

# All Saints' C of E Primary School

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# Welcome

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I have just had the pleasure of popping into each class today and seeing all the smiling faces of the children - what a wonderful start to the new academic year. I hope that everyone enjoyed the summer break and had time to relax and catch up with family and friends.

All Saints' school is an inspiring place and I am delighted to welcome all our new families throughout the school and hope they quickly settle into the fantastic caring and sharing ethos which prevails here.

#### Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Simmonds who has joined our Year 5/6 teaching team and we wish her well in settling into her new role.

Classes for this year are:

1 W Mrs White (nee Boddy)	2H Miss Hetherton	6B Mrs Balmer/Mrs Simmonds
1AK Miss King/ Mrs Atkinson	4B Mrs Binney (neeTaylor)	6T Mr Thornton
2B Mrs Bullock	4M Miss Munnoch	6W Mr Whitehead
2F Mrs Forfar	4E Mrs Ellis	

### Report Feedback

Once again may I take this opportunity to thank everyone who offered their feedback on the Annual Report to parent's. Your views and suggestions will be reflected upon to enable the school to successfully move forward. The overwhelming positive response indicates the information presented on the report gave attainment, progress and effort in line with national expectations for each child and identified their next steps to learning. Many thanks to the parent who helped with the explanation of the grades, it was easier to follow and understand.

Feedback 95 returns	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
I have found my child's report informative	89	6	
I am aware of my child's progress	92	2	1
Feedback 77 returns			
I am aware of what my child's next steps	76		1
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#### SATs Results

The SATs tests taken in year 2 and 6 are a national test set by the DfE, every child in those years are required to take the tests. The data obtained from the tests is used by the DfE to raise standards in schools and school uses the data to identify any areas we need to develop further. However, the data does include all pupils, even those with particular needs and this can often skew the results. The performance of the pupils this year was once again very good and we are proud of the high standards our pupils continue to achieve.

	Year 2		Year 6		
	% Level 2	% Level 3	% Level 4	% Level 5	% Level 6
Reading	87	40	91	68	
Writing	85	26	93	43	
Maths	91	32	91	52	7
Science	94	34	-	-	

GPS (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling)	-	-	80	52	5
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Can I take this opportunity to remind you of some of the systems we have in school to ensure the safety of everyone, and also that the suggestion box is situated in the entrance if you would like to offer a comment or a suggestion about any aspect of school.

#### Mobile Phones

We do not encourage mobile phones to be brought to school. The school's policy on phones is that they should only be brought into school if the child needs it as a means of contact for after school and must not be used in school, keeping in line with our E-Safety Policy. The phone will be kept by the teacher for the duration of the school day and can be collected by the child at 3.20pm.

## **Parking**

We are committed to ensuring that the parking of vehicles in and around school does not endanger children or adults and is considerate to the neighbouring residents. Therefore please can we remind all parents and adults to adhere to the clear signage in the school grounds;

- Please do not park or wait in staff bays at any time
- Please do not park or wait in the drop off zone between 8.30 9.15am
- Please do not park or wait in the disabled bays unless a badge holder/permitted user
- Please do not stop and drop off/pick up in the turning circle

# Uniform and jewellery

The children look wonderful in their uniforms and the vast majority are in dark coloured school shoes, please can I remind you that bright trainers are permitted for PE but should not be used as school shoes. Also school permits watches to be worn and small plain stud earrings but no other jewellery including Loom Bands and friendship bracelets/necklaces should be worn in school.

## Dogs

Please can we remind you of the access for dogs within the school grounds;

- Well-controlled dogs on leads will be permitted only through the Easby Drive school entrance into the car park area of the school grounds
- Dogs must stay on their lead with their owner, using the area by the bins to stand if they wish to see their child/ren enter the playground.
- Dogs must not be left unattended at any time either in the school grounds or tied to any school gates, particularly Westville Road entrance.
- Dogs are not permitted in any of the playground areas.
- Entrances must be kept well clear so that children can pass through freely and safely. Children should not have to interact with dogs, if they prefer not to.

#### Governors

We are exceptionally fortunate to have a dedicated and committed Governing Body at All Saints' who work behind the scenes to ensure that we continue to be the amazing school we are. You can find out more about the Governors on our website but below is the Governing Body:

Category	Name	Category	Name
Parent Rep ~ Chair	Mrs A Waterton	Foundation	Mrs K Allen
Parent Rep ~ Vice Chair	Mr D Robinson	Associate	Mrs C Stewart
Parent Rep	Mrs A O'Hearne	Foundation	Rev P Bateman Ex-officio
Parent Rep	Mrs F Cressey	Parish Council	Mr A Walbank
Parent Rep	Mr J Gutch	Community	Mrs J Sheldon
LEA Rep	Mr P O'Looney	Headteacher	Mrs M Robinson
LEA Rep	Mrs B Seth	Non Teaching staff	Mrs J McCluskey

#### Clubs

Once again we will be offering a wide range of clubs and this will be circulated soon.

# Mrs Allison's Requests

#### Payments to school

Please bring all payments to school in a sealed, clearly labelled envelope and ensure that all correspondence is sent via the child's classroom through the internal mail system. This reduces congestion at the school office during our busy times and enables parents who to need to discuss matters of a confidential nature to have some privacy.

# Forgotten/Lost Property

Occasionally pupils forget items that they need for the school day - if you need to bring items to school please ensure that they are labelled with your child's name and class. Pupils in KS2 will be expected to collect the items themselves from the office at break or lunchtime to encourage them to take personal responsibility for their belongings.

Lost property boxes are located in the cloakrooms, at the end of each half term they are placed in the playground to try and reunite unclaimed items with their owners unclaimed items will be disposed of. Valuable items such as jewellery etc are kept at the office.

# Communication and Pupil Absences

Staff are more than happy to meet with parents to discuss any issues, concerns or successes and if you would like to arrange a meeting with a member of staff either contact the office who will inform the member of staff and they will get back to you or if convenient, arrange a meeting directly with a member of staff at the end of the school day.

Please could you notify us when children are absent due to sickness (office manned from 8 am onwards 01943 607852).

- a) write to class teacher about medical/dental appointments, etc;
- b) write to request authorisation of absence due to holiday using our application for leave of absence form, which can be found either on the school website or collected from the school office. Please apply at least 2 weeks in advance.

If you arrive after your child's entrance door has closed please use the main entrance only. If your child is late or leaves early you will need to sign a book. The Westville Road entrance should only be used at the beginning and the end of the day as for security reasons the perimeter gates are locked between 9.15 am and 3.10 pm.

- The school website <u>www.allsaintsilkley.bradford.sch.uk</u> is updated regularly with newsletters and information.
- Hard copies of letters are sent home to the eldest child of the family only.
- Parents may request that letters are sent home via email if you are not receiving emails and would like to
  please let us know.
- Please send any payments to school in a clearly labelled envelope and send via the classroom.

#### Contact details

Data sheets will be sent home shortly for you to check in order that we can keep our records as up to date as possible.

# Morrisons Lets Grow

We are now collecting vouchers for this scheme.

Please find overleaf forthcoming dates and events for your diaries.

# Thank you!

FUTURE EVENTS	Date
Peripatetic Music Lessons commence - Guitar, and keyboard. (Bradford	Commence
Council Music and Arts Service)	3/9/14 & 8/9/ 14
Woodwind lessons commence (Tuesdays) (Music for Schools)	9/9/14
4M swimming commences - Mondays - 10.00 to 10.30 am	8/9/14
Cycling proficiency commences (for pupils enrolled in Year 6 - spaces available)	15, 17/9 14
PTA new starters coffee morning	25/9/14
PTA Disco	26/09/14
Individual School Photos	2,3/10/14
Year 1&2 pupils to Ilkley Literature Event	7/10/14
Harvest Festival - 9.45 All Saints' Church	9/10/14
Year 6 pupils to Ilkley Literature Event	13/10/14
Parents evening 5-8 pm (Year 1 to Year 6)	21/10/14
Parents evening 3.30 - 6.30 pm (Year 1 to Year 6)	22/10/14
School closes 3.20 pm for Half Term	24/10/14
School re-opens 8.50 am	3/11/13
Carlton Lodge Year 5 and 6 residential	5,6,7/11/14
Foundation Coffee and consultation afternoons for parents	W/C 10/11/14
Open Day	18/11/14
PTA Family Bingo - 5pm	22/11/14
Christmas Fair	6/12/14
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