

# ALL SAINTS' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to All Saints'. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. The weather this week has certainly felt like an extension of summer and very tropical!

I am delighted to be here as headteacher and have thoroughly enjoyed my first week getting to know the staff, children and parents. I am grateful to you all for welcoming me so warmly. However, I am not the only new face, we have also welcomed three other members of staff to the team who have introduced themselves further on in the newsletter.

This week, our theme for worship has been 'New Beginnings' and 'Communities'. We have spent time reflecting on how this theme relates to our vision of 'Confident Futures', how our school community can help us achieve our dreams and goals, and how our Christian values can support others in achieving theirs. Do ask your child about what 'Confident Futures' means to them.

As we bond together in our new year group and class, this year our classes will be named after different trees. We feel that this a lovely reflection of our motto that we are rooted in faith and grow through learning to enable us all to flourish. Please see below for a class list and look out for some fantastic displays coming soon!

Have a great weekend, Mrs Ghosh



## Worship Theme for Next Week The Burning Bush—Exodus 3:1

### HOUSE CAPTAINS 2023/2024

Congratulations to our newly elected House and Vice Captains!

St George & St: Eglantyne: Dior & Matthew

St Andrew & St Edith: Zainab & Kene

St Patrick & St Harriet: Joseph & Vinnie

St David & St Jeanne: Jaian & Dalia



## Dates For Your

### Diary:

Please note this section is updated regularly as is the calendar on the website. In future newsletters, new dates will be added here in red.

**Monday 11th September**  
Clubs start

**Wednesday 13th September**  
Y5 & Y6 Air Raid Shelter trip

**Friday 15th September**  
Celebration Worship—Parents and Carers invited 9.10am

**Thursday 21st September**  
6.00pm Meet the Staff  
All Parents Welcome

**Wednesday 20th September**  
Y6 Balham Faith Trail

**Tuesday 26th September**  
Whole School Harvest Festival  
10am in Church

**Friday 29th September**  
**Cake Sale and MUFTI Day**  
**for Macmillian Cancer**  
**Support**  
3.30pm in the playground

### **October—Black History Month**

**Tuesday 3rd October**  
Y5 online Space workshop

**Wednesday 4th October**  
Y6 trip to the British Museum

**Friday 6th October**  
Celebration Worship—Parents and Carers invited 9am

**Friday 13th October**  
Y6 Class Assembly

**Tuesday 17th October**  
KS2 Eucharist in church—all welcome 10.30am

**Wednesday 18th October**  
Y6 Wimbledon Faith Trail

**Friday 20th October**  
Break up for Half Term at  
**3.30pm**

### **Class Reps'**

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to be Class Reps' for this year. We are waiting for a few other classes and once that has been finalised a meeting with Mrs Ghosh will be set.

### **Online Safety**

We take our commitment to Internet Safety very seriously: the children will all be reminded about how to keep themselves safe online over the next few weeks. We would also draw your attention to the Internet Safety section on the website (found via the **Key Information Tab**) which contains information that we hope you will find useful to help you hope you will find useful to help you keep your child safe online at home.

### **Communications**

As I am sure you are aware, the office staff are much in demand, particularly at 9am and again at 3.30pm; if you simply need to hand in a note/slip/payment etc, please don't forget that you can use the school post boxes; one on the Yellow Brick Road outside the office and one on the car park gates.

### **Uniform—Stitch Design**

The Governors and the school believe that the wearing of a distinctive, smart school uniform fosters a sense of belonging and cohesion. We would ask you follow the code as far as practicably possible to ensure that All Saints' pupils set the highest standard of consistency and neatness with their uniform. If you do have questions or concerns about this, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Heard in the office.

### **Winter Uniform**

Children should wear the navy and grey school uniform.

◆ White cotton shirt: long sleeved or short sleeved. With the expectation now that children should wear a tie, the polo shirts are not suitable and we are no longer selling them. Please do not worry if you have already bought one, do continue to use them until they need replacing and then do so with a cotton shirt.

◆ School tie

◆ Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts (must be regulation grey)

◆ Navy V-neck jumper or cardigan with school logo:

◆ Grey socks or tights

### **Summer Options**

Light blue/white checked dress

White socks

Children need to have a sensible outside, plain, dark, ideally waterproof school coat available in school at all times.

**Shoes:** Children must wear black, sensible school/walking shoes (no heels) - they should not be black trainers. **Please note that last year's relaxation of this rule was only for those periods of lockdown and strict restrictions—all children must be wearing school shoes and not trainers, except on PE days.**

**Hair Accessories:** please could you ensure that any hair accessories, e.g. hairbands, bows or ribbons are dark blue or navy blue, to keep the smart, consistent look.

### **PE Kit**

Pliimsolls, yellow polo shirts and shorts are needed by all children, (yellow polo shirts printed with school logo and navy shorts are available through school). During the winter months children will need track suit bottoms. Please ensure these items are carried in a drawstring bag that can be bought at the school office and that all items are clearly named.

Further up the school, sensible sports trainers may be worn for outside games lessons and athletics only, but the children must be able to tie their laces.

## Important Reminders—Thank you for your cooperation in all these matters

As we start the new academic year, could we please remind you of the following 'rules', which are in place to keep All Saints' a happy, healthy, organised and safe place for all of us!

**Allergies: All Saints' is a Nut and Sesame-free school:** please remember that anything containing nuts, traces of nut or sesame **MUST NOT** be brought into school or included in a packed lunch for a trip.

**Morning Break time Snacks:** as a healthy school, could you please ensure that the snack your child brings to school for morning play is fruit or vegetables; **crisps/peperami/even oat & fruit bars are not suitable. Many can contain traces of nuts or sesame.** Dried fruit snacks should also be avoided, as they often contain much more sugar than a piece of fresh fruit. Rice cakes or plain crackers are allowed, again as long as there are no traces of nut or sesame. Children should not be taking any other items out of their packed lunch as a snack. Fresh fruit is provided for KS1; please can you help us to achieve consistency across the school and, ideally, provide fresh fruit or vegetables for KS2 too.

**Medication:** if your child has any medication in school (epipens, inhalers or anti-histamine), please can you ensure they are all in date. It is the parents' responsibility to do this, not the school's. We, of course, do also check on a regular basis. Please could you also notify the office immediately if there have been any changes in your children's medical needs. Please note that children should not bring any other kind of medicine, e.g. throat pastilles into school. If antibiotics, or other prescribed medication is required, please contact the office.

**Personal Items:** children not bring any personal items or toys in from school, unless part of an organised 'Show and Tell'. We cannot take responsibility for such items and will always ask the children to put them into their bags to take home.

**Lost Property:** please, please ensure that **all items, including coats and PE kits**, are labelled. We are encouraging the children to look after their belongings, particularly to remember not to leave them in the playground after break, but if they leave them outside they will be put in the Lost Property box. If everything is labelled it is far easier to find!

**Jewellery:** could we please remind you that children should not be wearing **any** jewellery (bracelets/necklaces/hooped earrings etc) to school for health and safety reasons. Small stud earrings are allowed, as are watches but watches should only be worn if children can tell the time. Please note we cannot take responsibility for damage to any watches, including Apple watches or Fitbits.

**Parking:** please can we remind you that you **must not** park outside school at the beginning or end of the school day, unless you are in a designated parking bay. This is a matter of health and safety for all members of the school community. Please can we also ask that you do not let your car engine idle at any time. Please do not block the entrance to the school car park **at any time**. This is an emergency entrance and members of the school may be coming or going at any time. Please do not park in a way that restricts the movement of the buses around their turning circle.

**Playground Safety:** could we please gently remind you that, for their health and safety, neither children, nor adults should be riding scooters or bicycles (no matter how small) in the playground; they should be pushed and only ridden again once outside the playground. We would also like to point out, for health and safety reasons, that the climbing frame should not be used outside of school time—as staff are not supervising these areas.

**Birthdays:** over the past several years we have been encouraging a move away from providing cake or sweets to mark children's birthdays – in favour of something healthier or even something that's not food. A book donated to the class is a lovely idea and helps us increase our stock of lovely books. There have been some other lovely examples of this— do contact your class reps' for further ideas.

**Pick up Arrangements:** please can we ask that if you do need to change your pick-up arrangements that you give us as much notice as possible, via email. Phone calls at the end of the day are not ideal. Remember we will not release your child(ren) to anyone different without prior authorisation.

**Coats:** please could you make sure your child has a coat (ideally waterproof with a hood) in school **every day**, no matter what the forecast may suggest in the morning.

## NEW STAFF

### **Gemma Campbell—Deputy Headteacher**



What a week!

In the short 3 days of teaching, I have met so many new and wonderful members of staff and children. I feel truly blessed to be part of All Saints' thriving community.

My name is Ms Campbell and I am the newly appointed Deputy Headteacher, here at All Saints'. I have had experience in working with a wide range of children with differing needs, talents, gifts and experiences. I have led in various areas of the curriculum and am very keen to integrate myself into the very fabric of the school and develop in key areas, in order to flourish even more.

I have to say that I really have appreciated the warm welcome; many parents have come up to me and introduced themselves and I am keen to meet many more of you. Until then, enjoy the glorious sun and have a wonderful weekend!

### **Shadiyah Leigh-Ramsammy—Y3 Support Staff**



Hello! My name is Miss Leigh. I currently work in year 3 as a Learning Support Assistant. I have over 9 years experience working in schools and I love to help children with their learning. I've gained many different skills over the years and look forward to using them at All Saints'. My favourite colour is pink, I love to eat sweets and I drive a red Smart car. I have enjoyed my first week at All Saints' and look forward to meeting all the students and parents!

### **Suzanne Ritchie—Y1 Class Teacher**



Hello my name is Ms Ritchie and I am thrilled to become part of the All Saints' Community. I came to teaching later in life as felt my previous career no longer inspired me and I wanted to do something of value. Since qualifying as a teacher 7 years ago I have worked predominantly in Key Stage 1, and I love watching the children to grow and develop, they inspire me every day!

I live with my husband, two wonderful daughters and our family cat, Elsa. Originally I am from Scotland but have lived in London too many years to mention! I love to travel, have been lucky to have climbed Mt Kilimanjaro and been trekking in Thailand, however, now with my family we enjoy skiing and paddle boarding together. In my spare time I enjoy going to the gym and I am passionate about going to the theatre. I am so looking forward to getting to know all the children and parents that make the All Saints' community so special.

## CLASS NAME LIST



*Rooted in Faith, Growing through Learning*

### All Saints' Classes

<b>Class</b>		<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Support Staff</b>
Nursery Sapling		Milena Grantcharova	Rachid Ikhlef
Reception Horse Chestnut		Louise Pitteway (EYFS Lead)	Lalla Lattuneddu
Year 1 Willow		Suzanne Ritchie	Nicky Chubb Rebecca Wisso
Year 2 Orchid		Anna Hannam Rebecca Lake (KS1 PL)	Elena Ricks
Year 3 Palm Tree		Sienna Atkinson	Shadiyah Leigh-Ramsammy Karry Hatley-Smith
Year 4 Magnolia		Amelia Le May	Karry Hatley-Smith
Year 5 Acacia		Gemma Campbell (DHT)	Dianna Kabbani Hamdan Colleen McGrath
Year 6 Redwoods		Jan Sharp (KS2 PL)	Colleen McGrath

## Y6 FOSSIL WORKSHOP

Y6 have got their year off to a flying start with an online lesson about fossils, with Dr Amy at UCL, as a Wow introduction to our Science topic on Evolution and Inheritance. They used 3D glasses to inspect various fossils.

'I enjoyed using the 3D glasses as the fossil pictures really came to life!' - *Yanna*

'I learnt how fossils were formed. The megladon tooth was cool with the 3D glasses!' - *Matthew*



## GUARDIANS OF THE EARTH CLUB

Last term Guardians of the Earth Club talked about the benefits of growing your own fruit and vegetables. Home-grown food does not need to be transported. This reduces air pollution as planes, ships, trucks and cars are not used to bring the food to your plate. We planted cucumbers, carrots, lettuce, potatoes and beans. We were so excited to come back to school to see what had grown over the summer. We even tasted some of our produce!



'We planted lots of vegetables and fruit. Over the summer they grew very well. The cucumbers got really big!' - *Arabella*

'We tried some of the vegetables we had grown. Everything was very tasty!' - *Sophia*



## BROWNIES

5th Putney Brownies are looking for girls aged between 7 and 10 years old to join the unit. We have lots of fun learning new skills, playing games, taking on challenges and making good friends. This term our unit will be 100 years old. Come along and join in the fun.

We meet on a Monday evening at All Saints School,

For further information please email: [5thputneybrownies@gmail.com](mailto:5thputneybrownies@gmail.com)

