



# All Saints CE Primary School & Nursery

*Nurturing, Resilience and Achievement for all!*

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Friday, 11 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## RE: Newsletter No31

I hope you've had a great half term break and managed to enjoy the sun! It really does make such a difference when the weather is warm and sunny. Of course, we now need to remember – **sun cream, hats, and water bottles! All labelled – children can't share these items (not that we'd encourage that anyway!)**

This week, the children have begun to explore the theme of **Understanding – “Accepting one another as Christ accepted you” (Romans 15:7)** Christians believe that each person is special and made in the image of God. Our difference and diversity is our strength, and seen as a beautiful expression of who we are together. The Bible speaks of God's love and acceptance of us all, and how we should be accepting of others. These are themes we will be exploring over the coming weeks, as we explore our whole school value of Understanding.

We await the updates to national guidance with great anticipation. However, **please continue to be vigilant and mindful of the restrictions and keeping a distance.** Because of the nature of the site, and the event, we have decided to split Sports Day – this ensures the equipment has a good time gap between uses across the school. We also have taken the difficult decision to not invite parents to join us. This is in light of the increase in cases nationally, and very strong advice locally to not host community events. I'm certain this will be disappointing, it is for us, but we will share photos of the day for your child's class through Google Classroom.

**Class photos** in bubble groups were lovely this week – do have a look online to see if it's one you want to buy!

We were also able to hold our very first **whole school assembly** in person – on the field, groups separated in bubbles! It was lovely to see the whole school in one place again – the first time for us since March 2020.

I'm delighted to share that the **Stage** (a project of nearly 3 years now!) has been installed and is in pride of place on our playground. The stage is provided, through PTA fundraising efforts and supported by Waitrose, in loving memory of Addie Brady – a previous pupil of the school. We hope to have a formal 'opening' ceremony at some point later this term. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project.

The school **library** is having a revamp – we've had some rearranging of the furniture, and a full review of the books. We're very excited about it, especially the new furniture which is on its way, and of course hopefully some lovely new books to fill them with!



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## Reasons to Celebrate!!

Star Learner Shout Outs:	Merit Milestones:	Personal Achievements:
Harry & Bertie (Rec) Andi & Sara (Yr1) Max & Oliver (Yr2) Ollie & Harindu (Yr 3) Reuben & Naomi (Yr 4) Gabriel & Charlie C (Yr 5) William & Summer (Yr6)	<u>None this week – we’re busy working towards our next milestones!</u>	<i>If you have something to celebrate from home, let me know – email the school office of catch me at the gate one morning!</i>

## After School Clubs This Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		8am – Hip Hop		
3.15pm Art Explorers 3.15pm Soccer Development	3.15pm Computer Xplorers	3.15pm Cricket for Y3 (4.30 finish)	3.15pm Cricket for Y5 (4.30 finish) 3.15pm Sewing Club (4.15 finish)	

*Please book through SchoolComms Gateway for Cricket Club*

## Music Lessons This Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Guitar/Ukulele Flute	Drum Truck	Recorders Clarinet		Piano

### Upcoming Events... all being well!!

24 <sup>th</sup> June, 4pm	Parent’s meeting for new Reception Children – outside on playground
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Adventure Activity Day (details sent out last week)
28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Art Workshops & Big Art sessions – with Art Explorers
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent’s meeting for new Nursery Children – outside on playground
1 <sup>st</sup> July	New Reception Children – Group A 9.15 – 10.30am
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Day – KS2
6 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception Children – Group B 9.15 – 10.30am
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Move Up Day – Y6 visit their new secondary schools (they will confirm the details), and other year groups meet their new class teachers (details tbc) <b>Including New Reception Children (all) Please check for updates about lunch – if restrictions are not lifted, we may have to change our plan!</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – EYFS & KS1
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 Activity Week (in lieu of Residential Trip)
w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers’ activities – details to be confirmed including whether parents can attend or not
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of Term – 1.15pm school closes

*Please note that we will be adhering to COVID measures as required by either regulation or the school’s risk assessments. Some events are dependent on restrictions being lifted.*

# PTA News:

## 50/50 Club

Please do join our 50/50 club draw – new members can join any time and will be included in the next available draw! The more that join, the bigger the prize. £2 a month, or one off annual payment of £24 – payable by standing order. Forms are available from the school office and online (see the PTA page on the school website). Monthly first prize is currently £43, with second prize standing at £18.

A huge thank you to a number of winners who kindly donated their prize money back to the PTA funds! It really is very generous of you!

## Second-Hand Uniform

We have a fair bit of stock available of good quality uniform. Not just 'logo' items! Trousers, t-shirts, dresses, etc. Please let us know if you need anything and we will do what we can.

Email: [admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk) with your name, child's name, items you need and sizes.

## Happy School Bag – next date: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Last time we raised over £200 in donations from the collection! Thank you to everyone who supported it! Do save the date for the Autumn!

## Amazon Smile – [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)

Please do sign up to our Amazon Smile page – when you buy from Amazon through [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk), Amazon give a small percentage of the sale (at NO COST TO YOU!!!) to our PTA!! If everyone did this, we'd raise enough to support an activity workshop in school for all the children. Please do consider doing it if you haven't already! Thank you.



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## PARKING



Thank you to the words of encouragement and support we've had since my email earlier this week.

Please do continue to support safe parking!

## Lego Request from Mrs Ridler

If you have any Lego you would like to donate, we have plenty of uses for it! Please drop it in to the office (and we will sort quarantine/cleaning etc.).

Thank you!

## Lunch boxes and Snacks!

Please can we remind parents – a snack for morning play is provided for all children in EYFS and KS1, so they don't need one sending in.

In KS2, the children should bring in a **healthy** snack. **It should be a small portion of fruit or vegetables, or a cereal biscuit/bar (no nuts please!)**

Please not – crisps, chocolate bars/biscuits, sweets, yogurts, anything requiring cutlery (they eat them on the playground so can't take cutlery with them!)...

**The healthy food list above also applies to Lunch boxes for all children.** You can find helpful tips & ideas here: [Lunchbox Ideas](#) | [Recipes](#) | [Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

***We have children & staff who are severely allergic to nuts and any contact (even a small crumb on a desk) can be fatal. Please respect our 'no nuts' policy!***

## From Y1

The children have been learning about 3D shapes this week, and as a treat, they designed ice creams using the shapes. Some of the children brought one to share with me this afternoon!



## Checking for COVID:

Please do not use Lateral Flow home tests to check for COVID when your child has any suspected symptoms (including a temperature, cough, loss of taste/smell). The Government guidance states if someone has suspected symptoms, they should use a PCR test to confirm if it is COVID. A Lateral Flow home test is for routine asymptomatic (no symptoms) testing only and is currently not recommended for Primary age children.

[Get a coronavirus test - GOV.UK \(test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk).

If anyone in your household has suspected symptoms, the household must self-isolate for 10 days and seek a PCR test for the symptomatic person.

### Positive Test Result?

**During the week let us know through the school office:**

Email: [admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk)

Telephone: 01279 836006, Opt4

**At the weekend or holidays:**

Email: [dsl@allsaints.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@allsaints.herts.sch.uk)

Please do tell us if there is a positive case so we can take appropriate actions to inform others and protect the community as a whole. Thank you.

We will always inform the school community if there is a positive case in school, and any further actions they may need to take. We will not share any personal details when we need to do this, in line with data protection rules.

The County Council have also asked us to make sure all parents are aware they can claim a **Test & Trace Payment** if they have to self-isolate, are then unable to work and meet certain other income related criteria – you don't necessarily have to be in receipt of benefits to be eligible! Find out more here:

<https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment>

Thank you!

Take care – COVID is still in our community.

Please continue to show your determination and resilience as we move slowly towards normality. There is still a way to go yet – and not everyone is vaccinated! Thank you for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

## A Prayer for a Restless World –

Loving God, let me be strong today  
as I meet new people in new places.  
Make me brave when I am worried,  
show me how to learn from everyone around me,  
and help me to do my very best. Amen.

*CofE Website, Topical Prayers*

Take care, keep safe, and remember to wash your hands!

Kind regards,  
Philip Asher, *Headteacher*

## Additional Help for Families

Below are a list of organisations and places you can find help and support if you need it:

- Aspects Family Support - <http://www.aspects.org.uk/> or telephone 01279 758134
- School Nursing Team - <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing/>
- Family Lives - <https://www.familylives.org.uk/> or telephone 0808 800 2222
- Action for Children - <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/what-we-do/parents-and-families/>
- NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
- Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/> or telephone 0800 1111
- Stay Strong website: [www.staystrong.org.uk](http://www.staystrong.org.uk)
- Citizens Advice Bureau - 03444 111 444 or: <https://citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk/>
- Children's Centre - <https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/family-centres.aspx>
- Bishops Stortford Food Bank – [bsfoodbank.coordinator@gmail.com](mailto:bsfoodbank.coordinator@gmail.com) or on Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/bsfoodbank/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/bsfoodbank/about/?ref=page_internal)
- Hertfordshire Children's Services – <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/childrens-social-care/childrens-social-care.aspx> or telephone 0300 123 4043
- Essex Children's Services (if you live in Essex) – telephone 0345 6037627