



Reasons to Celebrate!

Merit Awards:

Year 1: Adrianna, Leonardo, Tia, Eliza, Finley, Freddie, Max, Amelia

Elm: Chloe, Noah, Gulmeena, Julia

Year 3: Xanna, Allyson

Year 4: Imogen

Year 5: Ariana, Lyra

House Points:

301

St Nicholas

266

St Francis

288

St Alban

301

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,

“I speak to everyone the same way, whether they are the garbage man or the president of the university.” – **Albert Einstein**

As the new Headteacher here I have spent much of my time learning about the way things are at All Saints. There is a lot to learn! One thing that has stood out for me is the lovely way the children respond to each other and show the school values in their interactions.

We continue to explore our value this half term: **Courage**. In our recent Collective Worship with Fr Simon, we explored the story of Esther from the Old Testament. She had to show great courage to stand up to King Xerxes and point out the problem with his plan. Sometimes we need courage to do what is right.

This week, the focus has been about having the Courage to show Respect and treat others as we would like to be treated, even if this is very difficult. We have explored who we respect, what respect is and how it can be shown (not just to people, but also to things). This links to our need to show respect to each other at play and at work, and be encouraging, supportive members of the school community.

It was lovely to meet with members of the PTA this week, and learn about the many ways this fabulous group support the school. There are lots of exciting things planned for the coming year. Please do support them – attend events, donate, offer to help (however small) or perhaps join the committee group to help plan/lead future events.

Without this support many things simply wouldn't be possible. This year over £4000 has been donated towards school activities – Gymnastic mats, Netball posts, Panto subsidy (reducing the cost for all pupils), and a computer charging trolley. We are looking to develop our outside learning spaces (Forest School!) and ICT provision in the coming year or so and need your help! Contact the PTA on pta@allsaints.herts.sch.uk if you'd like to get involved, or ask at the office/on the playground.

Thank you for your continued support and help!

Philip Asher, *Headteacher*

Diary Dates

New dates are in bold.

February 2019

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| Friday 1st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Tour, 10am 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 8 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Tour, 10am EYFS/KS1 Achievement Assembly |
| Monday 11th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 Brancaster Residential – Parents' Meeting, 5.30pm |
| Friday 15th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Tour, 10am Y3 Class Assembly, 2.45pm |
| Saturday 16th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA 80's Disco! |
| HALF TERM: 18 th – 22 nd February, School Closed | |
| Monday 25 th | <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 6 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ash Wednesday Service, 9.30am School Hall |
| Thursday 7 th | <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 14 th – Tuesday 19 th | <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 22 nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y2 Class Assembly, 2.45pm |
| Friday 29 th | <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 5 th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Service, 9.30am in School (All Welcome!) Spring Term finishes at 1.15pm |

Please note the following changes since the last newsletter:

- Times of some of the Nursery Tours were incorrect – Friday 1st and 8th February are at 10am.
- EYFS/KS1 Achievement Assembly is now on Friday 8th February
- **Y3 Class Assembly** – is now on **Friday 15th February**

We apologise for any confusion.

SAVE THE DATE!!

PTA Summer Fete: Saturday 6th July 2019

Lots of exciting stalls, events and activities are in the planning stages. Please contact the PTA to offer support, ideas, and donations (of time, things and prizes!).

Thank you – it's going to be a fabulous family event!

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.

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

Applications Open on Monday 4th February!

80's Disco!

Saturday 16th February, 7pm 'til late
Parsonage Community Hall

TICKET SALES - today (after school), Friday 8th and 15th February. Also raffle tickets will be on sale from Sarah Bush.

Every small donation helps. If you are unable to come on the night, buying raffle tickets is a great way to contribute to the valuable funds needed for the school. Mr Asher has some fabulous ideas that will enrich our childrens' learning at All Saints and all PTA funds help to realise these plans. Please be part of this great fundraiser for our school and come along for some fun!!

Disco tickets - £5 each

Raffle tickets - £1 a ticket or £5 a strip.

Prizes include:

- Barracuda voucher
- Bill's hamper
- Cream tea at South Street Pantry
- Electric scooter
- Facial
- Manicure
- Thai massage
- Yoga class voucher and many more.

Many thanks, 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 – BBC 3 Counties Radio, Heart FM 101.7 (Essex, including Bishops Stortford).

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!

Indoor Athletics

Several of our Y6 pupils attended a recent Indoor Athletics competition at Birchwood High School. They didn't come first, but showed real strengths in a number of areas, and of course were fabulous ambassadors for the school.

Happily, Mr Sanders took a photo! Well done team!



Lost Property...

We have continued to accumulate a large 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 makes sure everything is named!

School Car Park

Please note the school gates are closed at drop off and collection times – the car park is not for parent use after 8.30am and before 5pm. It's already a tight squeeze with just staff cars!

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!

Year 2 Chinese Workshop



THUNK...

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!

Are heroes ever scared?

Have a lovely weekend!