



# All Saints News

26th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

There was a very European feel at All Saints last Friday, when the whole school celebrated European Day of Languages. EYFS and Key Stage 1 classes carried out language related activities in their classrooms and Key Stage 2 classes worked in mixed age House groups on different activities. The children learned to count and sing in different languages and also had a chance to design a menu in Italian. One of the highlights was a sign language activity during which the children had an opportunity to practise sign language skills with each other. It was great to see how enthusiastic all the children were about sharing their foreign language skills, whether they were complete beginners or competent speakers.

We are carrying on with celebrations for the whole of October, as the school marks the annual Black History Month. The whole school learned today about Frank Bailey, the first Black London fire-fighter and his enormous role in the history of Black fire-fighters in this country. I was immensely proud of the children's ability to recognise how Frank was treated unfairly at the early stages of his career and Kieren in Year 5 was quick to point out to the rest of the school how this was an example of racism and discrimination. The children reflected on what they could learn from Frank Bailey and how he is a role model to all of us today!

Heidi Otranen  
Headteacher



## This October is Black History Month

During this month we celebrate and remember the achievements of heroes from Black History.

# APPEAL FROM GOVERNORS

As you know, despite All Saints having to work within ever tightening budgets, over the last few years, the School has been able to invest in improvement works to all of the learning areas within the school as well as to the outside grounds, culminating over the Summer holidays with the replacement of the old doors and windows in the nursery; re-development of the back garden area in the nursery and redecoration as well as new blinds to the classrooms for Reception and Years 2 and 3. I am sure you would agree that the school has created a wonderful learning environment for all the children. There is only one area of the school that has not had any improvement works to it, which is the staff room. As well as being used for staff meetings, it is also the area where teachers should be able to have their PPA (Planning, Preparation & Assessment) non-contact time, as well as have their own lunch. The layout now makes it difficult to hold whole staff meetings and there is insufficient space for teachers to undertake their PPA time. This often results in teachers having to undertake this work in other areas of the school with the associated noise distractions. As Governors we feel that the staff deserve for this area to be improved and modernised to show appreciation for all their hard work. The School is currently undertaking an assessment of the costs to make those improvements and the Governors do hold some funds that have been generated from activities such as school lettings, but would like to make a request of the school community for anyone who would be able to offer their time, advice, skills, and/or resources to contribute to these works which will include a new kitchen area, new workstations, chairs and redecoration. If you are able to assist in any way to help with these works, please contact the School Office in the first instance. The Governors would be most appreciative of any help towards updating this very important area for the staff. Thank you.

The Governors of All Saints CE Primary School & Nursery

## PTA Charity of the Year

You may already be aware that each year the PTA selects a 'charity of year' of which all our proceeds from the second hand uniform go towards. In the 15/16 school year we chose Winston's Wish (a charity for bereaved children). I am very pleased to inform you that we raised an amazing £200.

A huge thank you to Bridget for running the second hand uniform. If you would like to nominate a charity for the coming year, please email

[lindaeynon@hotmail.com](mailto:lindaeynon@hotmail.com)

Your PTA

# Autumn Term 2016 Dates

Date	Event
Mon 26th September	Year 3 'Meet the teacher' session at 2:45pm PTA AGM Meeting at 8pm at All Saints School
Tues 27th September	Year 1 'Meet the teacher' session at 2:45pm
Wed 28th September	Year 4 'Meet the teacher' session at 2:45pm
Fri 30th September	Individual and family photographs
Tues 4th October	Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception) Harvest Morning
Wed 5th October	Harvest Service at All Saints Church at 10am—all welcome
Tues 11th October	Nursery Curriculum Meeting at 7:30pm
Fri 21st October	Year 4 Class Assembly at 2:45pm
Mon 24th October to Fri 28th October	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
Tues 1st November	Year 3 Swimming lessons commence
Wed 2nd November	All Saints Day celebrations, including Mass at 9:30am (all welcome) Parent Consultation Evening—3:30pm to 5:30pm
Thurs 3rd November	Parent Consultation Evening—3:30pm to 4:20pm & 5pm to 7:20pm
Mon 14th November	Friendship Week commences (Anti-bullying Week)
Tues 29th November	'Mindfulness' Parenting Workshop, 9-11am, all welcome (more details to follow)
Fri 2nd December	Christmas Design Technology Day
Fri 9th December	Year 6 Class Assembly at 2:45pm
Mon 12th December	Nursery & Reception Nativity dress rehearsal at 10am Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Show dress rehearsal at 2pm
Tues 13th December	Nursery & Reception Nativity performance at 11am Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Show performance at 2pm
Wed 14th December	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Show performance at 2pm Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Church at 6:30pm
Thurs 15th December	Junior Christmas Parties (pm)
Fri 16th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party (am) Infant Christmas Parties (pm)
Mon 19th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Tues 20th December	Pantomime at the Rhodes Centre (Reception to Year 6)
Wed 21st December	Autumn Term finishes at 1:30pm

- Denotes a new entry

Please note more dates will be added accordingly.