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#### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

It difficult to believe we are at the end of our first half term already!

We are continuing to work through the responses to the parent surveys that you completed a couple of weeks ago. We hope you have seen some changes that have been made as a positive start to addressing some of the points you raised. After the half term break we will be looking very closely at your responses with a group of governors and staff to help inform our next steps. Some of the things we have already been working on include:

- Parent's Evenings are back to face-to-face meetings
- A new safeguarding page on the school website
- We are reviewing the curriculum with subject leaders
- We have brought in further support for children with additional/special educational needs
- We are making changes to the website to improve communication

We are committed to working with children and families so please continue to feedback to us as we work together to develop All Saints further.

### **SENDCo Arrangements**

As some of you are aware Miss King, our school SENDCo, is currently not in school. In her absence I will be undertaking the role of SENDCo and am happy to support any families who would like information about support their child is receiving. I have been a qualified SENDCo for many years. If you would like to speak to me about any concerns you may have with your child's learning, emotions or behaviour please contact the office who will be pleased to make an appointment for you.

I would also like to let you know that we are working with Bradford's SCIL (Social, Communication, Interaction and Learning) Team, and specifically Jason Bew, to review the provision and support we receive as a school and to look at how we can better support children across the school including those with Special Educational Needs. Jason will be in school regularly, visiting classes and working with individual children. I will send out further information at the beginning of Term 4 following our initial discussions.

Stuart Gawthorpe, Deputy Headteacher

### **Turkey/Syria Earthquake**

All of us will have been shocked and distressed by the news of the loss of life and devastation casued by the Turkey/Syria earthquake earlier this week. As a school, we would like to support those affected in the best way we can which would to provide financial support to those agencies working on the ground in the region. As a school, we will be holding a special pancake day tossing challenge on Shrove Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, and those who are in a position to sponser their child to toss as many pancakes as they can, would be welcome to donate to our fundraising for Christian



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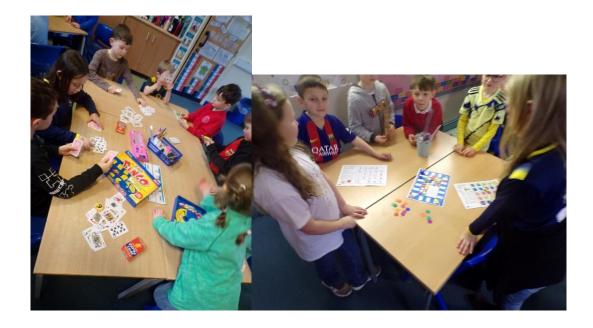
Aid. A link on Arbour will be sent through at the start of the first week. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this.

### **NSPCC Number Day Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Pupils from Reception/ KS1 and LKS2 came to school dressed as digits and had lots of fun mixing together and playing number games. Pupils from KS2 said that they enjoyed playing with the younger children and hoped that they can do this more often.

During class collective worship, the children were shown a presentation from the NSPCC to help raise awareness of the charity and the support it provides for children.

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated, we raised an amazing £378 for the NSPCC!







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### **Safeguarding and Child Protection**

I would like to draw your attention to some developments in Safeguarding and Child protection at school. Firstly, there is a new email address for any concerns you may have and would like to make the school aware. The address is **safeguarding@allsaintsilkley.bradford.sch.uk which** I monitor so is completely confidential. Any concerns you have can be reported on this email address which is also checked during the school breaks and at weekends. The second development is a dedicated page on the school website for Safeguarding and Child Protection which can be found under the 'Key Info' tab or by following this <u>link</u>. This page contains information on how we protect children and the wider systems used in Bradford to safeguard children. The page will be updated regularly and will contain useful links, topical information and useful information to ensure children are safe, happy and healthy. The school's new Safeguarding Policy is also available on the Safeguarding and Child Protection page or by clicking the following link.

Finally, if you have any concerns and would like to speak to me in person please contact the school office who will be happy to make an appointment for you.

Mr Gawthorpe, Deputy Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

### **Gardening Club**

Our Gardening Club members (led enthusiastically by Mrs Dennison) have been working hard to make improvements to green areas of the school grounds. We have received much appreciated donations from Moss and Moor to ensure our young gardeners have the equipment they need and they are doing a fabulous job! A huge well done to everyone involved!





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### All Saints' Sport Supplement

Our sporting hero of the week is Aryna Sabalenka for showing an excellent array of skills in winning the Australian Open tennis tournament. In other world-sporting news, after being out injured for over a year, Jofra Archer has come back and in his second game for the England cricket team, secured the win by getting six wickets in just one match! This Sunday, American football's 'Super Bowl' takes place. It's on late, on Sunday night ... don't stay up too late!

In school, last weekend, there was a cross country at Ben Rhydding school, with many children taking part and showing great perseverance. A big well done to anyone who ran. The next fixture takes place on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March**, next to the swimming pool. All Saints' are hosting, so we hope to get a HUGE turnout.

This week, the year. 5/6 girls' football team played Addingham. Although Addingham ran out winners, many of the All Saints' squad were playing their first ever football match and did themselves proud.

Have a great half term 😂

By Sevan and Henry

#### **Headteacher Awards**

Our Headteacher Awards have been a wonderful celebration of the exceptional efforts the children have been putting in to their work and this time particularly focused on our values of developing and achieving. One child was praised for demonstrating all five values – an amazing feat! Well done to all our recipients. We are incredibly proud of you!









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After half term, our Headteacher Awards will move to our Thursday Collective Worship, and we will be inviting those parents of children receiving the award into school to celebrate this with us. You will be informed the Friday of the week before to provide you with notice. We look forward to seeing you!

#### **News from EYFS**

We have been discussing feelings this week and previously looked at the book 'The Colour Monster'. The children have been bringing 'feelings' jars into school. Here are some photos for the newsletter... Yellow is happy, green is calm, red is anger, blue is sadness, pink is love. The headbands are also headbands the children wanted to make - they said that when they wear these headbands they can hug and love anyone who asks for a hug!



#### **News from KS1**

In English, Year 1 have been reciting and acting out poems in groups. We practised using expression and prosody when performing them to the class.







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Year 1 have also enjoyed learning about how to look after our mental health and the theme of 'making connections'. We started off the week thinking how we can connect with one another and support each other, recognising that everyone has worries- and that's okay! On 'Mindfulness Monday' we went outside to the wooded area and listened to the sounds of nature whilst reading a story. We have also been setting ourselves the challenge of going home laughing to improve our mental wellbeing. Mrs Margerrison has learnt lots of new funny jokes!



Mrs Barker and the KS1 children have enjoyed Forest school this week and they took part in a 'Reflective session' using the talking stick. Eating popcorn was also great for our mental health!





Next term we will be extending our Forest Schools provision to Year 5/6 so look out for more photos in our next newletter.



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#### **News from LKS2**

Here in LKS2 we have been developing our skills and learning in practical and exciting ways.



In year 3, we have been exploring the magic that is magnets and enquiring about how strong magnets can be as well as whether all types of metal will be attracted to a magnet? In our Art lessons, we have explored fabric and the art of weaving and tried our hands at tye-dying. During our Geography lessons, we



have been enhancing our Map reading skills to find out about towns, villages and cities.

In Year 4, we have been learning collaboratively to develop our amazing language, whilst exploring the Traditional Tale of the Princess and the Pea. In Science, we have been exploring the world of electricity and how circuits can be put together and help us to understand what materials conduct electricity. During our Music lessons, we have begun learning to play 'tuned Percussion' in the form of Glockenspiels and have begun perfecting the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.

#### **News from UKS2**

Over the last two weeks, we have been doing many fun activities throughout Year 5/6. One of them being a visit to the Jorvik Viking Centre, in York. At the Viking centre, we did three main activities, one of them being a ride through the Viking City of York, where there were robots portraying what the Vikings would have looked like and what they would be doing. The Yr 5/6s also went to the dig nearby where we dug for artefacts and got lots of sand in our shoes! The last activity was all about Viking weaponry. Some people went up to the front to show how they were used – no children were harmed!

On Tuesday 7th February, Year 6 children went to IGS where we watched The Sound of Music production which was fantastic. There were many students performing, from Year 7s to Year 13s. Some who went to All Saints' previously. A brilliant performance!

What a week full of fun!

On behalf of the staff, please can I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all parents for their support over this first half term. As a new leadership team we have been bowled over by how kind, welcoming and patient you have been as we have settled in and we look forward to working with you all again next half term.

Wishing everyone a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Helen Dunn



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### **DIARY DATES**

DIARY DATES (Spring Term)	Date
School closes for half term	10/02/2023
School re-opens – 8.50am	20/02/2023
Life Base SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship)	w/c 20/02/2023
Sessions – All year groups in school	
PTA Valentines Disco	24/02/2023
Yr4 Parent Lunches – 12.15pm	w/c 27/02/2023
Parent Consultation Evening	28/02/2023
Parent Consultation Evening	02/03/2023
1MS Collective Worship for Parents/Carers (9am School Hall)	03/03/2023
All Saints' Cross Country (Ilkley Lido)	04/03/2023
Yr4 Parent Lunches – 12.15pm	w/c 06/03/2023
Yr5 Network Rail Safety Talk	07/03/2023
6B Collective Worship for Parents/Carers (9am School Hall)	14/03/2023
EYFS Eye Tests (information to follow from School Nursing Team)	15/03/2023
Nell Bank Cross Country Relays	18/03/2023
Yr4 Big Sing – Kings Hall	22/03/2023
School closes for Easter holidays	31/03/2023
School re-opens – 8.50am	17/04/2023