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Newsletter – 21st April 2023

This half-term's value is Friendship

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a peaceful and chocolate-filled Easter holidays! The children have returned to school eager to learn and happy to see their teachers and friends.

This week, we have taken part in the NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' project – each Key Stage has had their own assembly and has completed follow-up activities based on these. The project has been so effective in teaching children their right to be heard and to stay safe. It has also signposted them towards places they can go for help and support. Next week, Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in a live workshop on Monday afternoon which will be run by the NSPCC - please look out for an information letter attached. We are determined to ensure that safeguarding is held at the very centre of everything we do at All Saints with many more updates to follow.

We started our week with a visit from a Maths consultant, Vanessa Brown, who is from Inspiring Maths Education. She spent a day with myself and our maths lead, Mrs Shale, where we looked at Maths teaching and learning across the school. It really was a pleasure to see how hard the children work and how well organised they are in Maths lessons. Vanessa has given us some great ideas for how we can continue to improve Maths at All Saints.

We also had a lovely visit from the new Headteacher at St Leonards in Dunston, Catherine Phillips. She loved being shown round our school and we talked about the similarities our two schools share. We are going to be putting our heads together again very soon to find ways we can work together on things such as moderation and different events for the children.

On Thursday, our PE lead, Mrs Gardiner visited to talk to us about plans for break times and also National School's Sport week. Please see more details from Mrs Gliddon further in the newsletter. **Sports Day this year will be on Wednesday 21st June in the afternoon**, parents are invited to join their children for a picnic lunch from 12 noon and then stay for our sports activities from 1pm.

Today we have had a few of our children that belong to organisations, come to school dressed in their uniforms to celebrate St George's Day that falls this Sunday. Thank you Leo and Lydia – we really enjoyed hearing about the promises that you have made and the many badges you have earned. I think we can all agree that you looked very smart and we are very proud of you.

Finally, the staff have had a planning meeting today for the King's Coronation. We will be having a whole school celebration on Friday 5th May. More details to follow.

A very busy, but productive first week back at All Saints! Don't forget next Friday will be our next 'Happy Clothes Day.' Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Scott

Prayer for the Week



Dear Lord,

Thank you for all the lovely friends we have in our lives,
Please help us to be kind friends and to listen to each other,
And help us to be loving friends all of the time.

Amen

TOPICS



Sparrow:

Our topic this half term is 'Let's go to Mexico!'

In Geography we will be finding out about where Mexico is, what the weather is like there and why. We will be comparing Mexico to the United Kingdom and learning about how different the culture is there.

In Design Technology we will be completing a cooking and nutrition unit, looking at what foods originate from Mexico and we will be making typical Mexican dishes whilst considering the basic principles of a balanced and varied diet. This will link in perfectly with our RSE topic of keeping our bodies healthy.

In PE we will be outdoors taking part in athletics. Children will therefore need to wear red, grey or black shorts/joggers, red PE T-shirts and a school hoodie or sweatshirt. They will also need to wear white or black trainers, no pumps as we may be on the field.

In our RE lessons we will be finding out about the church and how Christians speak to God.

Music will continue to use our Charanga scheme and this half terms unit is called 'round and round.'

In Science we will be learning about animals including humans. We will be finding out about and naming different kinds of animals and naming those that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will be developing our scientific skills too.

We will be continuing Show and Tell on Wednesday afternoons to develop speaking and listening and confidence skills.

To complete our topic and bring all of our knowledge and skills together, we will be holding a Mexican Fiesta! We will be making Mexican food, listening to Mexican music, smashing piñatas and learning a Mexican hat dance! We'd love children to dress up in traditional sombrero and ponchos or Spanish style dresses - more details to follow.

We can't wait to keep you updated on our learning over the next 6 weeks.



Doves

English: we will be focussing on adding adverbs, adverbials and fronted adverbials to a variety of sentence types using the book 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman as a stimulus! We will use our newly learned skills to write a 5 part narrative and an explanation text linked to Volcanoes. We will continue extending our Reading VIPERS skills during our reading lessons.

Maths: We will start the term by continuing and consolidating the children's knowledge of fractions. Following on from this, Year 3 will be moving on to a unit on Mass & Capacity whilst Year 4 will be learning about decimal numbers, linking this new learning to what they learned about fractions last term.

Science: Doves will discover the different types of rocks and how they are formed. They will compare and group rocks based on appearance and simple properties. They will learn how fossils are formed and learn about the contribution of Mary Anning to the field of palaeontology. They will understand how soil is formed and then investigate the permeability of different types of soil.

Geography: Linking to our past learning of Mount Vesuvius, this half term we will learn about the destructive powers of nature, from volcanoes and earthquakes to tsunamis and tornadoes. Through discussion and practical tasks, children will learn about how and why these natural phenomena occur, and the ways in which they affect people and the environment.

Computing: The children will be learning about desktop publishing in Computing this half term. They will learn to add text and images to create their own pieces of work using desktop publishing software, making careful decisions about style, size and colour. They will also consider how and why desktop publishing is used in the real world.

RE: Our RE unit this half term is called 'The Kingdom of God'. In this unit, the children will be learning to make links between the story of the Day of Pentecost and Christian belief about the Kingdom of God on Earth. They will be thinking about the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom of God, and how Christians live their whole lives and in their church communities. They will be attempting to answer the big question: When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?

Music: In Music lessons, the children's learning will be based on a song called 'Bringing us Together'. This is a disco-style track about friendship, peace, hope and unity. The children will learn about the typical features of disco music through singing and performing.

Art: This half term, the children will be learning about Andy Warhol and the wonderful world of pop art. They will start by studying his piece entitled 'Vesuvius' and comparing it their own Vesuvius compositions from last term inspired by David Hockney. They will then be creating some Pop Art of their own with a special Coronation Day twist.

For our Monday PE lesson, we will develop basic running, jumping and throwing techniques. Our second PE lesson of the week will be on Wednesdays when we will continue going swimming.

In French, the children will learn to talk about animals and describe their colour and movement, while listening and responding to a story.



Eagles

This term we are reading 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman as part of our guided reading sessions. In our English lessons we will be creating a brochure selling the place, Glockinheim, writing a letter as Prince Otto and writing a balanced argument 'Did Karl deserve to die?' also based around this text.

In Maths Year 5 will be working on perimeter, statistics, position and direction and shape. Year 6 will be working on Area, perimeter, volume, statistics and shape. Please keep practicing the timetables on TTRock Stars!

Our whole school theme this half term is 'All Fired Up!'

In Geography, we are learning about Contrasting Climates looking at rainforests, climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts.

For Science, we will be learning about life cycles of mammals, amphibians and birds.

In DT, we will be looking at what hats are suitable for different climates, designing paper hats and even sewing our own hat.

In our Music lessons, we will be listening and appreciating 'You've got a Friend' as well as learning to sing the song and playing instruments alongside. We will also continue to have ukulele lessons.

For RSE, we will be completing our money topic before starting on 'What affects our mental health' and ways to take care if it; managing change, loss and bereavement, managing time online.

In RE, the children will be learning about the Kingdom of God and answering the big question 'What kind of King is Jesus?' Relating Christian teachings or beliefs about God's Kingdom to the issues, problems and opportunities of their own lives and the life of their own community.

In Computing, the children will be using Vector Graphics to draw a variety of pictures.

For PE, we will be developing flexibility, strength, techniques, control and balance in Gymnastics and in Athletics, we will be running, jumping throwing and catching in preparation for our sports day.

In French, we will continue to speak and write in French - Vive Le Sport!

Good luck to the Year 6s in their SATs!

We are really looking forward to another exciting term of learning! Let's hope the sun shines!



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to tell you that this term we will be participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe. online*** programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages are delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec.

Following-on from the assembly, our specially trained NSPCC volunteers will also be delivering a workshop to our Year 5/6 children that will build-on and deepen pupils' learning gained from the assembly.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can find information on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.

Additional resources

Activities for children at home

Keep busy while learning about staying safe and speaking out with our at-home activities for primary school children. These are hosted on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/activities.

Online safety hub

You may also like to visit the NSPCC [Online Safety Hub](#) where you will find advice and information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing nudes, parental controls and more.

You will also find online safety information for families of children with additional needs and disabilities. We have worked with Ambitious about Autism and parents and carers who have children with additional needs and disabilities to create activities to help talk about online safety which you can find at www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send.

Childline Under 12's Website

Childline also have a website with age appropriate advice for primary school children on topics such as bullying. It also has games and other interactive tools. Your child can visit it at www.childline.org.uk/kids.

The Childline website has an accessibility tool too, you can find out about it by clicking on the accessibility link in the Get Support menu. Children can use it to:

- Read the website out to them
- Change the text size and font
- Change webpages to just text only
- Add a mask or ruler to help them focus on just part of the page
- Magnify parts of the webpage
- Translate the website in to over 120 languages

Talking PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides a simple but important message that can help keep children safe. You can find out more and download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

Penguin and Ladybird have partnered with the NSPCC to create a Pantosaurus book aimed at children aged 4 - 8. You can find copies of the new book on sale at <https://shop.nspcc.org.uk/> or in Matalan's selected stores. All profits from the sale of this book will support the NSPCC.

Support the NSPCC

You may be interested in the NSPCC's new selection of BUDDY goodies available from the NSPCC shop at <https://shop.nspcc.org.uk/collections/buddy> which make perfect gifts for children - and all profits go to help keep children safe.

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website www.nspcc.org.uk/parents.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Scott



On Friday 05th May we will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III and are planning lots of lovely activities for the children during the morning.

We would like to extend an invitation to parents to join us from 2pm on the playground where there will be more celebrations as well and a cream tea – fingers crossed the weather is kind to us!

Please feel free to bring your camping chair so you can enjoy the festivities in comfort and if anyone has any giant garden games they are willing to lend us for the day that would be much appreciated.

Playtimes

As the weather is getting better, each lunch time the Year 6 Play Leaders will be getting out the new play equipment for everyone to use on the playground. We put in a bumper order such as cups and balls, hover boards, skipping ropes, ribbons and much more - Friday will be 'Funky Friday'....Music and pompoms!

This Week's Think is



If you say sorry but don't mean it but the person you say it to thinks that you do, does it count?

School Uniform

Brigade – the company who supply our school uniform – have been in touch to say they are pleased to be able to offer all parents the following discount:

Date: Saturday 29th-Sunday 30th April
Website: brigade.uk.com
Discount: 10% on all orders
Code: Enter **SPRING23** at the checkout to activate the discount



Headteacher's Award

Sparrows - Alfie for improving his reading

Doves - Areeba for working harder to improve her spelling and maths

And Jacob for working hard to improve his handwriting

Eagles - Zach for his fantastic attitude towards learning



Dojo Certificates

Sparrows - Cordelia, Hermíone, Leo

Doves - Archie, Areeba, Charlie, Ethan

Eagles - Brooke and Gracie



Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 01st May – Bank Holiday
 Thursday 04th May – School Shut for Local Elections
 Monday 08th May – Extra Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation
 Monday 29th May – Friday 02nd June – Half term
 Friday 09th June - Circus Skills Workshop (whole school)
 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 send Mrs Stones a Dojo message

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Community News



Fun Faith Food Family

Messy Church - Save the Date!

KINGS and CROWNS



Saturday 29th April 12-2pm

**St James Church, Lower Penkridge
Road, Acton Trussell ST17 0RJ**

Book your place now with Ali on 07811 196836 or email aliwebb55@yahoo.com
(children to be accompanied, let us know about any special dietary needs)

**Find out more about Acton & Bednall
Messy Church phone 01785 716265**



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