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Dear Parents,

This week's news

I hope that you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend and that the children have returned refreshed for the remainder of this half term.

This week I am awarding my Truly Brilliant's to a whole year group, Year 6. Before they begin their week of tests next week and receive their final results at the end of term, I would like to tell them that whatever they achieve I think they are 'Truly Brilliant'. Why? Because their attitude towards learning has been positive throughout the year, every child has worked really hard and it has been a pleasure to watch them moving forward with eagerness to extend their knowledge and understanding. Well done Year 6 and well done Mrs Duxbury for her guiding hand! Top tip for Monday- early night and good breakfast.

As we come to the beginning of May, end of Key Stage 1 assessments have been in the news this week. I would like to reassure parents that the approach we take is to put as little pressure on the children as possible and to use this experience as a way of planning the most effective learning opportunities for each child as they move on. As the head of All Saints' I can assure you that we have a long standing belief and commitment, not only to maintaining a broad and balanced curriculum but also to extending this as we implement new experiences across the curriculum including visits, visitors into school and Green Leek experiences. As many of you know this is the provision that I personally hold dear.

Curriculum Developments

Target setting

We have been really pleased with the impact 'cold and hot tasks' have had on the quality of children's writing and the amount they write. This has also been praised by our Learning Improvement Officer who felt that the writing she had seen during our recent book scrutiny was outstanding.

We are now turning our attention to setting personalised targets that are measurable, support progress and focus on the basic skills in mathematics. A 'cold task' linked to year group expectations will be set for a specific calculation, addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, each half term. As a result of this a calculation target will be set for each child.

Home Learning

To support progress in mathematics, home learning for each half term will be based on the individual child's calculation target. Activities will comprise of short focused tasks lasting approximately 15 minutes that we know can be completed independently by the child, and Mathematics activities selected by the teacher. These should take 30 minutes. These changes are being trialled throughout the school.

Spelling

With greater emphasis in Curriculum 2014 on the accurate spelling of high frequency and year group spellings, we have revised our spelling policy and will be including a short weekly spelling test. For home learning children will be given 6 spellings that are frequently used in writing, are age related and linked to National Curriculum year group spelling lists.

These changes will impact on a reduction of 'Home Learning Tasks' in Key Stage 1 and topic related tasks in Key Stage 2.

These changes are not only a result of striving to accelerate progress in basic skills but are also the result of feedback from parents which we have listened to carefully.

We hope that home learning will be more focused, children will be more independent, it will be easier for parents to organise and it will be linked to individual targets and therefore more relevant.

Class Highlights of the Week:

Oak Class: Come and look in Oak, our butterflies have started to emerge from their pupas. The children have been delighted and have eagerly bought in fruit and flowers for them.

In our garden this week, we have been nurturing our seeds, building a bug hotel and making our own 'sticky sticks!

We have been weighing objects this week and learning the correct use of vocabulary such as heavy and lighter. In literacy, we have been reading a selection of stories by Jill Murphy. We looked carefully for similarities and differences between the different stories and carried out a character study.

Wednesday 11th May pm. Reception will be spending Wellie Wednesday in the woods. Please see Mrs Batts if you can walk/ stay with us.

Wanted Beatrix Potter stories. Please bring in any you have to share.

Ash Class: We have made the most of the lovely weather yesterday and headed outdoors to draw and paint trees using ipads in the style of David Hockney. Indoors, the children mixed shades of browns and green to paint realistic looking trees. In literacy we've begun sharing traditional tales from Australia and learning about the animals that live there.

Dudley Class: Dudley are working with great focus. They carefully planned their adventure story and were very excited to start writing it in order to meet their targets.

In maths Dudley completed their subtraction 'cold Task' and everyone is enjoying the level of challenge in their maths work.

Waller Class: This week in maths, we have been focussing on written methods for multiplication and using RUCSAC to solve multi-step word problems. In literacy we have been analysing information texts and reports in order to identify their key features. We have investigated the uses of colons and semi-colons in creating more complex sentences. The year 5's attended the Tag Rugby tournament, while Year 4 have been practising for the Country Dance festival.

In DT we have been investigating pop-up devices and hide and reverse mechanisms. We will be using some of these to illustrate our Science fiction stories and sharing them with other classes.

Wise Class: In Wise Class this week we have continued to look after our 'Rocket seeds' and are enjoying watching them grow.

We have also had a busy week revising a lot of maths and literacy skills and the whole class has worked incredibly hard.

We Have drawn pictures of our favourite views of the school, so that we can create cross-stitch tapestry as a special keepsake. The children will soon be offering to darn your socks and sew on buttons- we can always hope! Have a restful weekend.

Online Payments

Everybody should have received a password to log in by now. If you have not or if you have a problem with it this may indicate out of date email or mobile numbers on our system. It is easily rectified, please contact the office.

Sport

Rounders v Burton Green.

What a fantastic evening of rounders! The team felt very nervous but very excited as it was their first rounders game against another team. It was a great team effort from both teams, with everyone trying their best. Excellent batting, catching and communication made for a thrilling match to watch.. Thank you to everyone who came to support and cheer the children on. Man of the match was a very brave leader, James. Final score All Saints' 17 1/2 , Burton Green 2 1/2.

' It was as hot as a hot tub but without the bubbles!'

Walk Like an Egyptian Day

On Thursday Dudley and Waller will be experiencing a wide range of exciting learning opportunities provided by Heritage Education as they learn to 'walk like an Egyptian'. They will be dressing up but on this occasion costumes are provided.

Instrumental Tuition September

Please return by 9th May.

School Trust Fund

In preparing for the present and the future to provide the very best learning environment for each and every child, we would appreciate it if you would consider donating to this important aspect of school financing.

I have been requested to send out forms again and am attaching the original letter and gift aid form.

Many thanks for donations received.

ADMISSIONS 2016

We have vacancies for September in Year 5. Please do not hesitate to ring Mrs Patterson if you are interested in places.

ADMISSIONS 2017

I would like to invite parents of children who are due to start school in September 2017 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.

28th June 2016

9.30am or 11.00am

Please ring 01926 400498 to reserve your place.

Akany Avoko- Valentines Day Monday 9th May

Thank you for donations received. If you forgot it's not too late.

Friends of Madagascar Meeting

Saturday May 7th. All from All Saints' are very welcome to attend. Stalls of Malagasy crafts, a guest speaker and buffet lunch.

All Saints' Extra - All Clubs end at 4.30 pm, Chill Out ends at 5.15pm.

Mrs Garlick is available by email on garlick.a@welearn365.com or via the school telephone number 01926 400498.

Healthy Snacks Could we please remind that children should only bring a healthy snack at breaktime - no chocolate, sweets or crisps please.

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

Our next Steering Group meeting is on 7th June at 7.30pm in 'The Hub'. All welcome.

Children's Bingo Night 13th May 6-7.30

Eyes down, it's bingo time again. Come along to try to win prizes Open to all children at All Saints'. Younger children need to be accompanied by an adult. £3.00 per child including refreshments.

Donations of prizes would be appreciated- small toys, unwanted larger items for a full house. Tickets now on sale

Family Night Out at the Sports and Social Club in Leek Wootton Tuesday 17th May 5pm onwards

Junior cricket match begins a 5pm followed by adult match at 6pm.

School v Village Cricket Match 28th June

We have arranged our traditional sporting event and this year funds raised will once again be in aid of Myton Hospice. An opportunity for children and adults to play.

15th July Summer Barbecue

Please save the date for our major end of term fundraiser.

Many employers have community funds where they support employee volunteers of 'match fund stalls' at these kind of events. Please ask the question, we would appreciate you following it up.

Stalls work well when a year group get together and organise a rota. Please start thinking about this now. No offer of help is ever refused, 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.

ADVANCE NOTICE

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday May 13th 2017

All Saints' Spring Ball Summer 2017

The Warwickshire Golf Club

Leek Wootton

Tickets £39.00/ person. Tables of 8 or 10.

Please return the slip below with a non-returnable deposit of £10/ person to the school Office.

If anybody can help with requests and collection of raffle and auction prizes for this ball please contact Julie Saunders 07968 031831

Further details available from

kimberleynunn@yahoo.co.uk



SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER 2016

It was clear at our meeting this week that a tremendous amount of planning has taken place for this event. Thank you to the group involved and to a large group of experts who are not involved with either of the schools who have already given time, advice and guidance to the group.

WE NEED YOU! PLEASE BOOK THE DATE TO RUN OR HELP.

We are now at the point that we would appreciate people planning to help on the day itself. A team of people will be needed at both schools, the start and the finish, for: car park duties, refreshments, helping with the bag drop, admin tasks and marshals on the route.

SPONSORS: There are a number of items that we need for the race that we are looking for businesses to sponsor. If you can help please contact us.

If you are a willing volunteer please email head3143@welearn365.com giving your name and your preferred task.

Wednesday June 1st

10.30am Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday June 5th

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am All Age Worship

3.00pm Summer Church Tea + "Cherishing Churchyard Trail"

Sunday June 12th

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am NO SERVICE – Road closed for "2 Castle's Run"

3.00pm **MESSY CHURCH** – Celebrating the Queen@90

ALL SAINTS TOGETHER – at All Saints' Church "Your Kingdom Come" – a walk through the Lord's Prayer in All Saints' Church Open daily, 5th to 15th May 2016. ALL WELCOME *Also follow this on Twitter @LWallsaints;* Facebook: **All Saints Leek Wootton**; *or on the Church Website www.leekwoottonchurch.co.uk*

Sunday 8th May

9.30am All Age Worship with Baptism and Thanksgiving for healing

including opportunity for prayer and anointing for healing of body, mind or spirit.

3.00pm **MESSY CHURCH** – 1st Birthday celebration

Sunday 15th May – PENTECOST

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion with Children's Groups

including opportunity for prayer and anointing for equipping to serve God better through the power of his Holy Spirit.

Wednesday May 18th

10.30am Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday May 22nd

9.30am All Age Holy Communion with Children's Groups

Sunday May 29th

9.30am All Age Holy Communion

Dates

Mon 9 May Key Stage 2 SATs Week

Thurs 12 May Walk Like an Egyptian Day

Sat May 7 Friends of Madagascar

Awards

Truly Brilliant: Year 6, Chloe Higgins, Chloe Roberts, Kate Harrison, Ana Hall

Platinum: Heidi Wragg, Lilly Roberts

Silver Plus: Finn Edser

Handwriting Award 1: Charlotte Hall, Jess Agoston

Mathlete of the Week

Reception: Genevieve Cooper, **KS1:** Emma Craine

KS2: Florence Lunn

Raising the Roof: Annabelle Eppestone-Hughes

Glow Worm: Ella Docherty

Rainbow Steps: Liam Neal

All Saints' Spring Ball Summer 2017, The Warwickshire Golf Club

I would like to reserveplaces at ' The Spring Ball' and enclose a non-returnable deposit of £10 per person £.....

Please name other people on your table

Signed

May 9th **Key Stage 2 Test Week- Year 6**
 9.20 Open Assembly Peter Burns

May 12th New Dudley & Waller Walk like an Egyptian Day

May 13th 6- 7.30pm Bingo Evening.

May 16th pm Year 5 Amazing Maths at Burton Green

May 17th 5.00 Green Leek Cricket match. 5pm Junior, 6pm adult team

May 18th 10. 00-2.00 Year 5 Cricket Festival at Kenilworth Cricket Club

May 19th NSPCC Assemblies for Key Stages 1 & 2
 7.00 France meeting for parents and pupils. Important to attend.

May 24th 7.00 Reception 2016 Induction Evening for parents.

May 25th am NSPCC workshops for Year 5 & Year 6.
 10.00- 2.00 Year 4 Cricket Festival at Kenilworth Cricket Club
 1.00 - 3.00 Year 6 Rounders tournament at Kenilworth School
 3.15 Ash Cake Sale

Pupils Break Up- Half Term

May 26th and 27th Staff INSET Days

June 6th Return to school
 Spring Fever Week

June 7th 7.30 P.T.F.A.

June 8th Reception 2016 Group Induction

June 10th Queen's Celebration Day
 Oak Class Cake Sale

June 11th 2.00 pm Church Fete and Village Queen' s Birthday Celebration Country Dancing displays. P.T.F.A

June 12th 2.00 - 6pm Burton Green Community Fun Day

June 13th 9.30 - 3.00 Green Leek Years 2 & 3 Music Day at Burton Green

June 14th 4.00 KDPSA Field Events at Kenilworth School
 7.00 All Saints' Resources Committee

June 15th Reception 2016 Group Induction
 9.20 Open Assembly Tom Millington

June 16th New Dudley & Waller Day of the African Child
 New Oak & Ash Bug Man
 4.00 KDPSA Track Events at Edmonscote Track

June 17th 9.20 Oak Class assembly

June 19th Residential Visit France Years 5 & 6.

June 22nd Reception 2016 Group Induction

June 23rd Return from France

June 24th 2.30 Ash Class assembly

June 28th New Open Morning 2017 Places
 5.00 Pupils Cricket Match, 6.00 School v Village Cricket Match

June 29th Induction Day Year 6. September classes YR - Year 5
 Reception 2016 Induction 9.20 Open Assembly then coffee and chat
 4.30-6.30 Open Evening
 6.45 Green Leek Performance and Standards Committee
 8.00 Green Leek Resources Cttee

July 1st 7.30 Years 3 & 4 Sleepover

July 4th 1.00 Y 5 Amazing Maths at All Saints', Y 4 Green Leek Lego WeDo

July 5th 6.00 Country Dancing at Kenilworth Castle
 7.00 Green Leek Governing Body at All Saints'

July 6th 9.20 Open Assembly Peter Burns
 New Wellie Wednesday & Y1 Multiskills at Burton Green

July 7th Y1&2 Kenilworth Castle

July 12th 2.00 Dress Rehearsal

July 11th Oak & Ash The Ugly Bug Ball

July 12th Reports to Parents out

July 14th	7.00 Year 5& 6 Performance
July 15 th	6.00 PTFA Family Barbecue
July 19th	5-7.30 Parents Evening
July 20 th	9.15 Pot of Gold and Leavers Assembly All Saints' Church
July 21 st	Sports Day 5.00 Year 6 Leavers social event
July 22nd	am Children's informal Talent Show Break Up