

All Saints' C of E Primary School

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Term Dates and Holiday Schedule 2015 – 2016

Please find below the term dates and holiday schedule for the next academic year: **2015 – 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	

This term, school closes for half term on Friday 24th October and re-opens on Monday 3rd November.

Head Lice

We have had several calls over the past week relating to cases of head lice in school. All types of hair can be affected, regardless of its length and condition. Head lice often cause a person's scalp to itch, caused by an allergy to the lice. However, not everyone is allergic to head lice, so you or your child may not notice a head lice infestation. Head lice can be difficult to see, even when the head is closely inspected. To confirm an active head lice infestation, a louse must be found through a reliable, accurate method, such as detection combing.

Head lice can usually be effectively treated with lotions or sprays designed to kill head lice, or by wet combing, using a specially designed head lice comb. As well as checking your child's hair regularly, we would also recommend that long hair is tied back whilst at school in order to minimise the spread.

For more information about head lice and effective treatment and prevention, please visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice

Parking

May we remind all parents and carers to park safely and considerately when collecting and dropping off their children. Once again, we have been contacted by local residents who are deeply concerned about both the safety of children getting in and out of school, and the disruption that is caused to themselves. All residents are advised to contact the police with details of the vehicles in the event of illegal parking around school, in order that action can be taken where necessary.

PTO For some exciting news! >>>

ParentPay - Our new Online Payment and Communication Service

We're pleased to announce that we will shortly be introducing a new service at school called ParentPay. This system will be used to communicate with parents and carers, and will also enable us to introduce a more convenient way to accept online payments for school meals, school visits and the Little Saints' Club.

What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

- } ParentPay is easy to use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments at a time convenient to you.
- } For your peace of mind, the technology is of the highest internet security available, ensuring that your money reaches the school safely and securely.
- } ParentPay payments can be made by credit/debit card. There will be a minimum payment set for all payments in order to reduce the transaction charges for the school.
- } Full payment histories and statements are available online for you to view at any time using your secure login.
- } Payments are easier to track with less money being lost in bookbags!
- } Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email and/or SMS text (a charge applies for SMS text alerts).
- } ParentPay allows parents to give consent for school visits online.

What are the benefits to our school?

- } The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school. Using ParentPay ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to reduce the costs associated with managing cash securely on the school premises.
- } ParentPay ensures that all communications sent to parents are sent confidentially and reliably, again, removing the possibility of letters being lost in bags and drawers.
- } ParentPay results in a reduction of paper copies of all communications with parents and carers which has a positive effect both economically and environmentally.

How to get started with ParentPay

We will shortly be sending you your unique account activation details, just follow the instructions in the letter we give you to get started with ParentPay. We will also be sending out further information regarding the service. In the meantime, please feel free to visit the ParentPay website at: www.parentpay.com/Parents

Please contact the office if you have any queries.

Many thanks,
Helen Allison, Rachael Sugden, Diana Robinson and Gill Gilroy