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Newsletter – 10th February 2023

This half-term's value is Courage

Headteacher's Message

This week has been all about connecting with each other in lots of different ways and for different reasons but most importantly for keeping our minds healthy. Each class has been taking part in exploring the word connection and thinking about the connections we make at home and at school. We have had special worships, listened to stories, made connecting chains and even took part in hula hoop activities whilst being connected to each other in PE.

Eagles connected with children from other schools this week when they visited Walton High School to watch a dance performance.

On Wednesday we 'dressed to express' ourselves and it was lovely to hear children talk about how what they were wearing made them feel happy. We also talked about how much time we spend on devices for Safer Internet Day. Through poetry we were taught to 'look up' from our devices, another way to keep our minds healthy.

We had a visit from our new Christian Distinctiveness Advisor, Louisa Harrop on Thursday. She will be working with us to develop our RE and Worship. She really enjoyed walking around school and meeting staff and children. She was particularly impressed with our reflection areas in each classroom and how Zain and Zaid described how they, and Areeba, were teaching other classes about being a Muslim. Well done children!

Finally, we finished the week with a brilliant STEM day linked to PE. Please see more details further on in this newsletter.

The grown ups have been very busy this week too as there has been Teaching Assistant Performance Management meetings this week, health and safety meetings and Mrs Scott and Mrs Mayhew had a very productive curriculum development day.

We are looking forward to welcoming more visitors next week and showing off our beautiful school.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Scott

Next week...

After the success of our dress to impress day this week, I would like to make this a regular thing. The children talked about certain clothes making them feel happy and in turn makes them feel better, I therefore think it doesn't make sense if we only do this for one day.

I would like to have a 'happy clothes day' once a month on the last Friday to support children's well-being. As next Friday is the last Friday of February that we will be in school, then we shall have a 'happy clothes day'. We will send a reminder next week.

Please note next Friday is SUAT's annual conference. Mrs Scott, Mrs Mayhew and Mrs Shale will be attending this at Staffordshire University in Stoke. We will be listening to Education professionals and key speakers on a range of issues. Hopefully, we will be returning with lots of great ideas for All Saints.

Children will break up for half term on Friday next week (17th February) at normal school time 3.15pm.

Prayer for the Week

Dear Lord,

We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria following the recent earthquakes,
And pray for those who have died and those who grieve.

We hold in our hearts those who have been injured,
And those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods and homes.

Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster,
And grant those affected courage and resilience.

Lord bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.
Amen



Worship

Wednesday worship in Church linked our connections to other people to our connection to God. It also explored the issues of Social Media being a hindrance to making deep social connections with family and friends. This was poignant as Wednesday was Safer Internet Day. Our Worship Team read sections of the amazing spoken word poem by Gary Turk called 'Look up.' Thanks guys, you did a fabulous job.



We also talked about how wearing clothes we feel good in can help how we are feeling and cheer us up on grumpy days. Thanks to everyone that dressed to express - some of the outfits had been carefully thought out. (Please be careful if you choose to watch the poem on YouTube, there is a swear word, hence why we carefully chose the verses we read).

Swimming

Swimming lessons for children in Reception to Year 5 will start Wednesday 01st March and will take place every Wednesday until the end of the summer term. Year 6 will join us after May half term when they have completed their SATS.

Children will be collected from school at 9am and taken by coach to Cannock Chase Leisure Centre so please make sure your child is in school on time.

On swimming days, please send your child to school in their school PE kit, i.e. school PE polo shirt, school cardigan or sweatshirt, jogging bottoms and trainers.

Children are required to wear conventional swimming costumes (i.e. not bikinis or Bermuda style shorts) and those with long hair must wear a swimming cap.

Swimming goggles are not allowed unless there are "exceptional circumstances" for your child to wear them, in which case a letter should be sent into school.



We are pleased to announce that our After School Clubs will start again after February half term. A letter and booking form has been sent home with the children today giving further details.

To book a place, please return the booking form by **Friday 17th February** – please note places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

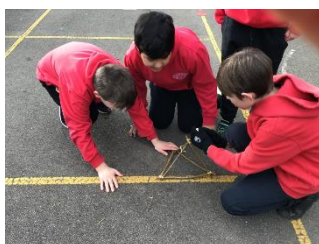
<p><i>Bollywood Dance</i></p>  <p><u>Monday</u></p>	 <p><u>Tuesday</u></p>	
 <p>Arts & Crafts Club</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u></p>	<p><i>Singing Club</i></p>  <p><u>Thursday</u></p>	<p>Let's get COOKing</p> <p><u>Thursday</u></p>



STEM Workshop

Today, each of our 3 classes took part in STEM workshops throughout the day led by Mrs Rachel Jukes from Enhanced Learning Services. The children enjoyed using their scientific, technological, engineering and mathematical skills to solve problems. Eagles enjoyed making their own catapults whilst Doves worked together to make giant marble run courses. Sparrows enjoyed making habitats for hedgehogs using natural resources and looking at ways of keeping them warm. At the end of the

afternoon, the whole school joined together to investigate the effect physical activity has on our heart rates. Despite the cold weather, the workshops were enjoyed by staff and children alike!





Lights, Camera, Action

So last Friday saw the eagerly anticipated trip to Blue Peter – and what an amazing adventure that was! All the adults watching at home were so proud to see our superstars shining – what amazing advocates you were for our wonderful school.

It was lovely talking to the children on Monday about their experience and to see how excited and happy they were – so who better to tell you all about it than some people who actually attended!

“We arrived at a building and were met by Blue Peter staff. Inside the studio there were many cameras and lights, also the crew improvised what to do and we kept doing rehearsals. Jenson, Zaid, Zain and I were chosen to do Beatboxing, it was very nerve racking knowing I was going to go out live to the world – but great fun! When we were getting into our space for the other scene we had about 2 minutes to move. At the end, we did the Big Badge Wall. It was an amazing experience that I will always remember.” By Travis (Eagles)

“As we all hurried up into the studio we were expecting it to be a fancy room but it actually looked more like a warehouse. Where we were filming there was a ceiling full of lights – there were literally hundreds of them. There were around fifteen camera and light crew, I looked round in amazement at how vast the studio was, I was told to sit on some boxes on a small stage.

We did multiple re-takes as the Blue Peter presenter forgot his last line and the Blue Peter dog called Henry kept barking.

Fortunately, we were all lucky enough to get a Blue Peter Badge which you can use to get into many places for free. I didn't feel nervous when we were filming as I had been in Young Voices the week before singing live”. By Bella (Eagles)

We would like to say a big thank you to Jenny Simms (Tommy's Mum) for her initial idea about Blue Peter and for putting us in contact with the studio researcher. Also to Mrs Mayhew for all her hard work in putting this trip together - it took a lot of effort and organisation. Finally, thank you to all the grown-ups who went to help on the day and kept all our children safe.



Turkey Earthquake Disaster

We, as a school, are truly shocked and saddened by the terrible tragedy that is unfolding in Turkey following the earthquake on Monday. We would very much like, with your help, to send support and are awaiting further instruction from the authorities as to the best course of action. In the meantime we will hold them in our thoughts and prayers.



We are currently recruiting for a Teaching Assistant in Sparrows to work Monday to Friday – mornings only. If you, or anyone you know, are interested please contact Mrs Stones for further details and an application form.



Headteacher's Award

Sparrows – George for participating in his lessons and work

Doves – Jack for having the courage to take part in lots
Of new experiences this half term

Eagles – Zaid and Zain for being fantastic RE teachers and
teaching us about The Five Pillars of Islam

Dojo Certificates

Sparrows – Holly and Leo

Doves – Archie, Charlie, Areeba, Farah, Jacob, Lucy, Seb

Eagles – Luhaïdan



Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th – Friday 24th February – Half term

Monday 27th February – Wheelchair basketball (Year 5)

Wednesday 01st March – swimming lessons start for Reception to Year 5

Friday 17th March – Cheerleading Day (whole school)

Monday 03rd – Friday 14th April – Easter holiday 09th June - Circus Skills Workshop (whole school)

Monday 01st May – Bank Holiday

Monday 08th May – Extra Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation

Monday 29th May – Friday 02nd June – Half term

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

Friday 23rd June – INSET day

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

Tuesday 25th July – last day of term

Class Dojo

To help your messages get to the correct person, please refer to the list below:

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

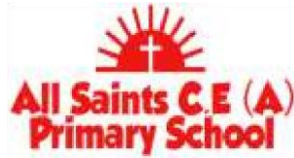
Learning or Behavioural Concerns - Class Teachers

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