

ALL SAINTS' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

What a celebration of books and writing we have had this week, inspired by World Book Day. Thank you, parents, for all the wonderful, imaginative costumes. Thank you to the staff, once again, for getting dressed up, painting your faces blue and sewing on spider legs at 7.30 in the morning! Many KS2 children are due to return to school later this evening for the FOASS Junior Disco, one of the social highlights of the year. Our thanks to FOASS for their hard work in organising this. Next week is Road Safety Week and may I take this opportunity to ask everyone who feels they have to drive to school in the morning to please be aware of children making their way to school, especially those who may be coming through the church gardens; one parent had to take swift action earlier this week to avoid a car reversing at some speed! My best wishes for a safe and restful weekend. Ms Wood



Worship Theme for Next Week

Be the Change You Want to See in the World

Be a Peacemaker

WORLD BOOK DAY

For World Book Day, Year 4 joined the Live BBC lesson and learnt how to recreate a well-known story and turn it into our own. We looked at the Three Billy Goats Gruff and before we were set our task, we were told that the only characters that had to remain were the Three Goats. Some of us changed the storyline, settings, troll and some of us included new characters. Once our stories were completed, we shared them with the class and Ms Wood.



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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.

Spring Term 2023

Week Beginning 6th March

Road Safety Week

Wednesday 8th March

Y1/Y2 Trip to the Transport Museum—letter to follow

Thursday 9th March

Y6 Trip to the Thames Barrier
PPSSA Girls Football Y5/Y6
4pm Dover House Road

Friday 10th March

9.10am—Y2 Class Assembly

Tuesday 14th March

Y5 Junior Citizens—letter to follow

Wednesday 21st March

Y6 trip to Turner's House

Weds 22nd and Thurs 23rd March

Parent Consultations 4pm start

Note change of dates

Friday 24th March

9.10am—Y5 Class Assembly

Wednesday 28th March

7pm in church—KS2 Easter Passion

Thursday 30th March

Y5 trip to the Science Museum

Friday 31st March

End of Term 2pm

Monday 17th April

Children back to school for the Summer Term

Wednesday 19th April

Whole School Easter Service

Tuesday 2nd/Wednesday 3rd May

Y4 Residential to Sayers Croft

Saturday 20th May

School/Church Christian Aid Car Wash

WORK IN Y2

Yesterday Year 2 talked about the symbolism of the cross in the Easter story. We listened to the story *The Three Trees* and looked at pictures of crosses from around the world. These inspired the designs of our own crosses which we moulded out of clay.



STARS OF THE LAST WEEK!

Reception: Khalid & Clara

Year 1: Arabella & Chimdike

Year 2: Isabella & Harry F

Year 3: Avarnii & Annie

Year 4: Tali & Jamie D

Year 5: Kene & Amelia

Year 6: Emily & Mylo

Good Conduct Awards—from Detective Lattuneddu Congratulations to:

Henry W in Y2: for always being polite to adults and interacting with kindness with younger children

William S in Y3: for always greeting everyone, adults and children, with a smile and super manners

Well done everyone — you are a credit to the school and you have earned teampoints for your House!

STAFF SHOUT-OUTS

To Mr Choomsaeng from Mrs McGrath and Ms Sharp: for being an absolute superstar in Year 6 this week

To all the staff from Ms Wood: thank you for, as always, going the extra mile, taking on the extra tasks while your colleagues were yet again hit by Covid.

To our poorly colleagues: we miss you, get well soon!

WORLD BOOK DAY

'I love dressing up on World Book Day. I dressed up as Princess Pearl.' *By Sophia—Y1*

'I loved sharing stories with other people. On Friday Mrs M came to read us a story and Miss Pitteway went to nurse to read. We read the Selfish Crocodile with Mrs M. I really enjoyed it!' *By Gabriel—Y1*

'In PSHE this week we learnt that we are really lucky to have books. Some children can't afford to buy books.' *By Chimdike—Y1*

'We listened to a story about a girl who lived in Afghanistan who wasn't allowed to go to school and read books. It isn't fair that some children can read books and some children can't. I love reading books and everyone should be able to read.' *By Maya G—Y1*



WINDOWS AND MIRRORS



At All Saints' we aim for our curriculum and our resources to provide children with, firstly, windows—that is windows onto our world and our society.

Secondly, we want to give them mirrors so they can recognise themselves, their families and their culture in our curriculum and in our resources, including books. We have recently carried out an audit of the book corners in our classrooms to make sure we had a wide range of culture, experiences and families represented but also books which help with our mental health and well-being.

We have been blown away by a wonderfully generous donation of a set of books for each class from Nursery to Year 6. Each set has been put together with the age of the children in mind. They are fantastic books, the staff are thrilled with them and have started to share them with the children. Our fairy godparent wants to remain anonymous but we extend our huge thanks to them for such a thoughtful donation which will make an impact on our Reading for Pleasure initiative.



At All Saints' Primary School we care about not only our pupils but also you, the parents and carers. As we adjust to the new times and continue to wait for changes and updates from the government, please do think about your well-being. Please let us know how we are able to support you and your family. Here are a few organisations that you may find useful.

NSPCC

www.nspcc.org.uk

0800 1111 (under 18) 0808 800 5000 (over 18s)

Provides support and information for children, young people and parents/carers. Activities for children/families in the Keeping Children Safe area.

Cruse Bereavement Care

www.cruse.org.uk 0808 808 1677

Supports you through your grieving process on the helpline. They are also able to sign post you to a bereavement specialist. Additionally, can help you support your child/children.

Hope Again: Young people living after loss (Cruse for young people)

www.hopeagain.org.uk 0808 808 1677

Support young people through their grieving process on the helpline. They are also able to sign post the young person to a bereavement specialist. Additionally, they can help you support your child/children.

Mental Health UK

www.mentalhealth-uk.org

Able to sign post you to range of organisations that can offer you advice about your worries and concerns e.g. mental health, money support and health and well-being.

Rethink

www.rethink.org 0808 801 0525

Will provide information and advice for those diagnosed with a mental illness or for carers of individuals with a mental illness.

Mind

www.mind.org.uk 0300 123 3393

Will provide non-urgent information and mental health support and services.

Trussell Trust

www.trusselltrust.org 01722 580 180

Will sign post you to your nearest foodbanks.

Gov UK Cost of living support

www.gov.uk/cost-of-living

Provides advice and information about types of support you may be able to receive.