



# All Saints Primary School

## Weekly Parent Email

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Children,

### **Stop Press - All Saints achieves the 'Gold' School Games Mark Award!**

We have just received notification that All Saints has achieved this award for its commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2018/19. This is a brilliant achievement made possible under Mrs Regan's PE Leadership. She has collated evidence of all the work we do to ensure children are as active as possible – this includes lunchtime clubs and swimming as well as participation in competitions. The key criteria are:

- Participation - how many children are being engaged in sporting activity?
- Competition - how many different sports are being played and how many competitions are being entered?
- Workforce - how many pupils are involved in leadership activities alongside taking part in competitions?
- Clubs - how many local links does your school have with clubs or establishments from the area?

Once again, congratulations are due to the All Saints team who have all supported this by attending sporting fixtures, organising events such as the Duathlon and Sports Day and I have never worked in a school where so many members of staff give up their lunchtimes to provide so many quality activities and training for the children.

### **Playground Enhancements**

You may have noticed the improvements that have been made to our playground, including a road track, a stage, a tunnel and a tepee with additional grass sofas being installed over the holidays! Huge thanks go to Mrs Wookey who has spent a lot of time managing this project with passion and excitement, to secure the best environment for our children.

### **Good Luck Miss Scott**

On Monday afternoon, it was time to celebrate Miss Scott's wonderful work at All Saints. She has been an inspiring colleague and friend and I am so glad that the teaching profession is gaining her, as she will be such an asset. She received tributes from the children who clearly adore her, including a rap written and performed by Topaz Class. We gave her, a personalised wooden spoon to remind her of all the cooking she did, a poster to remind her of the many demands of being a teacher and a bag saying 'Miss Scott – super sparkly teacher!' We also presented her with a beautiful silver floating locket with a star as she has been such a superstar at All Saints. So, as she progresses in her career and in the lines of a poem dedicated to her:

*'GOOD LUCK, Miss Scott, from everyone  
Thank you so much for all you have done.  
The laughter, the learning and a whole lot of fun!  
Remember All Saints was where it all begun.'*

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### ...And Year 6

After our Leavers' Service on Tuesday, we have said goodbye to fifteen fabulous young people perfectly ready for the next stage of their learning journeys. We know good times lie ahead for them and I hope they will continue to uphold the values that we hold so dear at All Saints. Good luck to them all.

We have also said goodbye to Mrs Sedgbeer this week and she leaves for her next challenge with our very best wishes.

### Thank You and Farewell

When I made the decision that I was going to retire earlier this school year, the actual event seemed a long way off. I can hardly believe that the day has arrived and I must say goodbye to the wonderful people who comprise the All Saints community.

I had the most overwhelming assembly last Friday and I cannot thank everybody enough for their reflections on my time here and their good wishes in my special memories book that I will treasure forever. I am very humbled. Thank you also for the most generous and thoughtful gifts, I am looking forward to spending more time baking with my KitchenAid mixer, which already has pride of place at home and the beautiful metal lettering of our school vision of 'Nurturing Hearts, Inspiring Minds' will be a constant reminder of a very special time. I love too, the beautiful necklace and earrings of intertwining hearts again reflecting our school vision and the framed piece of my blind so that I do not miss my office too much!!

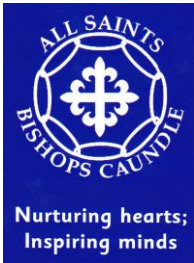
After all that, it was the song ('*We'll be lost without you*' written by Miss Scott and Mrs Regan and recorded by the staff and children), that was just the most amazing surprise and naturally an extremely emotional experience. All this was followed by a tea party for all, with lots of cake for everyone! Thank you so much to ASSA who organised this, it was a lovely way to be with 'my' community and share some memories.

There is no doubt that the past 8 years have been the most remarkable and rewarding of my career in education. However, the school is set to continue on its journey to excellence as I leave behind the most brilliant team. I have been fortunate to build a school characterised by a high level of collegiality that teems with frequent helpful personal and professional interactions. Hence, I have loved coming to school each day to be with other adults who genuinely want to be there because of the importance of their work to the children in their care. They have offered me friendship and have been my second family. Therefore, to them I would like to say '***I will be lost without YOU.***' I believe that there is no greater reward than when children fulfil or exceed their potential. To the children of All Saints (who have been my inspiration), I would like to say that what I have enjoyed most has been seeing you enjoying learning. I have watched you:

- being fascinated by science
- proud of your art or something that you have cooked
- engaging in debate and discussion in history or RE
- developing a love of poetry or for a particular author
- mastering a difficult concept in maths
- engaging in a love of sport or
- entertaining audiences through music, dance and drama. I have been so impressed by your talent as shown in our various school productions.

I have enjoyed taking you on trips from London to Brownsea Island. I have also cherished the individual conversations we have; seeing you be respectful and polite to any adults who visit, sharing your pride in our school, showing acts of kindness and generosity, contributing to the reputation that All Saints School enjoys as a warm and welcoming place to learn. All these things and more, have been an absolute joy.

I know I can move on to the next chapter in my life secure in the knowledge that this school is in the best place for the next phase of its journey. An amazing Governing Body continue to volunteer and support our wonderful school. I would like to extend my thanks to them for their wisdom, expertise and friendship, which has guided me through both the good times and times of challenge. They are a brilliant group of people who continue to make a difference to children's lives.



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Finally, I must thank those parents and carers who have supported me with kindness during my time as Headteacher and who have been respectful of my efforts. I have only ever wanted the very best possible outcomes for children. The gifts, cards and messages have meant so much.

As I leave All Saints behind, I am hoping to travel to places I have always wanted to go. I am going to read books that have been waiting on my 'must read' list for years. I will walk my dog further, bake, garden and enjoy being around friends. I am especially looking forward to the arrival of my first grandchild in November.

The All Saints team wish you all a wonderful summer when we hope the sun continues to shine and that you enjoy some lovely time together with your families. Mr Roberts looks forward to welcoming our new children and their families in September along with all our current children for another amazing year. Meanwhile stay safe and have lots of fun!

With my very best wishes,

Anne Crumpler