



All Saints CE Primary School & Nursery

Nurturing, Resilience and Achievement for all!

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Friday, 25 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Newsletter No33

The disappointment felt when restrictions didn't lift on Monday is one all too familiar at the moment – life continues to be dominated by the pandemic and concern about the spread and impact on our community. Locally, there have been school bubble closures, and Public Health continue to be very concerned about the rise in case numbers.

Please continue to be vigilant – even with the vaccine rollout, pressure on local services is increasing, and any positive case in school will result in a closed bubble. The advice to schools has changed in light of the highly transmissible nature of the 'Delta' variant, meaning a slightly wider definition of those counted as 'close contacts' in school.

We have not yet had to close a class bubble – mainly due to the immense efforts of everyone in our community to do the right thing. Please continue to do this, follow the guidance and rules, so we can continue to keep coming in to school each day for the remainder of the term.

We continue to review our end of term plans – thankfully the trips already planned are mainly unaffected. Y6 end of year activities are (thankfully!) planned for after the 19th July, so we are very hopeful these will be able to include parents. Fingers crossed!

Our **Collective Worship** theme this week continued to explore our value of Understanding – recognising the unique qualities each of us bring to the community. The children considered the story of the 'Good Samaritan' – a very familiar biblical tale, but perhaps with a historical context we don't fully appreciate today. An equivalent would perhaps be one of an unexpected act of kind humanity despite significant political, cultural and religious differences that result in serious conflict. The story of the Good Samaritan aims to say we are people first, and as such need the kindness and love of others – just as God loves each of us.

So, please be kind to each other – even when there is conflict. We are all dealing with so much in our lives at the moment, and it is so important to show love and understanding.

Reasons to Celebrate!!

Star Learner Shout Outs:	Merit Milestones:	Personal Achievements:
Nico & Keira (Rec) Lilly & Darcy (Yr1) James, Lacey & Chris (Yr2) Adrianna & Tia (Yr 3) Bella & Rafaela (Yr 4) James & Taylor (Yr 5) Whole of Year 6 for their water activities!	<u>Merit:</u> Finley (Y3)	Congratulations to Rosa in Y3 for achieving her Stage 5 swimming award, and to Ruby in Y1 for achieving her Stage 2 swimming award! <i>If you have something to celebrate from home, let me know – email the school office or catch me at the gate one morning!</i>

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Upcoming Events... all being well!!	
28 th – 30 th June	Art Workshops & Big Art sessions – with Art Explorers
29th June	Parent's meeting for new Nursery Children – outside on playground
1st July	New Reception Children – Group A: 9.15 – 11.00am
2nd July	PTA Doughnut Day Orders Deadline! Sports Day – KS2
6th July	New Reception Children – Group B: 9.15 – 11.00am
8th July	Move Up Day – Y6 will now be in school on this day as normal. All other children – the children will remain in their current classroom, and their new teachers will come to visit them for some time this morning.
9th July	Sports Day – EYFS & KS1 PTA Doughnut Day Collection
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.

Drawing Competition

Niamh and Lucy in Y4 have put together a drawing competition to raise money for a charity important to them – Cancer Research UK. They would like anyone who wants to join in to donate £1 and draw something along the theme of 'Summer'.

The drawing can be using felt tips, crayons, colouring pencils, pastels – any suitable medium. Just needs to be on A4 paper.

Entries need to be in on **Friday 2nd July** for judging (they've asked me to judge!). There are three prizes up for grabs, including an Amazon voucher, a fidget popper and sweets.

We have setup a Just Giving page so you can make your donation directly:

<https://www.justgiving.com/All-Saints4>.

PTA News:

Doughnut Day!

We are delighted to introduce a new event this year – selling Krispy Kreme Original Glazed Doughnuts. Please see the posters for details – orders can be taken up to Friday 2nd July. Delivery (Doughnut Day!) is Friday 9th July at school pick up. Please see posters for details.

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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ART WORKSHOPS – old t-shirt/shirts required!

28th, 29th, 30th June



As part of our art workshops, we're completing a whole school piece of art linked to colour and emotions. All the classes are joining in (even Nursery!)

The children will need an old t-shirt or shirt to wear over the top of their school clothes that can get messy.

Thank you

Free Parent Workshop: Understanding Autism in Girls, 12th July

The ADD-vance Autism and ADHD Trust are hosting a free workshop to help parents understand more about Autism and ADHD in girls. It is aimed at parents who's children have a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of ADHD and/or Autism. Please click on the link for more information:

[Understanding Autism in Girls - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP \(facebook.com\)](https://www.facebook.com/UnderstandingAutisminGirls)

Checking for COVID:

Please do not use Lateral Flow home tests to check for COVID when you or 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.

[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.

Suspected Case or 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 –

Father in heaven,
Thank you for family - watch over my loved ones,
Thank you for play - help me to be happy and free,
Thank you for my school - teach me to listen and learn,
Thank you for food and rest –
you give us lovely food and peaceful sleep.
Thank you for all these wonderful things,
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
- 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