

Friday 5th January, 2018

WELCOME BACK and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Here is this term's Launch Letter, giving you details of all that's happening this term. It's now on two sides so the font can be a little larger! Please ask if you have any questions or would like more information.



Our first Learning to Learn award winners for 2018, including successful Scientists, Mathematicians, Writers and more...

THIS TERM WE WILL BE...

Welcoming a new sports coach into our lunchtime play, supporting the children's use of our Sports Pitch.

Continuing our new 'I'm proud...' sticker program with the children, helping them to celebrate and share their learning successes.

Visiting the new Junior school playground bus.

Continuing to explore the wonderful new Wildlife Garden and pond, and sharing it with the Junior school.

Sharing a Buddy Time with the Juniors.

Working with our new School Council to plan ways to balance the joy of celebrating birthdays, with our need to promote healthy lifestyles.

Launching our new 'Lunchtime Code', co-written by the pupils.

Creating a new 'focus table' for the hall.

Planning our second International Day.

Holding 'Open Classrooms' in week four, a chance for you to look at your child's current work books.

Creating a new school website.

Continuing to wish Rose well in her recovery.

Inviting Year Two pupils to apply to be 'Playtime Pals'.

Collecting your used postage stamps to raise money to support research into the Albatross.

Continuing to Tweet about life in our school @saviours_st

And working on our School Development Priorities:

- Introducing a new Maths scheme (adopted by the Junior school last year) that has a strong focus on deepening children's understanding of key Maths concepts.
- Building on recent Inclusion work to ensure the lives of all members of our school and the wider community are valued and celebrated (we have achieved Level One recognition as a Unicef Rights Respecting school)
- Focussing on Science and Biodiversity on our school site and in the local area, making good use of our wonderful new Wildlife Garden and pond (thanks to FoSSI for financing this work)

FOSSI NEWS

This term our main work will be planning the joint Quiz Night with the Juniors on Thursday 2nd February, and planning for Easter in term 4.

("Friends of St Saviours Infants" is our school PTA. We organise events that benefit children and families of the school, whilst also raising funds to help the school provide extra resources for the pupils. Events during the year include the ever popular Quiz Night as well as Christmas and Summer Fairs.

To keep in touch please join our Facebook page "Friends of St Saviours Infants - FOSSI", or visit www.fossicharity.co.uk for more information and ways to get involved.)

WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED...

- Come to your child's 'Open Classroom' in week 4
- Join us at the weekly Friday Celebration assembly (9.10 – 9.35), all welcome!
- Become a library volunteer and work with Kamala and Catherine on making sure all the children get the maximum benefit from this great resource.
- Share your gardening skills and help to look after our Peace Garden, or your child's class bed in the Kitchen Garden and wider school grounds.
- Offer to help on a class-trip, or become a regular volunteer class-helper (see Ruth in the Nursery for further details).
- Join FoSSI! (See above)

JANUARY INSET DAY

On Tuesday teaching staff had a training day covering a wide range of professional development, including:

- Updates from recent Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) training.
- Discussion about the ways that we use questioning to promote deeper learning and engagement for all pupils.
- An interim review of ongoing strategies (Pupil Premium, Sports Premium and Inclusion).
- Checking on progress to date for key areas of this year's School Development Plan.
- Planning a series of interesting and surprising 'provocations' to engage and extend the children's imaginations, story-telling and speculative thinking...



Key dates:

Monday 8th January – Reception phonics workshop, 3.15pm

Weds 10th – Green Team pupils meet Pat

Weds 17th – School Council meet Pat

Monday 22nd and Friday 26th – 'Open Classrooms' after school, a chance to have a look at your child's current work

Tuesday 23rd – Buddy Time with the Juniors

Tuesday 23rd – Academisation consultation meetings, 2pm, 6pm

Thursday 25th January – SEND coffee morning for parents and carers at 9am in the Elliot

Thursday 25th January – Reception Health Screening with School Nurse

Friday 2nd February – Year Two showing assembly, 9.15am

Tuesday 6th – Safer Internet day

Friday 9th – Last day of term

Coming up in Term 4...

- Term starts Monday 19th February
- World Book day on Thursday 1st March
- Easter Parade and Celebration, St Saviours Church 22nd March
- International day in the last week of term

CHARITY WORK

Following the very successful launch of 'Say PANTS and you've got it covered!' by the NSPCC in 2017, this year we have made the NSPCC our focus charity. Their work is a wonderful complement to our Unicef Rights Respecting work, and has a direct impact on improving the lives of all children.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This term's **Collective Worship** theme is 'Empathy'. The focus Bible story is 'The Lost Sheep', making strong links to the Caring Code and the Christian values demonstrated in the story. We will also be exploring 'New Year Resolutions' and each class will make their own resolution for 2018!

SEND COFFEE MORNING

As the SENCo at St Saviour's, I would like to invite all parents and carers to join me for a coffee morning where you can find out a little bit more about my role in school and our SEND provision.

- Does your child receive additional support for their learning?
- Are they in an intervention group?
- Does your child have an EHC plan and have 1:1 support?
- Does your child have a Thrive action plan?

You may just have a question/concern about your child and may want to book a meeting with me to discuss them further.

It would lovely to get together with you and give you the opportunity to enjoy some coffee and a cake and an informal chat with other parents and myself.

If this proves to be successful I would appreciate your help in deciding if you would like another coffee morning and if you like there to be an agenda. It could include me delivering some training on Emotion Coaching, ASD, Thrive etc.

Please come along on Thursday 25th January after drop off (9am) in the Elliott Building.

Many thanks, Sara Hibbs

THIS TERM'S CLUBS OFFER

- **Taekwondo:** continues on Tuesday
- **Spanish:** Lunchtimes: Y2 Tuesday, Y1 Wednesday
- **Football:** continues for Y1 Tuesdays, Y2 on Fridays
- **Ukulele:** runs on Mondays after school for Year Two pupils
- **Fizz Pops Science:** Starts this term, day TBC
- **French:** Now started with a new teacher from La Jolie Ronde on Thursday lunchtimes
- **Art club:** for Year One and Two pupils, Wednesdays after school
- **Dance Umbrella:** started yesterday for Year Two pupils

THE GOVERNORS WILL BE...

Leading the consultation process for the proposed move to a Multi Academy Trust (MAT).

Continuing to raise their profile and engagement with the school community through our new 'year group link' system.

Meeting curriculum leaders to discuss progress and development in their subject areas.