

All Saints' Newsletter – 7th July 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy two weeks in school with visitors, workshops and class trips taking place. Keep reading to see some of the things that have been happening.

Classes for next year

We are delighted to let you know that our class teams for next year are confirmed and we are now in the process of working out which teacher children will be with. This process has already begun in school and you will shortly receive information about your child's class teacher and the other adults who support in their class.

The Year Group Teachers will be:

Early Years: Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Margerison Year 1: Miss McMurrough and Mrs McInnes/Mrs Schofield Year 2: Mrs Brown/Mrs Ed-Dakhissi and Mrs Fox Year 3: Mrs Simmonds and Miss Wheelhouse Year 4: Mrs Hetherton and Mr Pickering/Miss King Year 5: Mrs Quinlan and Mrs Cannon Year 6: Mrs Binney and Miss Jeffery

We are sure your children will have a great year and will be excited to learn who their next teacher/s will be. There are some new names in the list, Mr Pickering, who will be joining us as Assistant Headteacher on secondment for one year, as well as Mrs Cannon and Mrs Ed-Dakhissi, who have spent time as students with us and already know the school well.

In order to support all children with transition to their new classes the teachers are busy preparing a Transition Booklet for their class which will be sent to all families. This will contain pictures of the Class Team, the classroom and cloakrooms. The children will also receive a welcome letter from the class teacher introducing themselves and telling you a little bit about them. Other transition arrangements have already begun with children spending time visiting the classrooms and playgrounds and the work will continue over the coming weeks with introduction sessions and of course 'move-up morning' on Wednesday 19th July, when children will spend time in their new classroom with their new teachers. We hope you will find this information useful too and encourage you to use it to help prepare your child for their next year in school.



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Anxiety support

Over the last few years, our children have had a difficult time and we are seeing more anxiety in children as a profession and we know it is something that is also of concern to some of you. We want to support children and families in dealing with anxiety and will continue to do lots of work in school with children over the coming year. On Wednesday 19th July we will be holding a Coffee Morning with Bev Yates from Early Help and Miss Jeffery around separation anxiety. The session will be around identifying what separation anxiety is, sharing strategies that will help support the transition into school and also a chance for advice sharing and questions. Further details will be sent out next week but I would encourage you, if this is something you feel you would benefit from, please put the date in your diary now. If you would like any further information please contact <u>sendco@allsaintsilkley.bradford.sch.uk</u>.

NSPCC workshops

As is customary during the school year, our children took part in NSPCC workshops. These expertled sessions were both powerful and informative, reminding the children of their rights and what to do if they ever felt unsafe. The instructors, who led the Year 5/6 talks, were really impressed with the children's knowledge and understanding of this, tackling some sensitive issues maturely. They were also experts at memorising the number 0800 1111.

Sports Day 'thank you'

As things stand, we have had two of our scheduled sports day sessions. On Monday, the weather was not behaving, meaning our Foundation/KS1 session had to be postponed until next Monday (10th July).

On Tuesday, KS2 were welcomed with better weather, resulting in two great sessions for LKS1 and UKS2. Children approached all events with real determination, having a go and earning points for

their house. They did themselves proud. There was a wonderful supportive and friendly atmosphere, with a great audience turn out. The adults' races at the end were 'entertaining' to say the least! Thank you for being such good sports.

A huge thank-you to all the adults who supported during the events, ensuring that there was a smooth transition throughout.

A big thank you to Mrs. Dennison who ensured that we had our own national shout-out on Radio 2! If you wish to listen, access BBC Sounds and find Tuesday 4th July's show. It is on about 11 minutes into the broadcast.



Radio 2 The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show

A full, in-depth write up of our sports day sessions (including details of scores, winners and pictures) will be shared once the Foundation/KS1 session has taken place.



Residential

This week we enjoyed a special Year 6 assembly to their parents where the 'true events' of the recent residential to Ingleborough Hall were shared. It was a lovely celebration of the time away together and brought back lots of memories and funny stories. Thank you to all the parents who attended, we hope you enjoyed seeing behind the curtain!

Cake Sale

Thank you to Jemima and Chloe who held two highly successful cake sales this week to raise money to support mental health charities. This initiative was completely off the children's own back and a real example of the compassion shown by the children of All Saints' Primary



School. Thank you also to their parents for supporting with the baking and to Mrs Murphy who was on hand to support on the nights. They raised a fantastic £230.

More cakes...and 'Cookies for Carol'

As many of you will know, a very close friend and supporter of the school, Carol Stewart, passed away in May. Carol was a real advocate for the children and staff in the school and will have been known to many of you also. As a school we would like to have a lasting memory of Carol and the children of Gardening Club, led by Mrs Dennison, are creating a memorial garden area in her name. Gardening was one of her passions, having tended the school flowers for many years. In order to create this space as a lasting legacy, they are holding a special event, 'Cookies for Carol', to raise money for their project. Please come along and support the sale after school on Tuesday 11th July.

Information hub

Just a quick reminder about the information available on the <u>Community Clubs and Events</u> page on the school website. Throughout the year, this is where we will advertise local events that are taking place and opportunities for children to try new clubs outside of school. With the summer holiday starting shortly there are a range of activities taking place to give them new things to try. Click on the link above to go straight to the page.

New website

Just a quick update. The new website is beginning to take shape and we hope to release it for September. Keep your eyes peeled for more information shortly.



News from KS1

In our phase assemblies this week, we have been looking at the NSPCC. The children have been learning to 'Speak out and keep safe' with Buddy, recognising trusted adults and understanding what to do if they feel worried or unsafe.



<u>Year 1</u>

Last Monday, we were very lucky to go on our final visit of the year to Nell Bank. We learnt all about different animal habitats, made owl nests using sticks, moss and leaves as well as exploring the woodland and water play areas. It is safe to say lots of fun was had!













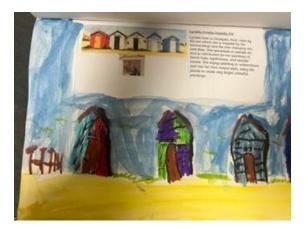
Linking with our geography learning this half term, the Year 1 children have really enjoyed creating 'hot and cold' artwork using a variety of materials.





<u>Year 2</u>

Year 2 have been looking at the seaside in the past and present. Look at the fantastic seaside pictures the children have been doing, inspired by the artist, Lynette Amelie.





In science, the children have loved looking at the life cycle of a butterfly, chicken and a human.

News from UKS2

Year 5 Tennis visit

During our last newsletter, we mentioned that our Year 5 were set to visit Ilkley Tennis Club during the Trophy event. The children were lucky enough to see part of the Women's doubles final, won by duo Nao Hibono and Natalija Stevanovic. Outside of watching this exciting match, the children had the opportunity to take part in a range of tennis-based activities, having a great time. We thank the tennis club for their invite and hope to be involved again next year.







One Amazing Day at IGS

As we near the end of the school year, we turn our attention to lots of transition visits, as children prepare for their new schools. Last Friday, those attending Ilkley Grammar school attended their 'One Amazing Day'. This all-school-day sessions afforded the children a chance to sample a range of lessons, with teachers they will be learning with next year. They certainly got their steps in for the day, working their way around the long corridors of IGS. The sample lessons were really engaging for all involved. It sets children up perfectly for their 'Welcome Day' next week, where they will be in attendance with their new classmates from the other Primary Schools. We wish them luck for this day.

Sporting supplement – by Sport Council

This week's sporting hero is Ben Stokes after his superb knock against Australia, scoring 155 runs in the second innings of the second Ashes test against Australia. He showed his usual resilience, as captain, to drive his team forward. Unfortunately, it wasn't quite enough to win, but superb all the same. Let's hope for better in the next match, which started at Headingley yesterday.



Despite the unpredictable weather, our Year 6 children continued their IGS rounders campaign, with a narrow win against Sacred Heart. There was some excellent batting, fielding and bowling throughout, making it an exciting watch for all present. We look forward to our final matches over the next fortnight.

Diary Dates

Although we are getting towards the end of the academic year, there a few key dates to note, especially for our Year 6 parents.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes, Helen Dunn



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DIARY DATES

| DIARY DATES (Spring Term) | Date |
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| Reserve Sports Day Foundation and KS1 | 10/7/2023 |
| Cookies for Carol | 11/7/2023 |
| NSPCC Speak out, Stay safe workshops for Year 2 | 18/7/2023 |
| Transition morning | 19/7/2023 |
| PTA Summer Fair | 22/7/2023 |
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| School closes for half term | 26/05/2023 |
| School re-opens – 8.50am | 12/06/2023 |
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