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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Spring term is now drawing to a close and when I look back and reflect on the many wonderful events and learning opportunities the children have enjoyed, it is clear All Saints' is a very special school. Next term is already looking busy and we look forward to our Coronation events which will take place on Friday 5th May. Further details will be sent out the first week back after Easter.

Easter service

Thank you to all our volunteers who joined us to walk down to the church for our Easter Service yesterday. The service was a wonderful collection of readings, hymns and prayers as well as songs from the Year 5/6 Proms, a quiz and even a Lego version of the Easter Story! We certainly filled the church with joy and celebration at this special time of year.



Miss Flaherty

I am sure you will want to join me in wishing many congratulations to Miss Flaherty on her forthcoming wedding over the Easter break. Miss Flaherty will be using her married name, Mrs Wooten, on her return.

EYFS Staff

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Mrs Gill Sangster to the Reception team as teaching assistant. Mrs Sangster is an experienced teaching assistant currently working at a school in Horsforth and is looking forward to getting to know the children and parents next term.

PTA Easter Bonnet and Decorated Egg competition

We were joined by a panel of judges that included Councillor Anne Hawsworth, local mosaic artist David James, Lisa Drake from the Ilkley BID Team alongside our school catering team to undertake the near impossible job of choosing the year group winners and runners up. All our participants were highly praised for their highly imaginative and creative entries. This is just a small selection!



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New governors

We are delighted to update you on new additions to our governing body. Nick Briggs, has been appointed as our new Chair of Governors. He joins All Saints' CofE with a wealth of knowledge about school governance from his many years as a school and chair of governors. He is currently Chair of the Pennine Academy Trust Board. Nick joined us for the Easter service yesterday and has already visited school on several occasions. In addition to Nick, we have also welcomed Alan Jarvis as our Local Authority governor. Alan has a strong background in finance, including working in school finance at the authority, and has supported many schools over the years as a school governor. Biographies will be available on the governor page of the school website shortly.

Disabled Parking Spaces

Please can I remind everyone that the marked disabled parking spaces are for use by those with blue badge holders only.



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News from EYFS



Foundation children have been very busy preparing for our super Egg-citing Easter Show! They have been getting very creative, making Easter themed headdresses including lambs, bunnies, flowers, sunshine, Easter eggs and hot cross buns no less! We have been learning lots of fun, catchy songs and are very excited to be performing to parents and grandparents on the last day of term. It will certainly put a smile on everyone's faces! On behalf of the Foundation Team, we wish you all a very happy Easter.

News from KS1

Jurassic Curriculum Celebration Day - Year 1

We celebrated our final week of our Jurassic topic by inviting our parents/carers in to create dinosaur eyes out of clay. Lots of fun was had and lots of fantastic eyes were created! Well done Year 1!





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Year 2 have been enjoying their DT work on shelters. The challenge was to create a shelter from one piece of A4 paper – no cutting or tearing! Here are some of our designs.





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They also went into the wooded area to create a shelter using natural resources.



As part of our science work on keeping healthy, the Year 2s have been looking at different food groups and what makes a balanced diet. They designed and made their own fruit kebabs.





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News from LKS2

Year 3:

The Last two weeks have been a busy few weeks for year 3. From welcoming our Linking School Partner to school and finding out what Victorian Ilkley was like.

In English we have been discovering more about the minpins and have loved exploring our creativity, describing the rooms in the minpin's Tree. These varied from rooms full of sweets like Charlie and the Chocolate factory to games rooms and cinema. Our Year 3s certainly have a wealth of imaginative ideas.



On Tuesday 21st March, we welcomed two year 3 Classes from Cophthorne Primary in Bradford. We have been delighted this year to be involved in the project

once again but this time we have two classes taking part. The children enjoyed meeting their link classes and getting to know how the other children live and what they enjoy. We played circle games with the parachute and used our team building skills to develop the tallest and sturdiest towers. There were certainly some budding engineers in the groups. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and lovely messages for each other. We are looking forward to Cophthorne in June.



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In Science these last two weeks we have been developing our enquiry skills further and investigating which substance cleans a coin the best. We developed a hypothesis, with many thinking the



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soap would be better. We explored the ideas of fair testing and how to record our findings. We certainly found it fun!

As You are hopefully aware, this week we explored Ilkley and began to look into its Victorian Heritage. The children were fascinated during the work thinking about life of the Blacksmith Robert Collyer and his workshop which was situated behind the Crescent hotel and how the train line was a huge development to Ilkley allowing the factory owners to be able to



settle here in Ilkley as well as bringing tourists to utilise the riches of the Spa Town. We were amazed at the idea that the trainline continued on and even ran through the grounds of All Saints' School and beyond up to Skipton and Embsey. In the afternoon, we explored life as a Victorian Child and what their leisure time was like playing with mechanical toys and discovering the wonders of the dolls.

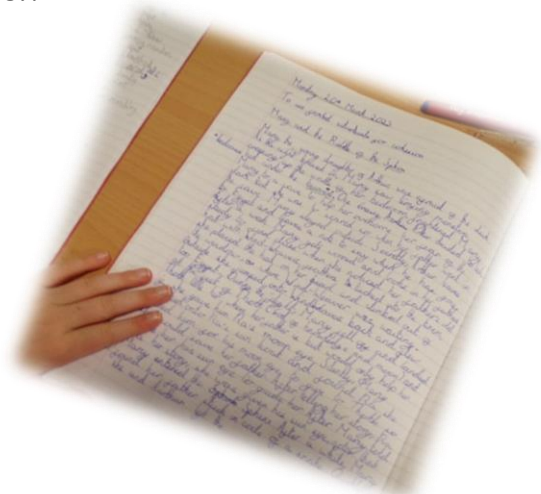


We also enjoyed visiting our 'Buddy Class' 1M, where we were able to share our proudest pieces of work and listen to the work 1M had been doing as well. This was lovely to see how the children supported each other and how proud we were of the work being done. Well done everyone 😊



In Year 4, it has been just as busy exploring the realms of Ancient Egypt.

Our creativity stepped up a gear as we enjoyed entering a time portal and visiting Ancient Egypt. The children based their writing on Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx, they have written and told some amazing stories with some great historical accuracy and description.





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Our Leeds Museum visit, took the children out of school for the day where both year 4 classes took part in an educational visit. They had a fascinating day learning about mummification exploring the ideas of preservation and one of the Ancient Egyptians achievements. We spent time looking at artefacts from Ancient Egypt including the 3000-year-old mummy of Nesyamun.



This year we have been delighted to be a part of the 'Big Sing' Event at Kings Hall. We have spent time over the last few weeks learning some of the songs and we had a fantastic morning singing with 3 other Ilkley schools. No doubt the children will have performed them for you many times.





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News from UKS2

The last fortnight in year 5/6

Our run up to Easter has been action-packed, as usual. Last week, our Year 5/6 children had the opportunity to visit All Saints' church as part of their RE learning, linked to 'rites of passages'. Mike, the All Saints' Vicar, talked with enthusiasm about how the Christian faith shows these passages. You can see him pictured showing the font, used for baptisms, which partly dates back a thousand years.



Last Friday, the Year 5/6 children helped create a Greek-themed lunch, served to all of school. Linked to our 'Ancient Greece' theme, we worked in conjunction with Mrs McCluskey, in the kitchen, to formulate a delicious and cost-effective menu, as part of our DT work. Unsurprisingly, the main course of chicken gyros went down a treat! One teacher, who shall remain nameless, commented that:



"It was delicious. I only wish I had more." A special mention to food council, who really supported the creation of this event.



This week, our Year 5/6 children have shone musically (and in many other ways ... but, specifically in a musical manner). Tuesday saw many of the children perform at the Bradford Music and Arts service 'Schools' Prom'. In front of a packed St George's Hall, in Bradford, they performed a range of song genres, utilising actions and British sign language. The children did themselves proud, sacrificing their own time (and staying up rather late) to deliver an exceptional performance. A huge thank-you to those parents/carers/family and friends who attended. We are sure that you enjoyed this as we all did. A further massive thank-you to Mrs Binney, who worked tirelessly to organise our attendance at this wonderful event. From delivering the songs/signs with passion and enthusiasm, to organising all manner of things, she did a great job. So great she was even interviewed on stage, which we think she secretly really enjoyed.



Have a wonderful Easter, on behalf of all Year 5/6.



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All Saints' Sport Supplement

A big thumbs up to those that competed in the Nell-Bank relay cross-country races, the Saturday before last. All those present once again represented our school brilliantly, trying their very best. A number of certificates were handed out in our Collective Worship, the following week, celebrating their efforts. What a great way to bring to a close the cross-country season!

Our sporting hero this week has to be England U21 footballer, Bex Raynor, as she actually visited our school. After delivering an inspiring talk to our children, discussing her role in the professional game, she put each year group through their paces, with a short and sharp fitness circuit. A number of autographs were also signed!



In the sporting world, the England men's football team gained their first win away to Italy in over 60 years. At the same time, Harry Kane became the men's leading national team scorer. Congratulations, Harry.

Have a great Easter holiday. Stay active! Why not tell us what you have been up to over the holidays, to keep yourself fit? You could feature in our next newsletter. Just pass on any details to the office. We look forward to hearing from you.



Sport Council

Dogs on the School Grounds

As a school we are aware that many families have pet dogs and like to use the walk to school as an opportunity to provide their pet with exercise. We are also aware that many children can feel nervous around unfamiliar dogs, no matter how friendly and well behaved they may be. Following new guidance from Bradford District Council regarding school sites, dogs must not be brought on to the school premises, including the car park area, for the comfort and safety of all school visitors. Dogs must also not be left tied to the school perimeter fence. Dogs are only allowed on school premises for educational purposes or with pupils, staff or members of the public as a registered service dog.

Website feedback up date

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the recent questionnaire regarding our current website. The information you provided will be used to inform the design and content of our new site. It is clear that you agree we need a better website that really celebrates the children and is also easier for you to find the information you are most interested in. I will continue to update content on the current site and I will try to incorporate some of the suggestions that have been made, such as alphabetising the menus to make finding the content easier which has been done. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to support the process of designing the new website. I will make contact with you after the Easter break when I hope to have a mock-up of the new design and a suggested menu structure.

Stuart Gawthorpe

Deputy Headteacher



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Diary Dates

Please continue to check out the updated list of diary dates below to ensure you know the important dates for your child and the date of events coming up.

Thank you for all your kind and generous support this term.

Wishing everyone a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 17th April.

Helen Dunn

DIARY DATES

DIARY DATES (Spring Term)	Date
School closes for Easter holidays	31/03/2023
School re-opens – 8.50am	17/04/2023
Yr5 Parent Lunches	w/c 17/04 & 24/04
Yr5 Ilkley Town Crier visit	19/04/2023
2M Collective Worship for Parents/Carers – school Hall 9.00am	28/04/2023
Bank Holiday Monday – May Day	01/05/2023
Yr3 Harlow Carr visit	04/05/2023
Coronation Event	05/05/2023
Bank Holiday Monday – Coronation	08/05/2023
Yr6 Sats Week	09-12/05/2023
Yr2 Sats Week	w/c 15/02/2023
4H Collective Worship for Parents/Carers – school hall 9.00am	16/05/2023
Class Photos	18/05/2023
Yr6 IGS Roadshow pm	26/05/2023
School closes for half term	26/05/2023
School re-opens – 8.50am	12/06/2023