



All Saints CE Primary School & Nursery

Nurturing, Resilience and Achievement for all!

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Friday, 28 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Newsletter No30

Well done to all our fabulous learners this half term for showing their determination to get stuck into the work and their learning. It's been a busy few weeks, and a rest is certainly needed, but they have achieved such a lot.

This week, the children have explored the theme of **Pentecost** – with a special Video message on Monday, and then considering the different ways Christians think about the Holy Spirit – as the dove, the flame and the wind. Fr Simon said in his message on Monday that the Holy Spirit is the link with God – just like an electronic device needs a power source to make it work properly, so do we and the Holy Spirit is it, for Christians.

After half term, we will continue to follow the guidance and risk assessment that has kept us safe so far. Although some restrictions are lifting, it's **important to remain vigilant!** For those of you who are lucky enough to be heading off for holiday, remember to keep safe and behave like you have it. Also, if you are travelling abroad, remember to look up the quarantine rules – your children **must not** return to school if you are required to quarantine when you return (this is the law!). Thank you!

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help us with our overgrown **brambles**. If you haven't had chance to say you can help us – **3pm Friday 11th June** – please do let us know. You'll need sturdy footwear and clothing (including gloves). If you have tools that would be useful, please do bring them with you. We won't have access to power, and some of the brambles are pretty fearsome! Thank you.

Missing – ring!

A special ring has gone missing belonging to a child in Y4. If you happen to find it, please could you drop it in to the school office so we can return it? Thank you!

Reasons to Celebrate!!

Star Learner Shout Outs:	Merit Milestones:	Personal Achievements:
Elliott & Esme (Rec) Phoebe & Freddie (Yr1) George & Jaden (Yr2) Anisa & Kaitlin (Yr 3) Oliver & Raffe (Yr 4) Alyson & Daisy (Yr 5) Archie & Polina (Yr6)	<u>None this week – we're busy working towards our next milestones!</u>	Well done to... Elliott Y (Y2) for achieving a Merit in his Grade 1 piano exam! <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>

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Writing Competition Awards 2021

KS1	LKS2	UKS2
Progress Award: Lily (Y1) & Rebeka (Y2)	Progress Award: Millie (Y3) & Charlie R-W (Y4)	Progress Award: Thomas (Y5) & Archie (Y6)
Endeavour Award: Freddie (Y1) & Miles (Y2)	Endeavour Award: Adrianna (Y3) & Niamh (Y4)	Endeavour Award: Lola (Y5), Daisy (Y5) & Valentino (Y6)
KS1 Creative Writing Award Nominations: Aadhya & Henry (Y1), Alice & Elliott (Y2) Winner: Elliott (Y2)	LKS2 Creative Writing Award Nominations: Violet & Rosa (Y3), Naomi & Katherine (Y4) Winner: Katherine (Y4)	UKS2 Creative Writing Award Nominations: Corey & Chris (Y5) Alfie & Imogen (Y6) Winner: Alfie (Y6)
Congratulations to all those nominated and award certificates and prizes! <i>Thank you to Mrs Rutt for organising it, staff for supporting it, and of course ALL the children for their fantastic efforts!! We've already started thinking about our next Writing Competition for next year!</i>		
Dedication to Writing Award Three children went above and beyond in our Writing Competition, so we felt we needed to recognise them specially: Poppy, Daisy, and Charlie J in Year 5! Well done!!		



Mathletics Hall of Fame!

Certificates awarded this year so far:				Top Ten Students This Week (Points awarded)		
Year group	Bronze	Silver	Gold			
Reception	9			1	Amira (Y6)	1180
Y1	11	1		2	Adrianna (Y3)	1060
Y2	61	9	2	3	Gulmeena (Y4)	1030
Y3	20	1		4	Indigo-Ivy (Y2)	1000
Y4	71	8	1	5	Keira (Rec)	560
Y5	15	2		6	Simona (Y5)	470
Y6	43			7	Eason (Y4)	390
				8	Niamh (Y4)	380
				9	Hanna (Y4)	330
				10	Alice (Y2)	290

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	

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

Clubs & Music Lessons start on Tuesday 8th June after Half Term

Upcoming Events... all being well!!	
31 st May – 4 th June	Half Term Holiday
7 th June	Inset Day – School Closed to pupils
8 th June	School reopens – staggered times as normal. Thank you!
11 th June	Bramble Clearing Party: 3pm – 5pm
w/c 21 st June	Settling in sessions for new Nursery and Reception Children (tbc) Parent's meeting for new Nursery and Reception Children (date tbc)
25 th June	Y6 Adventure Activity Day (details sent out last week)
28 th – 30 th June	Art Workshops & Big Art sessions – with Art Explorers
2 nd July	Sports Day (all year groups same day, details for parents will be shared nearer the time if they are able to join us on site!)
8 th 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)
12 th – 16 th July	Y5 Activity Week (in lieu of Residential Trip)
w/c 19 th July	Y6 Leavers' activities – details to be confirmed including whether parents can attend or not
22 nd 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 with your name, child's name, items you need and sizes.

Happy School Bag – next date: Thursday 7th 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

Please do sign up to our Amazon Smile page – when you buy from Amazon through 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 COMPLAINT

We have received a complaint about parking in the roads around school. Please don't park illegally or inconsiderately. It is not just our neighbours, but our (and your!) children you put at risk.



The roads are particularly busy – please take care! Thank you.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Those eligible for a voucher received the May Half Term voucher with the ones sent at Easter. There are no more vouchers due for this holiday.

If you are in financial hardship, or need help over the holiday, please use the contacts at the bottom of this newsletter.

Term-time Holidays

There has been an increase in the number of requests for absence during term time. We do understand that families have had a tough time and may not have been able to go on their usual holidays over the last year – just like all of us! Please avoid booking holidays in term time wherever possible. Please also allow 2 weeks' notice to school so that we can process the request appropriately (it really does take this long!). We will consider all requests on their merits, but in general we're not able to authorise term time holidays. Please still tell us – it is an important part of safeguarding that we know the reason they are absent from school. Thank you.

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!)

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!

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

Telephone: 01279 836006, Opt4

At the weekend or holidays:

Email: 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

Have a great half term! See you on **Tuesday 8th June!!**

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
- 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 or on Facebook: 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