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## Newsletter – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

**This half-term's value is Thankfulness**

### **Headteacher's Message**

I can't believe we are already half way to Christmas. The children have worked so hard all term and I can't tell you how rewarding it is to see them thrive after the last 10 months.

Teachers are definitely ready for a break, however, so will hand your children back to you tonight and wish you a happy and memorable half term.

We recently had a very positive meeting that outlined how well children and staff have all settled this term and the positive feel that there is in school.

Parents' main concerns were around the reducing numbers of pupils in school and the high level of Special Needs Children there are on role.

It was highlighted that the additional number of SEND children brought with it additional staffing, and although this didn't really reduce anyone's workload, it did bring more adults in to school and enabled the team spirit to flourish.

The issue with pupil numbers remains our number one concern. Many ideas were discussed on how we could publicise the school more widely and what could be done to create a positive reputation. These included:

- Leafleting show homes on the new developments
- Leafleting doctor's surgeries and other amenities such as child minders
- Advertising the events held in school as widely as possible
- Create an Instagram account for the school that works like Dojo so parents can share it on Social media
- Higher profile in the local magazines
- Invite nurseries in for their children to experience the school setting
- Promoting Christmas events

We also discussed ways to widen the experiences children receive at All Saints:

- Build closer links with Walton High – pyramid concern
- Build more trips into the curriculum
- Look at one off experiences such as attending Blue Peter
- Attend school games and other sports activities

Parents and Mr Sutton will meet again on 17<sup>th</sup> November

## **Prayer for the Week**



We thank you Lord for this half term.  
For the challenges, the successes  
And the mistakes from which we have learnt.  
Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.  
Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.  
Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.  
We thank you for our classmates, teachers and parents.

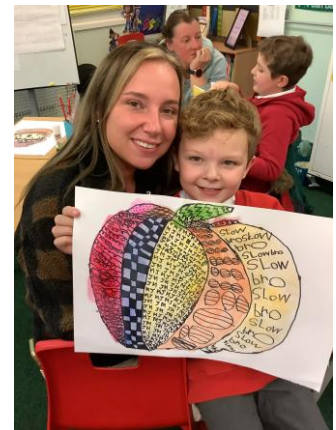
Amen

## **Doves Art Lesson**



On Thursday, Doves invited their special grown-ups in to join them for an Art lesson.

First, we thought carefully about the possible definitions of the word 'Zentangle'. The children then used this style of drawing to create their own 'Zentangle Pumpkins'. The afternoon was enjoyed by parents, aunts, children and staff alike and they are quite rightly very proud of their compositions.



Both the children and grown-ups were incredibly well-behaved and we are looking forward to the next opportunity to welcome them into school.

Thank you to everyone that took time out of their busy day to join us - the children and staff in Doves really enjoyed having you.



## **Marketing Event**

Yesterday we held our first marketing event – Pumpkin Carving – and would like to thank Lydia, Hermione, Jenson and Ethan for their help in showing prospective parents and children round our lovely school.

The next event will be on Friday 04<sup>th</sup> November when Mr Honman will be running a wildlife themed session – more details to follow.

Thank you to everyone who has collected some marketing leaflets from the office and distributed them to shops, play barns, doctors surgeries, child minder – your help is very much appreciated.





We are very pleased to announce that Jenny Simm (Tommy's Mum) has offered to be the parent member of the School's interim executive board. Many thanks to Jenny for kindly stepping forwards.

### **Pantomime Trip**

The payment for the pantomime has now been put onto Parentpay. Thanks to the generosity of the PTA - who are heavily subsidising the trip - the cost is £5 per child and we would be grateful if this could be paid by 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Bikability permissions slips**

A letter regarding Doves and Eagles taking part in Bikeability in the new year was sent out last week. This is just a reminder that the permission slips needs to be returned as soon as possible please.

### **Height & Weight Checks for Reception and Year 6**

The Families' Health and Wellbeing team will be visiting school on 14<sup>th</sup> November to complete the height and weight measurements for children in Reception and Year 6 only.

Please note that if you do not wish your child to take part you must complete the opt out form and return it to the school office. The opt out form was attached to the email sent on 17<sup>th</sup> October which gave further details of the visit.



### **Headteacher's Award**

*Sparrows – Freddie for his enthusiasm, effort and progress this term.*

*Doves – Charlie for his excellent progress this half term*

*Eagles – Zaid for his fantastic problem solving, focus and effort in maths*



## Dojo Certificates

Sparrows – Alfie, Freddie, Hermione, George,  
Leo, Pixie and Talia

Doves – Archie, Areeba, Farah, Lucy, Seb

Eagles – Brooke, Dylan, Gracie, Haydn,  
Lauren, Lenny, Liam, Murdock,  
Ollie, Ruby, Zaid, Zain

## Weekly Attendance

Sparrows – 90%

Doves – 88%

Eagles – 90.75%

### **Important Dates for your Diary**

01<sup>st</sup>-03<sup>rd</sup> November – Parent's Evenings

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Victorian Experience Day

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – INSET day

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Meal

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Santa Dash and Festive Sports Afternoon

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime Trip

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Festive Movie Morning

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity Service

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – INSET DAY

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Bikeability for Doves

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 02<sup>nd</sup> February – Bikeability for Eagles

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June – Kingswood Residential for Eagles

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – INSET day

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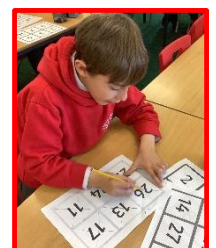
**Smaller  
Classes,  
Brighter  
Futures**

**COMPASSION**  
**THANKFULNESS**  
**HOPE**  
**RESPECT**  
**COURAGE**  
**Forgiveness**



Situated in the South Staffordshire village of Bednall, we are a small school with a big heart and even bigger ambitions. Our class sizes mean that we offer a more personalised approach to learning and support your child at their own pace.

It is our unique family atmosphere that allows every child to flourish.



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## Looking for a small, nurturing school?

We would be proud to show you what we have to offer.

Throughout October and November, we are holding a number of exciting open events and we would love you to join us.

Why not come along and take part in one of our workshops,  
meet our friendly team and see what learning at All Saints is all about.

No need to book – just turn up and come and see what All Saints has to offer.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
3.45 – 5pm



Friday 04<sup>th</sup> November  
3.45 – 5pm

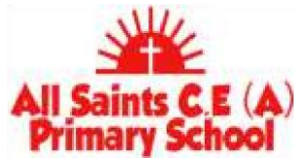


Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
3.45 – 5pm



Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
3.45 – 5pm





## **Autumn Term 2022**

**Inset Day:** Monday 05<sup>th</sup> September

**Inset Day:** Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> September

**Term Starts:** Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> September

**Half Term:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Inset Day:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Term Ends:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Holiday:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 02<sup>nd</sup> January

## **Spring Term 2023**

**Inset Day:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Term Starts:** Wednesday 04<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Term Ends:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Holiday:** Monday 03<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 09<sup>th</sup> April

## **Summer Term 2023**

**Term starts:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Half term:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Inset Day:** 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**Term ends:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

**Holiday:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 01<sup>st</sup> September