



# All Saints' C of E Primary School

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## All Saints' News Letter

5 March 2015

What a delight it was returning to school after the half term holiday to the trees budding and the flowers brightening up the school grounds; apart from the snow, spring is definitely on the way!

We continue to have a packed half term with All Saints' leading the way on many exciting initiatives. The Life Bus was here all last week and each class really benefitted from the interactive life skills lessons held on the bus. This is an important part of the PSHE curriculum taught in school and we are delighted that all children continue to have access to the Life Bus. It is also Fair Trade Week this week and along with the Fair Trade ingredients used by Mrs McCluskey in the school meals and snacks, the School Council will be holding a Fair Trade stall after school on Thursday 5 March. It is also World Book Day on Thursday 5 March and once again All Saints' will hopefully be overrun with children dressed as their favourite book character. This year we are linking dressing up for World Book Day with Comic Relief and the proceeds from dressing up will go towards Comic Relief - last week's letter from the School Council explained all the exciting activities planned.

It has been wonderful to see many different parents and carers in school recently either enjoying our delicious school lunches or joining class Collective Worships, the children have thoroughly enjoyed showing off their school to you all, they are very proud of All Saints'. Following a very successful and positive coffee and chat opportunity this week in school between parents and carers of pupils with additional needs and staff, Miss King was delighted at the response and it will now become a regular termly event. Also it has been great to have some parents volunteers to talk to the year 5/6 classes about their profession - many thanks as the children have been enthralled at your presentations. As mentioned in the last newsletter, if you would like to be added to our parent skill register, then please complete and return the slip at the end of this letter.

As many of you fully appreciate, additional space in school for both group work and skills based activities is very limited and we regularly use corridors and the staff room as teaching areas. With this in mind we have been planning and saving to have a mezzanine built above part of the school hall. This space will provide a large teaching area equipped for various skills and also a smaller room for staff to meet, plan and mark work. The work is due to take place during the summer holidays and the amazing PTA are successfully fundraising to help raise the money to equip the skills room with a kitchen area, cupboards and resources. This is a really exciting venture and one which will ultimately benefit all the children in school.

Unfortunately, we still have neighbours who are concerned at the unsafe and inconsiderate parking of some of our parents. Please can I remind you to use the school drive and drop off zone correctly and not to obstruct the surrounding streets of school. Also it has been brought to my attention that there are some dogs being tethered and left unattended at the Westville Road gate. Please can I remind dog owners;

- 1 Well-controlled dogs on leads will be permitted only through the Easby Drive school entrance into the car park area of the school grounds.
- 2 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.
- 3 Dogs must not be left unattended at any time - either in the school grounds or tied to any school gates, particularly Westville Road entrance.
- 4 Dogs are not permitted in any of the playground areas.
- 5 Entrances must be kept well clear so that children can pass through freely and safely.
- 6 Children should not have to interact with dogs, if they prefer not to.

Pupils in school will be attending the Easter Service at All Saints' Church on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9.45am. This is not usually an event for parents as the whole school attends to worship. There will be some limited seating available particularly for parents who volunteer to help walk the children to Church.

**Mrs Allison's requests**

**Illnesses** - If your child is unwell please report this by 9.30 am and give an indication of how long the absence will last. If your child has sickness/diarrhea they must remain absent until 48 hours after the last bout of illness to avoid cross contamination.

**Parents' Evening online booking system trial** - this appears to be going well. Please return your feedback forms as soon as possible so that we can evaluate the responses.

**Payments/letters for school.** If you are sending routine replies, payments etc to school please do this via our internal classroom mailing system. The children put their envelopes in the classroom baskets and these are brought to the office each morning with the registers. This system works well, reducing congestion at the office at busy times enabling parents who need to discuss matters of a confidential nature to have some privacy. Thank you.

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**Parent Skills Response Form**

**Please complete and return if you are able to help - thank you.**

Name of adult	Childs name and class	Profession	Skill willing to share in school	Availability i.e. as and when required/one off

## Diary Dates

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>School re-opens</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> February
<b>Year 5&amp;6 – Parent School Lunches</b>	w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
<b>Life Bus week</b>	w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
<b>4B &amp; 4E at the Manor House</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>2B – Collective Worship – 9 am</b>	3 March
<b>4M at the Manor House</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Lunchtime Talent Contests in aid of Comic Relief</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>4M – Collective Worship – 9am</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Red Nose Day</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>PTA Quiz Night</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>KS2 French Theatre Performance in school</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Parents Evenings (Yrs1,2,3,4,5&amp;6)</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Year 5 Rewind to Easter at All Saints' Church</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>PTA Easter Party (Foundation &amp; Yr 1)</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
<b>Year 3/4 Production of 'Splash' 2pm</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Foundation Easter Performance to parents</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>6B – Collective Worship</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Year 3/4 Production of 'Splash' 7pm</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Easter Service All Saints' Church 9.45am</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>School closes for Easter Holidays</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>School re-opens</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>4E Swimming Starts</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Tuesday Xtra</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Foundation Coffee and Consultations</b>	20/21/23/24 April
<b>2F – Collective Worship</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>4E Science Workshop with Boffin Projects</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>May Day Bank Holiday – school closed</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>4E – Collective Worship – 9 am</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Tuesday Xtra</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Wharfedale Choir Festival</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Arts Week for whole school</b>	w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>School closes for Half Term</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>School re-opens</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> June
<b>Class photos</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Year 6 I.M.P.S Training Airedale Hospital</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Tuesday Xtra</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>2H – Collective Worship</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>PTA Camping Trip</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June
<b>4B – Collective Worship</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>6T – Collective Worship</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> July
<b>PTA Summer Fair</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Last swimming session – 4E</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Tuesday Xtra</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Leavers Service at All Saints' Church</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>School closes for Summer Holidays</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>School re-opens</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2015