

# All Saints

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## News – 09th October 2020



We have received very upsetting news this week that Ben and Emily's Mum, Sarah, has sadly passed away. We share their sorrow and want them to know that we send them all our love and that they are in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

“May the Lord, who knows your hearts are aching, hold you close to his heart and comfort you tenderly. Amen”.



Next week, on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be marking Harvest Festival and the children are very excited to be taking part in their first virtual celebration. As usual we will be collecting tins and packets of food which will be taken to our local food bank on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> so if you are able to donate anything to such a worthy cause it would be very much appreciated.

### Helping Hands Day at All Saints – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020



Following on from last week's plea for help we still need some extra volunteers on 24<sup>th</sup> October to try and complete all the outstanding jobs around the school such as painting, gardening and shed erecting! Anytime you could spare would be hugely appreciated even if it's only an hour – many hands make light work (socially distanced of course!!). So if you or your family are able to spare anytime on that day please let Caroline Stones know in the office. Thank you – in anticipation.

### Vacancy

Due to the imminent retirement of our lovely handyman, Don, we are looking for someone to help us around the school with odd jobs and the checking of water hygiene. This is a paid role for one hour per week (day to suit the successful applicant) and is available within the next 1-2 months. For more information please contact Mrs Stones in the office.



## Government Catch-Up Scheme

As you may be aware, the government are providing schools with a small amount of catch-up funding to help plug the inevitable gaps caused by the Covid-19 closures.

Unfortunately, the money will by no means stretch to every child in school so we are having to carefully plan how to best utilise the funding. As we have a very small teaching staff at All Saints, I have decided that the best way forward would be for us to increase the teaching capacity in school.

I am therefore using a primary tutor, Mrs Cooper, to work with different groups over the next few months. Mrs Cooper has worked at All Saints as a class teacher and to cover maternity in the past so we are very pleased to welcome her back again. She has extensive experience of 1:1 tutoring through her own tutoring business.

We will begin with small groups of Year 2 children and focus on phonics, reading and writing. She will then move onto other groups including Year 6 in the Spring Term. The catch-up groups will commence on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Mrs Scott

# #helloyellow

Today All Saints turned into a sea of yellow to help raise awareness of young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day.



The children have taken part in various activities from breathing exercises, mindfulness colouring, dancing and even bubble blowing on the playground!!



Each class has also looked at a book called "The Knot" by Helen Cousin. It has been written especially for primary school children to help them identify their own anxieties and also to understand that it is perfectly normal to have worries.

We hope they've had a lovely day and are feeling positive and relaxed



## Did you know your child's meal could be FREE?

School meals for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are FREE to all pupils, but did you know that children in Years 3 to 6 could also get their hot school meal or packed lunch for FREE?

If you are in receipt of selected Government benefits e.g. Universal Credit, your child may be entitled to free nutritious school meals saving you approx. £400\* a year!

\*This saving will depend on the cost of a meal at your school.



### **Data Collection and Medical Forms**

Please could any outstanding data collection and medical forms be as a matter of urgency. It is a legal requirement that we ensure that any data we hold is up to date and accurate so we would be very grateful for your help in this matter.

### **Children Arriving/Leaving During School Hours**

Should your child need to arrive or leave during school hours please ensure that they are signed in/out at Reception first. Children in Doves and Eagles will then need to enter/leave the school via the red gate on the courtyard to ensure class bubbles are maintained at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

### **Collection Arrangements**

If you have not yet done so, please inform the office of the password that you will be using should you wish someone other than the known person to collect your child/children.

### **The Office**

Due to the current social distancing rules the office is closed to parents unless you are arriving late, collecting a child during school hours or need to purchase a tie or water bottle. If you have any other query please pop us an email or give us a ring.

### **Headteacher Availability**

Please note that Mrs Scott is unavailable in the mornings as she teaches Robins and Sparrows. If you wish to get in touch with her please message her through Dojo, send an email to [Headteacher@allsaints-bednall.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:Headteacher@allsaints-bednall.staffs.sch.uk) or contact the office.

### **School Meals**

Don't forget to order school meals via ParentPay by midnight on Wednesday for the following week. If it makes life easier you can book all your meals up to October half term.