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Friday, 30 April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## RE: Newsletter No26

This week, we continued to explore our **value theme of 'Compassion'**, which fits under our 'Love' value. The whole school video considered the story of **St George** and compared the dragon he faced to our own 'dragons' – challenges and difficulties we have to face in our daily lives. The children also continued to consider the bible stories following Easter – where Jesus appeared to his disciples before ascension.

We're continuing to look at our summer activities and events, to see what we can reasonably do. I've included a few dates already planned in this week's Newsletter.

The children have also come home with a small packet of seeds each. These are for the PTA Sunflower competition taking place this summer. It's free to enter, and already some of the children have been discussing their top tips for growing winner sunflowers!

You may be aware that the PTA have also been fundraising for a stage in memory of past pupil, Addie Brady. After a delay due to the pandemic, I'm delighted to share that we now have a date for installation which will give the children a chance to use it before the summer holidays this year!

## COVID Bubble Closures Locally

We've been made aware that a local school has had to close a bubble this week due to a case of COVID. This is perhaps a timely reminder that it remains in our community and we should continue to be vigilant, especially this Bank Holiday weekend! Please remember – if a member of your household has suspected symptoms, the whole household must self-isolate and the symptomatic person seek a PCR test. Thank you!

## Star Learners & Merit Milestones

Star Learner Shout Outs:	Merit Milestones:
George B & Indiana (Rec) Noah & Mia (Yr1) Romeo & Macey (Yr2) Anna & Zara (Yr 3) Gulmeena & Armin (Yr 4) Simona & Oscar (Yr 5) Imogen & Alfie (Yr6)	<u>Gold:</u> Archie M Kayla L Jacob H

## PTA News:

### 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.

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## Happy School Bag – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021

We have secured a date in May for collections. Details of what we can accept were sent out last week. Please don't bring anything in until the day itself – sorry, but we can't store anything at school at the moment! Bring your donations in at Drop Off time (beginning of school day). It will be collected during the day. Thank you!

**Have you printing from home during lockdown?**  
Please do remember to keep collecting your empty ink cartridges from home for recycling. The Ink Bin pledge to recycle as much of the single-use plastic as possible and also send away some cartridges for refilling in order to reduce their carbon miles. For refillable cartridges, the company will give the school money which we can spend on exciting new equipment. Please do check at home and at work to see if you have any old cartridges which can be brought into school- every cartridge makes a difference!

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All Saints School PTA  
(search: 281869)**

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**smile.amazon.co.uk,**

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## 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 Y4 (4.30 finish)	3.15pm Cricket for Y6 (4.30 finish) 3.15pm Sewing Club	

## Music Lessons This Term

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

We offer music lessons in school as extra-curricular activities during the school day (please note children are taken out of class for these lessons). We have various providers, and most are direct book, so please contact the school office for details.

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## 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.

### 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!

## The Big Ask

### *A Survey by the Children's Commissioner*

The Children's Commissioner has launched a nationwide survey of children. We will be taking part in this in school, but there's also a survey for parents/carers too.

Click the link here to find out more:

[The Big Ask | Children's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

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## News from the Classes:



### Chicks in Nursery

The chicks hatched last week, and we have loved watching them grow and change over the week. A highlight was when one of them poohed on the carpet!!

### Kapok Tree – Rainforests and Deforestation in Y4



The children in Year 4 have been using the book 'The Kapok Tree' to inspire their learning over the last few weeks. This included creating their own rainforest, and then experiencing deforestation and the destruction of their creation.

They have also written letters to the Prime Minister asking for him to take action on the issue.





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## E-Safety: YouTube

YouTube can be a fantastic place to find entertainment and learn about almost anything, but for children there can be risks and dangers.

In school we often use child-friendly videos from YouTube as part of learning activities, with appropriate controls in place to keep everyone safe.

It has come to our attention that some children in our school have their own YouTube accounts and are publishing videos online. The current Terms and Conditions allow for children under 13 to have an account, but only with their parent's consent AND parents must accept full responsibility for the actions of their children online.

This is to protect them from:

- Mean comments and cyber bullying
- Being watched by strangers
- Revealing personal details such as their location or name
- Being embarrassed by old videos when they grow up
- Making themselves look vulnerable to people with bad intentions
- Their content being misused by others (once it is published online, you lose absolute control of it)

We would recommend that for children in primary school it is not necessary for them to have their own account, because doing so leaves your child at greater risk. We also recommend that children never post videos of themselves, or other children.

However if you believe that they have something to share, or you wish to provide your child access to YouTube, then we strongly encourage you to make sure that the parent/carer is in control of the account.

Adults should:

- Be in charge of the account (so you can see all account activity, and control the settings for publishing, sharing, commenting etc.)
- Turn off comments (to prevent unkind comments – their friends can send them a message another way)
- Make it private so that only people you know in person can view content (control the use of the video)
- Make sure names are not used (protect your child's identity and location)

Finally, we need to be very clear that school's ability to intervene when something goes wrong on social media is limited. We will always do what we can, but it remains parents' responsibility to monitor, and control, their child's use of online devices and services at home.

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## A Prayer for the Nation –

Lord Jesus Christ,  
In these difficult days we turn our hearts to you.  
Give wisdom to our leaders,  
Strength to our NHS and frontline workers  
And comfort to all who grieve or are alone.  
Amen

*CofE Website, Prayer for the Nation*

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend! See you on Tuesday.

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
- 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 0300 123 4034
- 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
- School Nursing Team - <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing/>
- Stay Strong website: [www.staystrong.org.uk](http://www.staystrong.org.uk)

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