



All Saints Newsletter Easter 2017

R.E. Quality Mark

We applied to gain the Religious Education Quality Mark which has been developed to celebrate high quality teaching of Religious Education in academic settings. Last week an assessor from REQM came into school and looked at R.E. using the 5 main areas listed below:

- Learners and Learning
- Teachers and Teaching
- Curriculum
- Subject Leadership
- Continuing professional development.

After a full morning of interviews with pupils and staff and scrutiny of our planning and paperwork, we have been awarded a Silver Quality Mark.

Well done to Mr Bonsor, Mrs Dunstan and everyone involved!



You will now see this logo appearing on our letterhead and website.

Years 3 & 4 Production – Pirates of the Curry Bean

For one day only the school was overrun with pirates and a variety of wild animals treating their parents to two wonderful performances of The Pirates of the Curry Bean, worthy of an Oscar or Two! Thank you to all parents for your support and to our staff who worked so hard on costumes and scenery – I'm sure you will agree all the hard work was worth it.

Mother's Day Worship and Open Morning

It was lovely to see so many mums and grandmothers in school for our Mother's Day Worship held by Class Reception St Francis on Thursday – there wasn't a dry eye in the house. From the comments received from our mums, they really enjoyed sharing this morning in school with us.

Northampton Saints

On Wednesday, 15th March, Saints players, Christian Day, George and Ken Pisi visited our school to discuss and teach the Haka to Year 6 who have been learning about it in P.E. They were able to have a question and answer session, learn the language, taught a routine and finish with a face-off against each other! The children benefitted greatly from this and were extremely well behaved. A huge thank you to the Saints for supporting our school.



Bible Exhibition

Groups of children from Key Stage 2 visited St Giles Church, Gospel Hall and Reynard Way Church to take part in activities based on the themes of Easter, the Bible and Pilgrims Progress. This was both informative and enjoyable for all participants.



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Egyptian Day

On Tuesday 21st March Year 5 travelled back in time 5,117 years to the beginning of Ancient Egypt. They were greeted by 'Doc' who told them how the Egyptian civilisation began and ended, how the Egyptians used to live, took part in the process of mummification and burial ceremonies and hunted animals along the Nile. Unfortunately, we had to travel back to reality and the present day. The experience has undoubtedly helped bring our Ancient Egypt topic to life and further fuelled our enthusiasm to make our very own death masks! Year 5 behaved impeccably and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Red Nose Day

Last Friday the school turned red to celebrate and raise money for Red Nose Day. As well as a non-uniform day, where children and staff were invited to wear red for a donation of around a £1, there was a cake sale after school. We managed to raise £525.66! Thank you everyone for your support.

Road Safety

It has been brought to our notice that parents and children on foot are not using the traffic island when crossing Eastern Avenue. As you are more than aware this is a very busy road junction with buses and lorries turning at all times of the day but especially at the beginning and end of school time. Please ensure that you always use the traffic island. Thank you.

Parking

Governors have asked that I remind you that after Easter, the car park gates will, once again, be closed in the afternoons and opened by 3pm.

Please ensure that the **road and gateway outside** are not blocked so that emergency services are able to enter if needed and so that staff can enter and leave after meetings. Please ensure that pedestrians have full access to all paths.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We still have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor. At Parents Evening you may have met and had a chance to chat with three of our governors and may be tempted to apply for this position. If you are interested in contributing to the future success of All Saints, please find attached a flyer giving details.

National Autism Week

This week is National Autism Week. The children will be looking at this topic over the week and if you are interested in what this is all about, please follow the link below by Ctrl and click which will take you to their website. <http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week.aspx>

Social Media - Age Limit

Below is a link for online social media safety for parents from the NSPCC. This contains lots of useful information about keeping your child safe on the Internet. www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/social-media-age-limit/

Holiday Clubs

Please see attached a flyer detailing Easter holiday activity clubs.



Easter Service

Due to our Easter Service on Friday 31st at 2.15pm, there is no Family Worship on Friday morning. Our Easter Service will be led by Class 4 St Cuthbert. We look forward to see you there.

Our value next term will be Kindness.

Dates for the Diary

Fri 31st Good to Be Green Reward Day
Year 5 Open Morning - 9-10am
No Family Worship
Easter Service - 2.15pm - All welcome.
Term Ends. "Happy Easter"

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Wed 19th School Opens - New Term

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Parent Governor Vacancy

Governors play a critical role in any school and we currently have a vacancy for a parent Governor. This is an exciting opportunity to bring some real value to our school and shape the future of All Saints.

This information sheet gives an overview of a governor's responsibilities. If after reading it you are interested in applying for the current vacancy of Parent Governor and you have parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll, then please complete the slip below and return it to the school office.

Kate Beck, Chair of Governors

Governors provide:

- Strong links between our school and the community we serve
- A wide range of skills, knowledge and experience
- An independent view
- A focus on long term development and improvement
- Accountability for monitoring school's performance, use of resources and quality of teaching and learning within our school
- Support for the Head teacher and staff

What do Governors do?

- Contribute to strategic discussions at meetings of the governing body
- Work as a member of the governing body (not as an individual) in the best interests of the school
- Hold pupils at the heart of what we do
- Show an interest in school activities
- Become well informed about our school and the wider education context
- Promote and encourage the Christian character of the school
- Monitor the Christian distinctiveness within school
- Attend training courses, where appropriate

Governors will get involved in:

- Full Governor and subcommittee meetings (approx. 12 an academic year on Thursdays)
- The financial management of the school
- Setting vision, priorities and targets for the school including developing strategic direction on key issues
- Recruitment of teachers/staff and oversight of pay & appraisal of teachers
- Performance management of the Head teacher
- Creating community links

What you'll get out of being a Governor:

- Knowledge that you are supporting our pupils to reach their full potential
- Satisfaction that you are providing assistance to help our community grow
- A sense of purpose and achievement
- New and transferable skills to other roles

What we hope you can offer:

- Time (approx. 6-8 hours a month)
- Hold the same values and ethos as the school
- A listening ear and an enquiring mind
- The ability to take information, make objective judgments and take decisions

I am interested in becoming a Parent Governor. Please contact me to explain more and how to apply.

Name: _____ Tel No: _____

Email address _____

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