



## All Saints' Newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back to the new half term!

### **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February was Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. All children took part in lots of lovely and mindful activities throughout the week. The theme was 'Let's Connect' and children had opportunities to connect with others throughout the week.

On each day, we had a different focus;

**Mindfulness Monday-** Activities that allow our minds to be calm such as mindfulness colouring and listening to relaxing music.

**Talking Tuesday-** Finding new people to talk to and reach out to within our classes and making an effort to play and spend time with them.

**Well-being walk Wednesday-** Spending time outside and appreciating nature and how it benefits our mental health.

**Thankful Thursday-** Gratitude jars were created in classrooms to share things in our life that we are thankful for.

**Friendship Friday-** 'Friendship' Mexican wave connecting the whole school together and wearing our scarves to school.

To finish off a fantastic week, the whole school completed Children's Mental Health Awareness Week with a 'Friendship Wave'! We succeeded in creating a whole school Mexican wave in the playground which proved to be lots of fun. Thank you to several of our school governors for joining us at this event.



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### **Katie Morag Day**

Apologies to Year 2 who were missed off the last newsletter! As promised here are some photos from their Katie Morag Day at the end of last term. As you can see they had lots of fun making shortbread, learning a Scottish dance and taking part in some environment improvements by completing a litter pick around the school.



### **'Invacuation' – keeping children safe in school**

As a school we place the safety of the children as a high priority and we are constantly testing and revising our planning arrangements. Over the coming weeks we will be testing and reviewing our invacuation procedures. An invacuation is a way of keeping children safe by gathering them in pre-identified 'safe spaces' should there be a need to. Examples of when an invacuation may be necessary include if there was a wild animal in the school grounds or a chemical leak in the local area. We hope to never need to use the procedure but by regularly reviewing and practising, as we do with 'fire drills', we know that our procedures work and the children are familiar with what to do.

Before we carry out the invacuation drill we will speak with the children and explain, in an age appropriate way, what we will be doing and why. Children will be supported by familiar adults throughout. If you have any questions please feel free to email [safeguarding@allsaintsilkeley.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@allsaintsilkeley.bradford.sch.uk)

### **Thank you and goodbye**

We are sad to let you know that after 17 years at All Saints', Ms Seshan will be leaving us next week to pursue her passion for textiles and crafts in a new role away from school. Over the years Ms Seshan will have worked with many of your children and I am sure you will join us in wishing her every happiness in the future.



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### **Reminder: World Book Day 2023 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

We have had many successful World Book Days, each one being a fantastic opportunity to celebrate how wonderful reading is. This year the emphasis is on promoting reading for pleasure. Next week, children can bring in their favourite reading material to share with others. Our World Book Day will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Children can come dressed as a character from their favourite book.

Throughout the week children will have the opportunity to not only share their book but be able to listen to stories and do book related activities. If anyone would like to volunteer to read their favourite children's book, then please let the office know.

It would also be lovely to create a display of photos of children reading their favourite book, either in their favourite place or somewhere unusual! Please send any photos you have to [office@allsaintsilkeley.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:office@allsaintsilkeley.bradford.sch.uk).

### **Westville Road entrance**

We have been contacted by a concerned local resident about the safety of children in the morning at the Westville Road entrance. Whilst we are trying to find a better solution for drop off, could we please ask that you keep your child under close supervision until the gates are opened. Once the gates are opened and your child has entered school it would be really helpful if you could move away from the gate to allow safe entry for others. As soon as we have worked out a new system we will let you all know. Thank you in advance for your support.

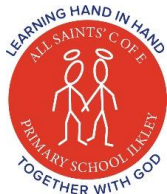
### **Vacancies in school**

We currently have vacancies to join our school team as part of our Midday and After School Club teams. If you are interested please have a look at the [website](#) or contact the school office [office@allsaintsilkeley.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:office@allsaintsilkeley.bradford.sch.uk)

### **Parent Consultation Evenings**

We look forward to welcoming all parents at our consultation evenings next week.

Have a great weekend!



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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) Sessions – All year groups in school	w/c 20/02/2023
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
World Book Day at school	03/03/2023
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