



Reasons to Celebrate!

Merit Awards:

Elm: Charlie, Amy, Naomi, Isabella, Eason

Year 3: Samuel, Dolly, Jacob, Harry, Benjamin, Ivan

Year 4: Amira, Elizabeth, Ellie, Kristina, Polina, Matthew, Sophie, Alexander, Henry

Year 5: Freddy, Flora

House Points:



St Nicholas



St Francis



St Alban



St Hilda

Value this half term:



“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1.9)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! It has been great to see everyone settling back into the school routine – and showing me the ropes too! Everyone has been very welcoming and already I feel part of the All Saints family.

“You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore.” – **William Faulkner**

Our value this half term is **Courage**. Being courageous can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of courage to do this.

Basic to the Christian faith is the claim that God is always present in every situation. This belief has led to great **acts of courage** that have included facing danger and opposition, overcoming fear, making a stand for what is right and encouraging others to persevere. Through prayer people have found the strength to help them to be courageous.

Please find attached to this Newsletter ways to reflect on our value at home. We are encouraging the children to be **courageous** in their learning – taking **small steps** (risks!) that are just outside their comfort zone to enable growth. **Encouragement** is key to this – support your children and help them learn that mistakes are a first step in learning new things.



In our launch Collective Worship this week, we watched Nik Wallenda walk across a tight rope between two skyscrapers. You can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/XvzclS3H5Jk> and there's a link on our website. It's perhaps a step too far for us (taking us into the Panic Zone!) but he achieved it with small steps.

I'm looking forward to seeing children being **courageous** in their learning – and achieving great things as a result!

Philip Asher, *Headteacher*

Diary Dates

New dates are in bold.

January 2019

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| Thursday 17 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Tour, 9.30am |
| Friday 18 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS2 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm |
| Monday 21st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Chinese Workshop |
| Thursday 24 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Tour, 9.30am |
| Friday 25 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS/KS1 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm |

February 2019

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| Friday 1st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Tour, 9.30am PTA Charity Clothes Bag Collection Day – drop off in the morning. KS2 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm |
| Tuesday 5 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safer Internet Day |
| Friday 8th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Tour, 10am Y3 Class Assembly, 2.45pm |
| Monday 11th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 Brancaster Residential – Parents' Meeting, 5.30pm |
| Friday 15 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Tour, 10am EYFS/KS1 Achievement Assembly |
| Saturday 16th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA 80's Disco! |
| HALF TERM: 18th – 22nd February, School Closed | |
| Monday 25th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET DAY, School Closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 26 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School open! |
| Thursday 28 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Tour, 9.30am |

March 2019

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| Friday 1 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Tour, 10am KS2 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm |
| Wednesday 6th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ash Wednesday Service, 9.30am School Hall |
| Thursday 7th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WORLD BOOK DAY – Dress Up Day! Nursery Tour, 9.30am |
| Friday 8 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS/KS1 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm |
| Thursday 14th – Tuesday 19th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOOK FAIR in School (Times TBC) |
| Friday 15 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS2 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm Nursery Applications Close! |
| Friday 22nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y2 Class Assembly, 2.45pm |
| Friday 29th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS/KS1 Achievement Assembly, 2.45pm PTA School Disco, (Times TBC) |

April 2019

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| Tuesday 2 nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3/4 Show Afternoon Performance, 2pm |
| Wednesday 3 rd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3/4 Show Evening Performance, 6.30pm |
| Friday 5th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Service, 9.30am in School (All Welcome!) Spring Term finishes at 1.15pm |

Office Contacts

For general enquiries, absence reporting, pupil contact updates, and admissions:
Mrs Wendy Hatch, admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk

For school meals, breakfast club bookings, after school club queries, and finance matters:
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Nursery Tours

Are you looking for a Nursery place for your child? We are taking bookings for our Nursery Tours with Stay and Play!

Please contact the school office to book a place, or to arrange a visit.

Thursday 24th January 2019 9.30am
Friday 1st February 2019 10am
Friday 8th February 2019 10am
Friday 15th February 10am
Thursday 28th February 9.30am
Friday 1st March 10am
Thursday 7th March 9.30am
Friday 8th March 10am

80's Disco!

After the highly successful and fun 90's disco last year Sam Cotterrell & co are organising an 80's disco to be held next month - adults only!

It is on the evening of Saturday 16th February 2019, 7pm to late at the Parsonage Community Hall.

Tickets are £5 per person and will be on sale from this Friday from the following people:-

Reception- Carol Yung
Yr1 - Katie King
Yr2 - Nicola Whitaker
Yr3 - Sam Cotterrell
Yr4 - Melissa Sharman
Yr5 - Krishna Ridley
Yr6 - Vickie Spring



On the night there will be a cash bar, fancy dress competition (prize for the best costume) and a raffle. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase in a couple of weeks outside the school.

Please feel free to approach any of the above to buy your ticket(s), all welcome, bring along your friends and family to this fun fundraising night.

Your PTA

School Closure (Bad Weather!)

We only ever consider closing school if we do not have enough staff able to get to school to allow us to function safely. We will let you know as soon as we can, usually by 8am. You can get information from:

- **Parentmail:** We will inform parents through our school text messaging system. This will also be used in the case of school closure midway through the day (either due to bad weather or another emergency).
- **Everbridge:** This is the free Hertfordshire County system, enabling parents to view closure information for all the schools their children attend. Parents need to register. Please sign up through this link: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>
- **Website:** We will aim to update our website promptly, though will prioritise other communication systems that alert parents faster. You can find other information about school closure on our website.
- **Radio:** Please listen out for announcements on local radio stations – specifically BBC 3 Counties 95.5FM.

Please do not telephone the school to ask – please use all other methods first. If lines are engaged, staff are unable to contact us to let us know if they can come in or not, which impacts our decision to close. If you do not receive a message from us and there is no message on our website, we are open. On snowy mornings and we are open, the registers will remain open until 10am to allow more time for you to travel here safely. Thank you!

Class Newsletters

The children have started their new topics and are getting stuck into exciting themes for the term! Newsletters were sent home last week with information about what is covered. They are also available on the website.

Nursery – Dinosaurs
Year 1 – Castles
Year 3 – Romans
Year 5 – Space

Reception – Woodland Animals
Year 2 – China
Year 4 – It's Electrifying!
Year 6 – Tudors

Lost Property...

We have continued to accumulate a collection of Lost Property in the box by the main entrance. Please do check it regularly if your child has mislaid an item of clothing!

All of the lost property is unnamed... please make sure everything is named!

Parking Outside School

We have had a few complaints from our neighbours about parking outside school at drop off and collection times. Please park considerately and not on the yellow lines outside school. This is for the safety of all road users – not least your own children as they arrive at school!

Thank you for your support.

Year 5 Brancaster Residential

We are beginning to put the finishing touches to our residential trip and have arranged a meeting for parents on Monday 11th February at 5.30pm in school.

Payment reminder: £50 deposit was due before the end of last term. Minimum payment of £250 is due by Friday 29th March and the full amount (£320) by 29th April. Please speak with Mr Asher or Mrs Perryman in the office if you will have difficulty with any of these payments.

Thank you for your support!

THUNK...

In school we like to prompt discussion and thinking by asking challenging questions. Lots of our questions have a right (or wrong!) answer, but we also like to use questions that need a different kind of answer – where there might not be a right answer.

These questions make your brain go "Ouch!" This week, Year 2 were asking if there is anything they could think off that couldn't be measured. It was very interesting to hear the responses!

At home, find some time to have a 'Thunk' moment – A beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light. Have fun thinking/talking about them!

Our first Thunk of the year...

What colour would a zebra be if you took its stripes off?