



All Saints CE Primary School & Nursery

Nurturing, Resilience and Achievement for all!

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Friday, 07 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Newsletter No27

This week, we launched May as the 'Month of Walking'. We will be taking part in Walk to School Week – 17th – 21st May. During that week, we encourage the children to walk each day as part of their arriving at school. Perhaps parking a little further away from school and walking a little more, or even walking the whole distance! We'll be joining many schools across the country and I'll share more details next week.

I'm also delighted to start sharing some of the upcoming dates – of course many of these are dependent on restrictions being lifted, and the risk assessment required, and the weather... but it feels exciting to have some things to look forward to! At this point, I cannot say if parents will be allowed to attend as spectators for things like the Sports Day – but we will do what we can to share the day with you either way.

Traditionally Y6 parents arrange for the children to have an adventure activity at the end of the school year, to celebrate all they have achieved and have fun before they go off to secondary school. A letter is coming out soon with details of how this will work this year. We are also looking at the other end of year events and working out a way to make sure they can take place in some way.

We also usually have a Y5 residential. Although we have been unable to book a full week residential (the centre we used has now stopped offering the visits), Mrs Francis and Mrs Davidson are arranging an excellent week of outdoor activities and an overnight stay on the field. Details are in the letter being sent out today.

The children have asked if we will ever get to gather again as a whole school, altogether. Currently, we do these by video link each Friday afternoon, but it's just not the same. So... we're hoping to restart whole school celebration assemblies outside on the field after half term – each class sitting away from other classes, and me using some form of amplification to be heard!

Finally, I'm delighted to share that following the wet weather damage to the hall floor in January earlier this year, the insurers have agreed to replace the whole hall floor with a new one!

It's been a busy week of finalising projects and getting things underway.

Star Learners & Merit Milestones

Star Learner Shout Outs:	Merit Milestones:
Antonio & Keira (Rec) Teddi & Matteo (Yr1) Ollie & Miles (Yr2) Ollie & Ella (Yr 3) Hettie & Katherine (Yr 4) Jaron & Camille (Yr 5) Anelia & Mason (Yr6)	None to report this week, but the children have continued earning merits towards their next milestone! Mr Cooper, Mrs Francis and Mr Sanders wanted to say a big well done to each of their classes for approaching their current PSHE topic with maturity and asking some brilliant (and appropriate!) questions. Well done!!

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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 is 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://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

Upcoming Events... all being well!!

Wednesday 12 th May	PTA Bag Collection (see flyers for details, drop off bags in morning ONLY!!)
17 th – 21 st May	Walk to School Week
31 st May – 4 th June	Half Term Holiday
7 th June	Inset Day – School Closed to pupils
w/c 21 st June	Settling in sessions for new Reception and Nursery Children (tbc)
25 th June	Y6 Adventure Activity Day (details to be confirmed!!)
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) details to be confirmed!!
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:

Happy School Bag – Wednesday 12th May 2021

Please see the attached leaflet and posters for details of what to bring. Remember to bring donations in on the **morning** – it is collected at lunch time, and we won't be able to accept donations after then. 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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Child feeling unwell?

Check on the NHS website to see whether your child should be in school or not:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Remember to complete a medication form (available [here](#) on our website) if your child needs to bring medication into school.

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)

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

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:

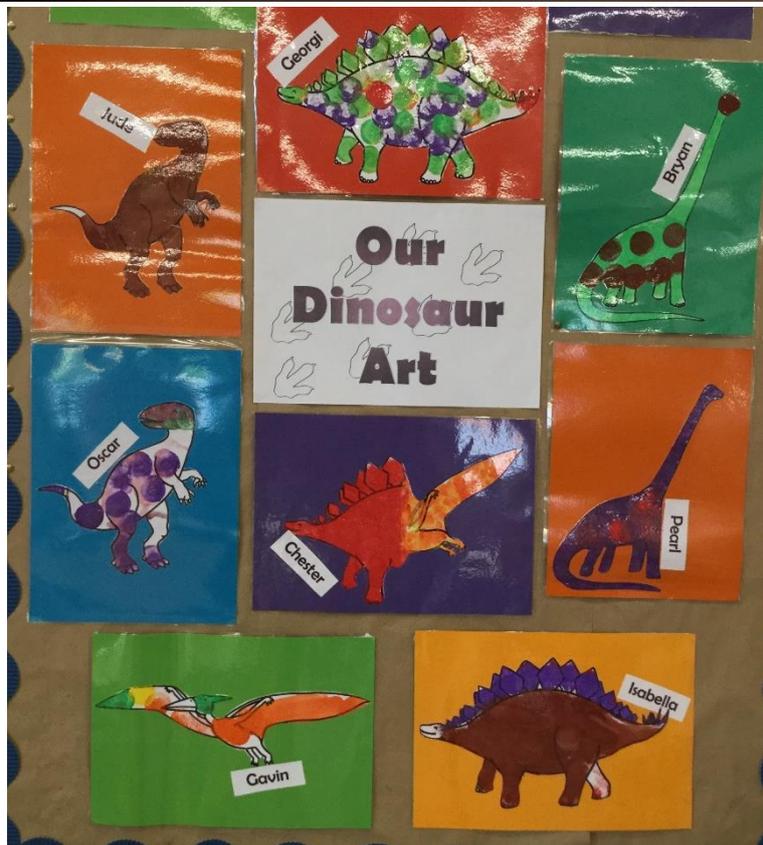
<https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment>

Thank you!

News from the Classes:

Dinosaurs in Nursery

The children have had great fun creating dinosaurs following on from the egg hatching a few weeks ago. The children would like to share them with their adults, so here are some photos!





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A Prayer for the Nation –

Loving God, you know us and all that we are facing.

We thank you that we can come to you as we are – with all our fears and concerns, our difficulties and challenges.

Please draw close to each of us and those we remember before you now.

Bring to us your peace and comfort.

And fill us with your Spirit that we may be bearers of your grace and hope to others.

As a country protect us, encourage us and keep us.

In the name of your Son Jesus, we pray. Amen.

CofE Website, Prayer for the Nation

Have a great weekend! See you on Monday.

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 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 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

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