inner City School. I also spend time at All Saints' weekly. I have visited Burton Green during school hours and will visit more regularly this year.

My governor role is busy, varied but challenging at times. My passion and energy for school improvement, whilst ensuring that every child in our care receives a good education from both our schools, is still as important to me as it was 6 years ago. I am excited about our new partnership and believe that we have managed to preserve something very special for the current and future pupils from both schools. My own children have benefitted tremendously from their primary school experiences and I believe that your children deserve the same.

Cycling to School

One of the items discussed this week was in response to a question raised by a group of parents regarding the possibility of a bike shed on the school site. Whilst cycling is a healthy activity to be encouraged as a pastime, the governors carefully considered the risks associated with

young children cycling to school during the morning rush hour along a busy road. The conclusion we came to was that we did not wish to encourage children to cycle on the Warwick Road with its many dangers at 8.40am in the morning, nor did we wish to encourage children to cycle on a pedestrian footpath causing hazards to other users, including children. Therefore it is inappropriate to provide a bike shed on school site.

A Sporting Week

Fantastic running was seen during the first league race of the season, held at Southam College. All of our runners finished the course and I hope they feel really proud of themselves. Well done to Imogen (15), Macy (17), Harriet (48), Mia (61), Ella (79), Roman (12), Thomas (65) and Edward (100).

Football at Burton Green

We enjoyed a really good game of football at Burton Green, on Monday. It was friendly but competitive with a lot of good defending and some great shots on goal. All Saints' came out the winners. 7-3. Well done.

Class News

Oak Class need boxes, cartons and tubs for junk modelling. Please can you collect them and bring them in to Mrs Batts.

Highlights of the Week:

Oak Class

We have enjoyed reading the story of Little Rabbit Foo Foo, this week. We have had lots of fun talking about our bodies and naming body parts. In Maths, we have been playing with 2D shapes and we have made beautiful, symmetrical leaves and butterflies.

Ash Class

In Ash Class we've begun our new topic learning all about our grandparents. The children were excited to share old photographs and stories of their families and we're all looking forward to our visitor this afternoon from the Warwickshire Museum and opening our 1930s time capsule.

Dudley Class

This week, Dudley have been writing instructions. Their aim was to teach an alien how to play 'Countdown'. Dudley soon realised they had to be very clear and specific with their instructions, in order for the alien to understand.

Waller Class

We have had a great time this week, writing to Mrs Patterson to try to convince her that we really did see a UFO above school, last Thursday. We have also begun to think about the place value of decimal digits. Some of us even managed to work out hundred-trillionths!

Wise Class

The children became headteachers this week, in war-torn London, at the start of the Second World War. They worked very hard to draft a letter to parents, explaining to them the need to evacuate their children and trying to persuade them that they would be safer and better off.

Kingswood 2015

Our visit to Kingswood is Sunday, 7th June until Friday, 12th June 2015.

Places need to be booked and deposits paid by Tuesday 30th September.

Wellie Wednesday

Wellie Wednesday starts on 1st October, for children in Reception. Please bring in wellies and OLD clothes to change into at lunchtime.

Safeguarding Corner

We have been busy updating a portfolio of school safeguarding policies including Child Protection. These can be seen on the school website.

The school's designated person for Child Protection is Mrs Sue Patterson and, in her absence, Mr Andy Woodage. Mrs Amy Garlick is the designated person for All Saints' Extra. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Please contact the above if you have any concerns, at any time.

Curriculum Updates

As you may be aware, a new curriculum came into place on September 1st. We are providing a number of curriculum evenings this term to keep you informed. Please come along.

Early Literacy Evening Wednesday 1st October

We would like to share how we teach reading in the very early stages and share some of our school systems with you. This is an important meeting if your child has just joined us in Reception.

Computing, Programming and i-Pads. Tuesday 7th October 7.30 after PTFA AGM. Find out about some of the requirements of the new ICT curriculum and the resources we are using throughout the school to enable children to progress in computing and programming.

Multiplication and Division Tuesday 11th November 7.00

Mr Woodage will lead you through the way in which these important arithmetic concepts are developed through the school. Relevant to all year groups.

Laying of Stones Special Assembly October 1st

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 1st. 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.

Doreen's Diary Day Wednesday 1st October

Doreen has not been forgotten. As part of their study of World War 2, Year 6 will use historians' investigative methods to find out more about the Wright family. This day will include the World War 2 Walk. Year 6, don't forget to come dressed in your evacuation clothes and to bring a lunch made from your rations!

Compton Verney Trip Friday 3rd October

As part of their topic in Years 1 and 2, the art focus is on 'Faces and Feelings' Children will be taking part in a special art workshop at Compton Verney. Please remember your packed lunch.

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Next Valentine's Day is Monday 6th October Please bring your 20ps then.

ADMISSIONS 2015

I would like to invite parents of children who are due to start school in September 2015 to visit the school on our:

OPEN MORNING

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.

19th November

9.30am or 11.00am

Please ring 01926 400498 to reserve your place.

Sport

Cross Country

The second race of the season takes place on Saturday, 11^{th} October, at Newbold Comyn.

Football

The first league match of the season will take place on Friday, 10^{th} October. If selected, your child will be sent a permission letter.

All Saints' Extra

Mrs Garlick is available by email on garlick.a@welearn365.com or via the school telephone number: 01926 400498. She is not available on a mobile number.

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

Next meeting: Steering Group 7.30 30th September

Tuesday 7th October AGM 7.30,

followed by an ICT Evening. Computing, Programming and i-Pads.

An ICT curriculum update from Mr Horsley.

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

Dates for your diary

20th November Bags2school Collection We raised £600 last year through Bags2school. Thank you for your collections. Our next collection is 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.

29th November Christmas Fair and Raffle

Working Party – Saturday, 27th September, at 1.00pm.

Last year we had a very successful afternoon doing a range of 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;
- Clearing and digging over the raised beds, clearing the greenhouse, tidying up the gateways, cutting the front hedge. Please bring any appropriate tools you might have;
- Pruning fruit trees;
- 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, please do come along. Many thanks.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 28th September

8am Matins

9:30am Holy Communion with Children's Groups

Sunday 5th October

8am Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion with Children's Groups

Harvest Flower Festival

Friday 10th – Sunday 12th October

Sunday 12th October

8am Holy Communion

9:30am Harvest Festival Parade Service

Leek Wootton Stay and Play – Thursdays 10-11.30am

Stay and Play would love you to join them for a friendly and relaxed morning full of toys, craft activities, singing and outdoor play. Suitable for all toddlers, babies, pre-schoolers and their carers! They meet at Leek Wootton Village Hall. Please contact Janet, on 258264, for more details.

For Sale

High rise bed with pink headboard. £50. Call Nicki Booth on 07964961769.

Awards

Truly Brilliant – Zarak Rahman, Willow George, Alannah Hodgetts, Sam Waters

Bronze – Poppy George, Nathan Green, Devan Lota, Oliver Brandsma, Katie Constable, Anton Hellings, Florence Lunn

Handwriting Level 1 – Archie Thompson, Moiz Rahman

Dates

Sat 27 Sept Tues 30 Sept Wed 1 Oct 1.00pm Working Party
7.30 P.T.F.A. Steering Group
9.20 Peace Garden Assembly

Doreen's Diary Day Year 6

7.00 Early Literacy Evening
Fri 3 Oct Years 1 & 2 Compton Verney Trip
S Patterson, Head Teacher

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