



All Saints' Newsletter

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What a wonderful end to the Spring term with the Easter Service at All Saints Church lead by Rev. Patrick Bateman and Lawrence Basham, the singing, participation and understanding of the Easter Story by the children was really inspirational, it reminded us all of God's glory. The amazing Year 3/4 production of "Splash" was fantastic and a special thank you to all the staff, children and helpers involved – I am sure a rainbow will always have an important meaning for all the children! Reception parents were also in for a treat with a lovely morning of "Easter celebrations". The confidence and abilities of the children was amazing and thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments.

As usual, please can I remind you with the warmer weather due to be upon us, it is important for the children to come to school in sensible footwear and socks. Please refrain from flip flops and flimsy open toed sandals as they are extremely dangerous when playing out and do not provide any protection to the foot. Also may I remind you that if the weather warrants sun cream, then please either apply before school or send to school for your child to keep and apply themselves. On the other side of the coin, please can you ensure that your child brings a coat as the British weather can suddenly turn inclement and we try to let the children have outdoor playtimes as much as possible.

SATs

The KS2 Year 6 SATs tests will take place on;

	AM	PM
Mon 11 May ~	Reading Test	Level 6 Reading Test
Tue 12 May ~	English GPS test	Level 6 GPS test
Wed 13 May ~	Mental maths test and Maths Paper 1	
Thu 14 May ~	Maths Paper 2	Level 6 paper 1 & 2

Once again the writing aspect of the Year 6 SATs will be solely based on Teacher Assessment and not through a one off writing test. This enables a true and accurate picture of each child's writing ability to be assessed and moderated both within school and with colleagues from our local schools. We are confident that this will benefit the children and give an informed level of their written work from across the whole year.

SATS are only a snapshot of your child's ability on a particular day and we prepare and encourage them to try their best and "show off" their skills, however we also send teacher assessment information to the next schools and this helps to give a true reflection of your child's ability over time. Year 2 children will also be taking the KS1 SATs during May and these will be fully teacher assessed and the children will not be aware of tests and tasks but only "special" pieces of work. Confirmation of your child's SATs level will be given in their end of year report. The national expected level for year 6 is level 4 and for year 2 is level 2.

Class Allocation Procedure

Well in advance of the class allocations, we wanted once again to explain how classes are decided and how children are allocated to them, particularly from EYFS and KS1. We are conscious that some parents find this a difficult time and we want to reassure you that much thought and consideration is taken by staff because decisions are based on each individual child's needs. Children are placed into the class that best suits their learning style and not based on age, academic ability or solely friendships. The process is slightly more complex because we are a 1 ½ form entry school. Most EYFS children will move up to the year 1 class with some of the more independent learners being put into

the mixed year 1/2 class. However all the children across the 3 classes in KS1 will access the same topics and staff plan, mark and moderate together to ensure everyone covers the same curriculum. Please can I assure you that the class your child is given is based on the professional judgment of our dedicated staff and that we accept and respect their decision. We will provide class allocations along with the annual progress report towards the end of the summer term and coincide "move up morning" before reports are distributed and therefore the children will be familiar with their new class, teacher and friendships and be able to discuss them with you. We will also be holding a Key Stage 1 and 2 short transition meeting for parents towards the end of the summer term.

Class Organisation

	Reception 23	Reception 22	
Year 1 30	Mixed year 1/2 15/15	Year 2 30	
Mixed Year 3/4 30	Mixed Year 3/4 30	Mixed Year 3/4 30	
Mixed Year 5/6 30	Mixed Year 5/6 30	Mixed Year 5/6 30	

Staffing

We wish Miss Munnoch all the very best during her maternity leave which starts this Friday and we are excited to hear of her good news in May. We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Hammond who will be taking 4M for the summer term.

Mrs Forfar has made the difficult decision to retire this summer after many years of being such an amazing member of our staff. She will be greatly missed by everyone because of her genuine love of children and the teaching profession and the passion she puts into everything she does. I know the whole school will join me in expressing their total admiration and appreciation to her for everything she has contributed to All Saints' – she is an inspiration to all of us. We want to wish Mrs Forfar all the very best in a long and enjoyable retirement – God Bless and thank you.

Arts Week

We will be having our biannual Arts week during the week beginning 18 May when the children have the opportunity to try different art activities with children from across the school. It is a brilliant week and one enjoyed by everyone. The theme this year is "Yorkshire" and I am sure it will be a fantastic stimulus for a raft of incredible artwork.

Parking and Drop off

Please can I continue to ask for your assistance in dropping off and parking safely in and around school by adhering to the clear signage in the school grounds and respecting the Highway Code in the neighbouring streets. This is to ensure that all our children are kept safe from traffic at busy times.

Diary Dates

Tuesday Xtra	14 th April
Foundation Coffee and Consultations	20/21/23/24 April
2F – Collective Worship	21 st April
4E Science Workshop with Boffin Projects	20 th /21 st April
Copthorne Primary School visiting 4E – linking schools project	27 th April
2F – Collective Worship	28 th April
Second Hand Uniform Sale in hall at 3.20pm	1 st May
May Day Bank Holiday – Ilkley Carnival (school closed)	4 th May
4E – Collective Worship – 9 am	7 th May
SATS week for Year 6	w/c 11 th May
Tuesday Xtra	12 th May
School Choir at Wharfedale Choir Festival	14 th May
PTA Summer Party @ Ilkley Tennis Club	16 th May
Arts Week for whole school	w/c 18 th May
School closes for Half Term	22 nd May
School re-opens	3 rd June
Class photos	4 th June
Year 6 I.M.P.S Training Airedale Hospital	9 th June
Tuesday Xtra	9 th June
Visit by Bob Hartman to whole school	15 th June
2H – Collective Worship	16 th June
Bikeability Training – Year 6	18/19 th , 25/26 th June & 2/3 July
PTA Camping Trip	19 th -21 st June
4B – Collective Worship	24 th June
Sports Day – Foundation & Key Stage 1 – am, Key Stage 2 - pm	29 th June
6T – Collective Worship	3 rd July
PTA Summer Fair	4 th July
Last swimming session – 4E	13 th July
Tuesday Xtra	14 th July
Leavers Service at All Saints' Church	16 th July
School closes for Summer Holidays	17 th July
School re-opens	2 nd September 2015