



# All Saints News

8th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I would like to warmly welcome all our new children and parents who have joined us this term; I hope you all will be very happy here at All Saints.

Over the holidays, a lot of grounds maintenance and premises work has once again taken place and Mr Heffer, our wonderful caretaker, has worked tirelessly to manage all the holiday projects, making sure everywhere is ready for the children and staff. The remaining internal areas of the school have now been redecorated and, thanks to the Governors' contribution, the staff room (a space which had been neglected for years!) has also been rejuvenated, helping to enhance staff wellbeing.

Our value for this half-term is Thankfulness. Christians believe that God loves and cares for them in many different ways in all aspects of their life. They know that their response to this provision should be one of thankfulness and praise. We will be exploring this value through our Collective Worship and RE lessons. Please take some time to study the Home School Value resource attached with this newsletter. It includes fun activities for your family to do together alongside topics to stimulate discussion and reflection. You will need to use discretion when deciding which parts of each issue of Home School Values are most appropriate to the age of your child. Please also remember that you are warmly welcomed to attend our whole school Collective Worship on Monday mornings (10:20am - 10:40am) to learn more about our values education and to see it in action. Please just inform the School Office and let them know you would like to join us.

Please make a note of the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions as listed in this newsletter. These sessions are very useful in finding out more information about the expectations of your child's new year group, as well as general information about the class routines and curriculum topics. The sessions will also give you a chance to ask any questions from the teachers that you may have.

Heidi Otranen  
Headteacher



# IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT SPELLING

We have revised the way we teach and test spellings across the school in response to the curriculum demands and feedback from staff and parents.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, children will have spelling lists to learn based on the sounds and letter patterns that they have learnt during phonic sessions. They will also need to learn tricky words which do not follow these rules. In Year 2 the children will begin to start spelling dictations to help them apply their understanding.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

The National Curriculum groups spelling objectives into lower and upper Key Stage 2: Year 3 and 4 are grouped together, as are objectives for Year 5 and 6. Therefore, we have decided that to give the children the best chance of learning the spelling patterns and, most importantly, applying them, the Year 3/4 spellings will be taught in both Year 3 and Year 4. Likewise the spelling patterns for Year 5/6 will be taught in Year 5 and 6. This will help to allow sufficient revision of previously learnt spelling rules, helping to embed learning.

In Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) the spelling programme will follow a two week pattern:

- One week the children will learn about or revise a spelling pattern and associated words. The purpose of this week is for the children to gain a better understanding of how words are spelt and give them strategies to apply when writing.
- On the second week the children will be tested using a dictation passage based on the statutory word list. The purpose of this is for children to be able to spell words correctly when writing a sentence.

At the end of each half-term teachers in Key Stage 2 will carry out a spelling test based on the spelling patterns taught so far.

This half-term all classes will be revising and consolidating past learning before moving on. This may mean that children from different years will have the same or similar spelling lists.

The website 'Spellzone' [www.spellzone.com/word\\_lists/index.cfm](http://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/index.cfm) contains word lists for the different patterns where the children can listen to words and play games to help them learn new words. It is a really useful and fun tool to encourage children to practise and revise spelling at home. Please look out for further information from Class Teachers about when spelling tests will begin and which letter patterns are being learnt.

Mrs Rutt  
English Subject Leader



### **MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT VACANCY**

We require a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our experienced and hardworking team, as soon as possible.

You will be working with well-behaved children and a friendly MSA team to supervise children in the dining hall and during outside play.

You will work every lunchtime, from 12pm to 1.15pm, term-time only.

You will be paid on the HB scale (£15,014) pro-rata.

Applications can be either submitted online through 'Teach in Herts' website or by hand to the School Office. Please contact the School Office (tel. 01279 836006) if you require any further information. The School Office will also have application packs available to you, if you do not want to apply online.

Applications close Wednesday, 13th September with interviews taking place soon after.



All Saints is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.  
This post is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure.

## **\*Meet the Teacher' Sessions**

Year 1 (Ash)—Wednesday 27th September at 3pm

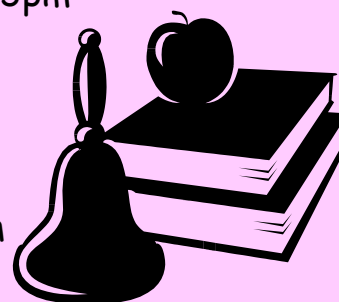
Year 2 (Elm)—Thursday 21st September at 3pm

Year 3—Monday 25th September at 3pm

Year 4—Tuesday 19th September at 3pm

Year 5—Wednesday 20th September at 3pm

Year 6—Monday 18th September at 3pm



Please note that Reception (Oak) and Nursery (Acorns) will have separate Curriculum Meetings later on in the

### **Polite Notice—Data Collection**

It is time once again to review and complete Data Collection sheets, which will be sent out next week. Please check your details and make any necessary amendments. **Please only return the sheet to the School Office, if you have made any changes to your details.**

# Autumn Term 2017 Dates

Date	Event
Mon 11th September	Year 4 Greek Day
Tues 12th September	Year 4 Swimming lessons commence
Mon 18th September	Year 6 'Meet the teacher' session at 3pm
Tues 19th September	Year 4 'Meet the teacher' session at 3pm
Wed 20th September	Year 5 'Meet the teacher' session at 3pm
Thurs 21st September	Year 2 'Meet the teacher' session at 3pm
Mon 25th September	Year 3 'Meet the teacher' session at 3pm
Tues 26th September	European Day of Languages celebrations
Wed 27th September	Year 1 'Meet the teacher' session at 3pm
Fri 29th September	Individual and family photographs
Tues 10th October	Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception) Harvest Morning
Wed 11th October	Harvest Service at All Saints Church at 10am—all welcome
Mon 16th October	Nursery Curriculum Meeting at 6:30pm Reception Curriculum Meeting at 7pm
Fri 20th October	Year 4 Class Assembly at 2:45pm
Mon 23rd October to Fri 27th October	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
Tues 31st October	Year 3 Swimming lessons commence Parent Consultation Evening—3:30pm to 5:30pm
Wed 1st November	All Saints Day celebrations, including Mass at 9:30am (all welcome) Parent Consultation Evening—3:30pm to 4:20pm & 5pm to 7:20pm
Mon 13th November	Friendship Week commences (Anti-bullying Week)
Fri 1st December	Christmas Design Technology Day
Fri 8th December	Year 6 Class Assembly at 2:45pm
Mon 11th December	Nursery & Reception Nativity dress rehearsal at 10am Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Show dress rehearsal at 2pm
Tues 12th December	Nursery & Reception Nativity performance at 11am Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Show performance at 2pm
Wed 13th December	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Show performance at 2pm Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Church at 6:30pm
Thurs 14th December	EYFS (Nursery and Reception) & Key Stage 1 (Yrs 1 & 2) Christmas Party (am) Key Stage 2 (Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6) Christmas Parties (pm)

# Autumn Term 2017 Dates

Date	Event
Fri 15th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Mon 18th December	Pantomime at the Rhodes Centre (Reception to Year 6)
Tues 19th December	Autumn Term finishes at 1:15pm

- Denotes a new entry

Please note more dates will be added accordingly.