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Newsletter – 13th January 2023

This half-term's value is Courage

Headteacher's Message

What a lovely first full week back at All Saints. We started the week launching our new whole school learning theme of 'Marvellous Maps' together in assembly. Children were invited to look in the topic basket for clues of what their next piece of learning is going to be. It was also great for each class to see where their learning will fit into the rest of the school's.

Pupils have settled back into routines and Sparrows enjoyed a super PE afternoon at the Community Centre. Doves have been very active too this week with a very successful Bikeability morning - well done Doves.

We have had confirmation that Mrs Gliddon has loved working with us so much that she will stay with us in Eagles until at least the end of this school year.

I have been busy with lots of meetings this week. Firstly, I met with Mr Capper, our new CEO of the Trust, who is keen to support the ongoing improvements at All Saints. Some of you may have seen Mr Sutton on Wednesday, Mr Sutton popped in to continue a smooth handover with myself and he will be continuing to support us until at least Easter. He said that it was lovely to be back at All Saints and he felt the school had a 'calm and happy vibe'. I have had lots of contact with our new Chair of the IEB, Katie Stanley (please see our website for more information about her) and finally, I met with Claire Clarke, our Pupil premium lead.

Thank you to those that have already started to change uniform back over to jumpers and cardigans, the children are already looking smarter. A big thank you also, for getting your children to school those few minutes earlier- it really has had an impact on the start of worship and the timetable for the rest of the day.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Scott



Prayer for the Week

Dear Lord,

Thank you for seeing us through this week,
Thank you for the love and grace you've shown us and
And for the many ways you've blessed our lives.

Help us to love others with your love
And to be a source of kindness, comfort and encouragement
To those around us this weekend.

Amen

Bikeability

The children in Doves had a wonderful morning with the Bikeability experts and all completed their Bikeability Level 1. This involved learning how to maintain their bike and make simple repairs, how to glide in a smooth, calm and collected way, how to control their bike and pedal without feeling wobbly or out of control and how to be aware of their surroundings, looking behind and turning round obstacles.

Congratulations also to Ethan - our super star super cyclist – who passed the Learn 2 Ride session and went from needing stabilisers to riding unaided within an hour, and then went on to pass his Level 1 - well done Ethan!



Music Lessons

We are excited to let you know that, this term, the children in Eagles will have music lessons and will be learning to play the ukulele. They will each have their own ukulele and it will be their responsibility to keep it safe and remember to bring it to school on the day that the music lesson will take place. More details to follow.

TOPICS

Below are the details for the exciting topics that each class will be studying this half term.



Sparrows

This half term Sparrows are excited to be studying the Geography topic 'We are off to the city!' We have started by making comparisons of different locations using the book Katie Morag and the Two Grandmothers. This was a great lead into looking for cities on a map of where we think Granny Mainland may live. We will now be moving onto learning all about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities. We will be finding out about their landmarks, flags, national flower and the seas and oceans that surround the UK.

In Design Technology we will be thinking about how we might travel around the UK. We will be focusing on wheels and axles and we will be having a go at designing and making our own wheeled vehicle.

In Science we will be thinking about the seasons and how they change the world around us. We will be making observations, carrying out investigations and finding out about weather in the countries of the United Kingdom. We will also be finding out about the hours of daylight during the different seasons.

In English we are reading "Meerkat Mail" and will be starting the term learning about proper nouns and writing postcards and letters from Sunny the Meerkat to his family. After this we will move on to writing instructions based on our D&T project - making vehicles.

In Maths, Year 1 will be focussing on place value within 20 and in year 2 we will be learning all about money. Both year groups will also be having some time learning about addition and subtraction.

In R.E. we will be learning about Salvation- Why does Easter matter to Christians and why do they put a cross in the Easter garden?

In our RSE work we will be starting by finding out about rules and why we have them. We will then be linking them to how they help us to be part of a community.

Our Computing topic this half term is digital literacy where we will be learning to use the keyboard to type simple sentences.

Our music focus is Rhythm in the way we walk and we will be learning The Banana Rap!! Hopefully we can perform it at the end of the half term.

Finally, we will be extending our love of stories into our PE sessions. We will be using Traditional tales as a way of exploring the shapes we can make with our bodies and the balances we can make in our Gymnastics unit.



Doves

In English, we will be studying the book 'Escape from Pompeii' and discovering how Tranio and Livia got away from the mighty Vesuvius explosion nearly 2000 years ago! We will be learning to write complex sentences, building up to writing a diary entry from the point of view of one of the main characters!

In Maths, both year groups will be completing their unit on multiplication and division before moving on to Length and Perimeter. Please keep practicing times tables with them as often as possible (the children are making great progress) and remember a daily average of 5 minutes on TT Rockstars or Numbots earns a prize!

Our topic this half term is 'Marvellous Maps' so in Geography we will be exploring Italy and in particular the town of Naples – home to Pompeii and Vesuvius! Over the coming weeks we'll look at the world continents and the countries of Europe, all before investigating the human and physical features of Naples. We will compare them with the human and physical features of Edinburgh, which we studied during the Autumn term.

For Science, we will be learning about light. Through our lessons, we will recognise that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light, that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object and notice that light is reflected from surfaces.

During our Art sessions, we will be focusing on landscapes. We will be studying the work of artist David Hockney and exploring different media to create artwork in a similar style.

In Music lessons, the children will be learning to play the Recorder. They will begin to read basic musical notation and play a simplistic melody using multiple notes. They will have the opportunity to perform the compositions alongside their peers.

For RSE, we will be learning about the importance of belonging to a community before moving on to discovering how the internet is used.

In RE, this half term the children will be learning about Islam. In this unit of work, the children will explore the key features of a Mosque as a place of worship and investigate what the building reveals about Muslim beliefs, especially regarding prayer (salah).

The children will be learning about sequencing sounds in Computing this half term. They will be using Scratch Programming software in order to do this. They will learn to manipulate different objects such as sprites and backdrops using command blocks to add and sequence a series of different sound effects.

For our double PE lesson, we will be learning the key skills for tennis, including the ready position, racket control and hitting a ball. This will be followed by learning the key skills of basketball such as defending, attacking, throwing, catching and dribbling. We will be outside on the playground for PE this half term - remember to come to school in your (warm) PE kits every Tuesday!

In French, we will be learning about celebrations - On fait la fête. The children will learn to talk about their achievements in games and activities, the names of the months, as well as the birthday greeting.

We can't wait to share our learning with you over the upcoming weeks!



Eagles

For guided reading, we are reading "Fly me home" by Polly Ho-Yen and focus daily on a viper as we read through the text.

In English we are looking at speech: both direct and indirect. We will apply this is a recount on the pottery museum trip last half term.

For maths, Y5 and 6 are both finishing off fractions. Then, Y6 will look at ratio and algebra whereas Y5 will look at multiplication and division.

In science, we are exploring evolution and inheritance starting with plants then looking at animals and then humans.

PE is dodgeball and tag rugby so please wear your kit and hope the rain stays away so we can get onto the school playground.

Geography, we are looking at the 8 point compass and how the world map works, such as: longitude and latitude, time zones and tropics. This links into the whole school theme of Maps.

In RE, we are looking at salvation and our big question is "What did Jesus do to save human beings?".

For RSE, we will look at living in the wider world.

For D&T, we are looking at building a bird box and investigating how to make them sustainable and to have the best purpose and appearance.

In French, we have a new scheme, which we briefly started last half term. The children really enjoy it and we will be looking at the unit "on the way to school".

For computing, we will explore online safety as well as coding elements.



School Uniform

Following on from last week's newsletter regarding uniform we thought we would take the opportunity to provide you with a few reminders about school uniform.

For PE the children are required to wear red shorts, red polo shirt, black/grey/red joggers for outdoor PE and a school jumper or hoodie for cold days. They will also need black pumps for indoor PE and plain trainers for outdoor PE.

Hair accessories should be plain red, white or red and white gingham and should be an appropriate size. In addition – hair that is shoulder length or longer should always be tied up.

Jewellery - stud earrings are allowed but will need to either be removed or taped up during PE lessons. Children are also allowed to wear a watch however they are not allowed to wear an Apple watch/Smart Watch.

Nail varnish is not allowed in school and we would be grateful if you could ensure it is removed before attending please.

Boots can be worn to travel to school but we ask that children change into their school shoes when in school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



Headteacher's Award

Sparrows – Pixie for showing courage by coming into school
Confidently with a big smile

Doves – Ethan for his courageous attitude during Bikeability

Eagles – Phoebe and Liam for having the courage to
keep persevering in all their work

Dojo Certificates

Sparrows –

Doves – Archie, Devon, Jack and Lucy

Eagles –



Important Dates for your Diary

Thursday 26th January – Young Voices perform at the NEC (Singing Club)

Thursday 26th January – Clip and Climb (Year 3/4 Team)

Wednesday 1st & Thursday 02nd February – Bikeability (Eagles)

Friday 3rd February – Blue Peter (Doves and Eagles)

Friday 10th February – Active STEM workshop (whole school)

Friday 17th March – Cheerleading Day (whole school)

Thursday 4th May – Local Elections (school potentially closed for polling)

TBC - Circus Skills Workshop (whole school)

Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th June – Kingswood Residential (Eagles)

Wednesday 5th July – Game of colours workshop (whole school)

Friday 23rd June – INSET day

Class Dojo

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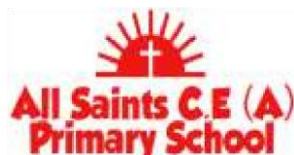
School dinners, After School Club, Appointments & Absences - Mrs Stones (Office)

Learning or Behavioural Concerns - Class Teachers

Special Educational Needs – Mrs Shale

Breakfast Club - Please text or call Mrs Walton on 07858 597425

Thank you for your support with this matter.



Spring Term 2023

Inset Day: Tuesday 3rd January

Term Starts: Wednesday 04th January

Half Term: Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February

Term Ends: Friday 31st March

Holiday: Monday 03rd – Friday 14th April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 09th April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17th April

May Day: Monday 1st May

Half term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Inset Day: 23rd June

Term ends: Tuesday 25th July

Holiday: Wednesday 26th July – Friday 01st September