



All Saints' C of E Primary School

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All Saints' News Letter

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The beauty and wonder of this amazing autumn reminds us of the greatness of God - who else could give us the piles of crisp and colourful leaves and the time to reflect and enjoy them. Once again the children have settled so well into their new classes and I have been touched by wonderful comments by grandparents, parents and children of how special All Saints' is and how well we nurture everyone.

Events

This week year 5/6 are heading off on their residential visit to Carlton Lodge Activity Centre in Thirsk and everyone is getting very excited. Activities will include kayaking, raft building, high ropes, night walks and problem solving. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the staff who are willingly giving up their time to take the children on this amazing adventure and to Miss Hetherton for organising the visit, it is greatly appreciated.

Our Harvest Festival was once again a real uplifting experience and all the children confidently took part. I am delighted to say that we raised £420 for the Matugga Revival Centre in Uganda to support their developing skills centre. Many thanks to you all for your generosity and support. The recent parent evenings were very positive and it was great to see them so well attended and having the opportunity to chat with many of you. Thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments and for the governor representatives who were available during both evenings. Year 1 & 2 definitely knew how to end the half term, they enjoyed a fantastic "Pirate Day" and the activities and outfits made for a great fun day - fortunately we had kind pirates, no plank walking for me!

Open Day Tuesday 18 November 9.30 - 11.30 am and 1.30 - 3.00 pm

We will once again be opening our school doors to the community.

I will be giving two identical introductory talks for parents of prospective pupils entering school in September 2015 at both 9.30 and 1.30 pm. There will be an opportunity for you to see our school during a normal working day. We are happy to welcome extended families, neighbours and anyone with a past or future association with the school.

Our **School Council** has recently been elected, with boys and girls from Year 2 upward representing their classes in the decision making processes of the school. Their first challenge is to organize events for Children in Need Day - a letter detailing events will be sent out soon.

May I take this opportunity to thank all our responsible **dog owners** for following the school's guidance about dogs in the school grounds. As this system is working so well, the governors and school are happy for it to be extended indefinitely.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor for Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with a fantastic lunchtime team and our great children. If you are interested please contact the school office -no experience is necessary, just a love of children.

Parent Questionnaire Feedback

We strongly believe that All Saints' is a very successful school and that children are encouraged to enjoy all their learning experiences and achieve their best. We are proud to "Learn hand in hand together -with God". We are also thankful for feedback to enable our school to develop and continue to move forward and you may recall the parent questionnaire completed in July this year. Although there was a small response from parents, along with the Governors and staff, I have read your comments and note that the main point perceived was lack of communication between the school and yourselves. I know that many of you readily contact school and meet or talk to either me or staff but I would like to share with you a response from the feedback:

1. The new website is now up and running, which is far more informative and easier to use. We were unfortunately tied to the previous site for a number of years but that contract has now finished. The new website will hold everything you need to know, such as term timetables, holiday forms, newsletters, current information and policies etc.
2. The suggestion box is still situated in the main entrance and we continue to encourage you to bring any ideas, comments or concerns to our attention.
3. We are aware that parents may want to arrange to see a member of staff and therefore we have reminded you of how to make contact with staff in our newsletters and on the website.
4. There will be an additional celebratory newsletter each term to reflect purely on children's achievements and we will copy these onto the website so you can see what they have been up to.
5. Although we already share certain celebrations with parents, after the Christmas festivities, parents will be invited to attend their child's class Collective Worship. We only have so much space in the main hall so the invitation will be sent out by class over the year.
6. We would like your input on decisions made for our children, therefore we will be introducing a Head Teacher forum to invite parents' ideas on a particular topic that is relevant at the time. The first forum will be held on Wednesday 26 November at 9am in the hall and the discussion point will be about healthy snacks in school.
7. We would like to confirm that at all parents' evenings I am available for you to come and talk to me with any issues, but we will also have a Governor at each meeting, so that you can come and meet them too.
8. In July we will once again be holding transition meetings for parents of KS1 children moving up to year one and the move upstairs to year 3. The year 3/4 classes will continue to invite parents after school in the new term to look round the class and the cloakroom area.
9. Over the year we will be holding curriculum evenings to explain the new national curriculum and how maths and literacy are taught - dates will follow shortly.

10. Although we already have many different ways for parents to be involved with school, we will be asking for a voluntary register of talents and professions of adults for school to tap into. This will be a great way to enhance the learning opportunities for the children and to strengthen further our home- school links.

FUTURE EVENTS	Date
Carlton Lodge Year 5 and 6 residential	5,6,7/11/14
Bags 2 School collection	6/11/14
Year 5/6 Remembrance Day Activities	11/11/14
Tuesday Xtra (no Sensible Soccer)	11/11/14
Foundation Coffee and consultation afternoons for parents	10,11,13 & 14/11/14
PTA Celebratory drinks event 8pm	13/11/14
Open Day	18/11/14
6B - Bradford Peace Museum Visit	18/11/14
6W - Bradford Peace Museum Visit	19/11/14
PTA Family Bingo - 5pm	22/11/14
6T - Bradford Peace Museum Visit	25/11/14
Headteacher Forum for parents - 9am	26/11/14
4E Visit to Cartwright Hall - Linking Schools	27/11/14
Year 3/4 Visits to All Saints' Church	1/12/14
Christmas Fair	6/12/14
Tuesday Xtra (no Sensible Soccer)	9/12/14
KS1 and Foundation Nativity Performances to parents 2.15 pm	11/12/14 & 12/12/14
Choir at All Saints Church	14/12/14
Christmas Parties - Year 5 / 6	15/12/14
Year 3 / 4	17/12/14
Year 1 / 2	18/12/14
Foundation	19/12/14
KS2 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church - 7pm	18/12/14
School closes - 3.20 pm for Christmas Holiday	19/12/14
School re-opens - 8.50 am	6/1/15

Please find attached the Holidays Dates for Academic year September 2015 to July 2016.

Holiday Dates for Academic Year September 2015 – July 2016

	School Closes	School Opens
Autumn Term		Wednesday 2 September 2015
Half term	Friday 23 October 2015	Tuesday 3 November 2015
Christmas	Friday 18 December 2015	Tuesday 5 January 2016
Spring Term		
Half Term	Friday 12 February 2016	Monday 22 February 2016
Easter	Thursday 24 March 2016	Monday 11 April 2016
Summer Term		
May Day	Friday 29 April 2016	Tuesday 3 May 2016
Spring Half Term	Friday 27 May 2016	Wednesday 8 June 2016
Summer Holidays	Wednesday 20 July 2016	