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This week's news

Welcome back to an exciting New Year, I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful break. Thank you for your lovely welcome to such a special school. It has been a privilege to meet you and your children this week.

As I have begun to meet the children they have greeted me with enthusiasm and keenness as they have talked about their school and how special it is to them. I have thoroughly enjoyed going around the classes and witnessing first-hand the fantastic teaching that All Saints has to offer and the way in which your children respond enthusiastically to the learning opportunities.

My vision for education is very much about the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum, which is underpinned with rich experiences and activities that motivate and inspire children. I feel that All Saints' offers the children these wonderful opportunities already and it is my job to ensure this continues.

I look forward to working with you all this term and continuing to develop a school which is already so special.

Class Highlights of the Week:

Oak Class: Welcome back and Happy New Year to all the Oak parents.

This week in literacy, we have started thinking about Fantasy stories and we have shared the story of The Magic Rucksack. In maths, we have been testing our skills for finding more and less on the number line.

In the Mucky Monday garden, we had fun making Jack's giant beanstalk.

On Thursday, we had fun discussing weather types and made a weather chart for recording the weather each day.

The year 1's have been naming the countries within the United Kingdom and looking at maps. This was very tricky and spending time at home naming these and looking for capital cities on different maps would be very useful.

Request: Please can you make sure the younger children do not run around in the Mucky Monday garden after school. It is not part of the playground and this area needs to be a space for work and reflection.

School Council- Request from Mrs Batts

If you were a School Councillor last term, please return your badge to Mrs Batts or the office as soon as possible for the new election.

Ash Class: It's been lovely to welcome the children back and see them so refreshed after their break.

This week, we've begun reading stories about feelings and have enjoyed drama activities to explore ways to show different feelings, and to understand the characters better. We have started our new Weather Experts topic, labelling maps of the UK and learning the names of the countries and capital

cities. Please keep practising these at home and look at different maps together.

Wanted - Kites

To link in with our weather topic, we'll be finding out about and making kites this half term. Do you have a kite that you would be willing to lend us? We won't be flying them, but the children will need to handle them in class. Please label your kites clearly so that we can return them safely to you.

Dudley Class: Dudley have had a fabulous first week back sharing their wonderful posters and facts about the extraordinary animals in the rainforest.

They have developed their division skills during numeracy lessons and are starting to improve their fractions skills, but that's not the half of it! Haiku poems are the genre of writing for literacy and the children have already started to create some verses based on atmospheric winter scenes. Homework went out yesterday and spelling will be given this evening. Please continue to support your children with these when you can, as well as times tables skills, which is our homework focus this half term.

Many thanks.

Waller Class: All that extra rest over the Christmas holidays certainly worked wonders...A fantastic week full of focus and hard work! Our new topic this term is Rainforests. We are all so excited to commence our learning journey into the tropical wonders of rainforests over the world and learn all about the vast array of plants, animals, climates and unusual wildlife that make these natural phenomena so unique and so treasured on our planet.

In Maths this week, we have been developing our knowledge of negative numbers. We have also completed our multiplication cold task, which has been very useful in highlighting the areas that we

need to focus on as individuals and as a class. In Literacy, we have made a start on our new unit: 'Classic Fiction'. We have begun reading 'The Jungle Book Tales'; making vital links to our topic and have also written up our cold task fiction story on a theme of our choice. Please remember to encourage your child to read as much as they can outside of school. More reads equals more 'house-points' and of course, reading widens the access to a broader range of genres and written language features. To ensure children's diaries can be signed off, remember to fill in the pages read and initial by the side. Keep up the marvellous work Waller!

If you are able to help out with any of the Tuesday swimming sessions this half term, please sign up outside the Waller classroom. Thank you so much!

Wise Class: In Wise class this week we have begun our persuasive writing unit about 'Graffiti'. We have looked at the history of the art form and thought about arguments for and against its use. In maths we have worked on negative numbers and calculating difference, as well as moving onto converting fractions by working out common denominators. All in all, a busy and full first week back. Well done Wise Class!

All Saints' Extra

Now the new term has started, all clubs are running. Please ensure you have logged on to school money to pay for your child's clubs. Please see Mrs Garlick for further information.

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

**ALL CLUBS END AT 4.30 PM,
CHILL OUT ENDS AT 5.15PM.**

Achievements:

Truly Brilliant: Sam W, Natalia, Oskar H, Finn, Sofia

Raising the Roof: Morgan M, Evie N, Pavlos, Natalia,

Bronze: Jasmine W

Silver: Oli B, Hannah R, Sam W, Amara J

Amazingly Wicked: - Thea C, Andrew D

Super Cool: Andrew D

Handwriting Award 2: Sam W, Amara J, Maggie D-A

Mathlete of the week - Reception: Natalia

Mathlete of the week - KS1: Priya

Mathlete of the week - KS2: Matthew M

All Saints Together at All Saints' Parish Church



Mini First Aid is coming to Leek Wootton!

Our award winning 2 hour class is designed for parents, grandparents and carers of babies and young children.

The class teaches emergency first aid response including: CPR, dealing with choking, bumps, burns, breaks, bleeding, febrile seizures, meningitis awareness and more. Classes are relaxed and hands on with the opportunity to practice what you've learnt on the maniquins.

The class will take place at Leek Wootton Village Hall this coming Monday evening (15th January) from 7-9pm. Places cost just £20pp and pre crawling babies are welcome to come along.

Further information can also be found on my Facebook events page at Mini First Aid North Warwickshire. Please

email emily@minifirstaid.co.uk or ring 07849 128460 to book your place!

TODDLERS AT LEEK WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL
Thursdays, term-time 10-11.30am

For Babies up to Pre-schoolers. £1.50 per family (drop in).

A warm welcome is extended for Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers

Baby area, Craft, mat and ride on toys, Snack-time and Singing,

Also fun outdoors in our woodland play area, Come and join us for a friendly and relaxed morning Spring Term starts on- January 11th. Contact Janet 258264