



All Saints CE Primary School & Nursery

Nurturing, Resilience and Achievement for all!

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Friday, 21 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Newsletter No29

We're nearly there! One more week to go before a well-deserved rest over half term. The weather has been less than dry this week, but still we've continued on and enjoyed being out for sports and play. Do keep sending coats in please!

This week, the children have continued to explore the theme of **Ascension** and the first 'Followers' of Jesus. This all leads up to **Pentecost** – celebrated in church this weekend, and next week our theme. Fr Simon has recorded a message to share with us on Monday too.

Walk to School week has helped to raise the profile of walking for exercise each day. I hope you found some of the suggestions helpful last week. Please do continue to use them!

The road outside school has become increasingly busy and difficult, particularly at the end of the school day. **Please do take care!** I've witnessed several families from our school crossing in dangerous places where children will not be seen – it is so important for you as parents to model safe and sensible behaviour to your children. **Please do walk to the crossing where drivers will expect people to cross** – it really doesn't add much to the time taken and could save you a lot of pain later. This week I witnessed a child running out in front of a car, just 5 meters away from the crossing. The driver managed an emergency stop, but it could have been much worse!

We've got a patch of overgrown **bramble** – I say patch, it's more like a jungle – along the edge of the field. We'd like to clear it to help keep the school fences in good order, and relations with our neighbours positive! We won't get all of it done in one go, but we can make a good start and work from there. If you'd be able and willing to help out – **3pm Friday 11th June** – please do let us know. You'll need sturdy footwear and clothing (including gloves). If you have tools that would be useful, please do bring them with you. We won't have access to power, and some of the brambles are pretty fearsome! Thank you.



Reasons to Celebrate!!

Star Learner Shout Outs:	Merit Milestones:	Personal Achievements:
Julia & Freddie (Rec) Sophie & Hayden (Yr1) Indigo Ivy & Thomas (Yr2) Finley & Rosa (Yr 3) James & Amy (Yr 4) Bronwyn & Xanna (Yr 5) Matthew & Sophie (Yr6)	<u>None this week – we're busy working towards our next milestones!</u>	Well done to... Jacob, Sam, Ellis and Henry for their fantastic efforts walking along the Flich Way from Braintree Train Station back to Bishops Stortford – 15 miles in total. All in aid of their Chief Scout's Gold 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!!

24 th May	Y5 Parent meeting (online) – about the activity week. <i>It will be recorded for those unable to attend in person.</i>
31 st May – 4 th June	Half Term Holiday
7 th June	Inset Day – School Closed to pupils
11 th June	Bramble Clearing Party: 3pm – 5pm
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)
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.

Crossing Patrol Update

Herts County Council have informed us they have been unable to find a reserve crossing patrol for Wednesday morning next week (26th May). We will endeavour to find an alternative solution!
Please take extra care when crossing the road!!

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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.

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.

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A Prayer for a Restless World –

God of love,
turn our hearts to your ways;
and give us peace.
Amen.

CofE Website, Topical Prayers

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
- 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

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