



## All Saints Newsletter

### 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018

#### **Change to the routine at the start of school day**

Currently doors open at 8.45am. On wet days when we have let children in early, we have noticed that the car park and cloakrooms are less congested. Therefore, next term we will open the doors from 8.40am and the children can come straight inside their usual entrance and go to their classrooms. There will be no need to line up. If you need to pass on a message to a Class Teacher either pop a note in your child's reading record or feel free to book an appointment. We will trial this for the new half term and look forward to your comments.

#### **End of the School Day**

Key Stage 2 are testing a new routine at the end of the children's day. Year 4 will leave through the Chapel doors nearest to Miss Lennon's class and Year 5 will leave through the Chapel doors nearest to Mrs Rathe's class. **Year 6 will leave through their own classroom fire exits.**

#### **Cold Weather**

Now that the cold/wet weather appears to be settling in, please could you make sure that your children have their warm waterproof coats, hats, scarves and gloves with them. Unless it is raining **heavily**, the children are outside for breaks and lunchtimes. Please make sure that all these items are clearly named so that they do not end up in our lost property boxes!



#### **Year 4 -Raptor Exotics**

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, Raptor Exotics came into visit Year 4 with a selection of creatures from the rainforest. These included insects, snakes, lizards and much more, giving the children the chance to learn about their characteristics and habitat. This gave the children an opportunity to experience hands on learning connected to our Tropical Rainforest and Classification of Living Things topics.

#### **Magistrates Visit - Year 6**

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, Year 6 welcomed two magistrates into school who told them about the legal system and created a mock courtroom and trial to link with our British Values topic. The children responded fantastically to this and took a lot away from the experience.



#### **Candlemas**

On Friday, all Year 4 children took part in the Candlemas service at St Matthews Church. All of the voluntary aided church primary schools in Northampton attended and each of the schools sang a song. Our children rose to the occasion and sang very well. Well done Year 4!

Candlemas celebrates Jesus being taken to the Temple in Jerusalem, marking the end of Epiphany. The Church now looks towards Lent, which begins on 14<sup>th</sup> February with Ash Wednesday.

There will be a celebration of the Eucharist on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 9:00am. All parents and carers are welcome to this. The service will be conducted by Rev Jane from St John the Baptist, Kingsthorpe.

We hope to give the children an insight into the season of Lent and what it means to Christians as they prepare for the great festival of Easter.

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### **African Drumming Workshop**

Year 2 were very lucky to have students and staff visit from Northampton Academy to share their African drumming skills. The children all learnt the rhythms by clapping first and then performed them on djembe drums. They picked up the new skills extremely quickly!



### **All Things WWW and Safer Internet**

Tomorrow, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, is Safer Internet Day. All the children will be learning about and producing work based on this.

We find we are alerting you more and more to the dangers of the World Wide Web with information and ideas to keep our children safe on line.

Attached is a pamphlet produced by parentzone explaining what type of organisation they are and highlighting 3 social media apps that they feel parents need to be aware of. It covers the type of information the children can expect to find there, up-load, appropriate age suitability and the possible dangers that lurk within these sites.

### **Roblox**

Another app that we have been alerted to by the Kent Police is Roblox. This is a popular game played by children from the age of 5 to 10 years old. When playing this game, the children receive game messages from 'strangers'. All of the children questioned by Kent Police stated that they had seen 'naked' characters walking around the game, doing very adult things. The children had also spoken to strangers using a headset, which is usually a normal set of ear pods, which are part of the bundle received with an Apple device.

### **Fitbits/Activity Trackers**

We like to encourage our children to keep fit but the children are often distracted by their Fitbits or Smart watches in lessons and some have taken them off and lost them. We would be very grateful if you could discourage them from bringing them into school.

### **Year 3 Biscuit Sale**

On Wednesday of last week, Year 3 had a visit from a Medical Detection Dog. These dogs are trained to detect certain disease in humans. They can also be trained to assist their owners who live with dangerous medical conditions. On Friday Year 3 organised a biscuit sale after school to raise money for this very worthwhile charity, and with your generosity and support, as always, they raised an amazing £168.06.

Thank you to everyone who baked, brought and bought cakes and biscuits.

### **Attendance Award**

Children's attendance at school is important to ensure they do not miss valuable learning opportunities.

This year we are celebrating our children's attendance at school. Each week at our Family Worship on Fridays, the class with the highest attendance will receive an award and a certificate that will be displayed on our front school door for everyone to see.

So far this year, Class 5 St Paul have won the award three weeks in succession but have been knocked off the top slot this week by Year 3 St Hildegard.

### **School Uniform**

Can we kindly remind you that all headbands and bows need to be the same colour as our school uniform – blue or gold.

### **After School Provision – Oscars**

Well done to Oscars at All Saints who achieved a "Good" in their Ofsted at their recent inspection and received some lovely comments in their report!

### **Half Term Activities**

Attached is a flyer detailing half term children's clubs available in the local area.



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## Dates for the Diary

### February

<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Reading Workshop for Parents in Reception and Year 1 3.15 – 4.15pm
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Family Worship led by Year 1 St Clare <b>FOAS Meeting</b> immediately following Worship – Please come along and support us! <b>Term Ends – 3.15pm</b>
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Teacher Training Day
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Term Starts
<b>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Eucharist – 9am Photographer in School – Classes and Groups

### March

<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Family Worship led by Class 4 St Martha
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Family Worship led by Reception St Mary
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Family Worship led by Class 2 St Helena
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Parents Evening
<b>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Parents Evening
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Sports Crew – Sport Relief Worship
<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Easter Service at 2.15pm

**Term Ends – 3.15pm**