



# **All Saints' First School Newsletter**

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We have been so lucky, yet again, to be supported by our wonderful PTFA. This year, the PTFA have worked exceptionally hard to raise thousands of pounds to provide opportunities and facilities for the children that they would otherwise not have.

In the past 12 months the PTFA have funded a SHINE day experience for every child (and parent). They have also provided half of the funding to add exciting new outdoor learning and active equipment for both the Early Years and KS1/2 playground.

Without their (and your) support, we would not be able to provide these facilities for your children. Have a look at just some of the equipment we have been able to purchase.

PLEASE also consider joining our PTFA. We are actively looking for new members. The PTFA meets roughly once every half term in school at 6pm. EVERYONE is welcome. You do not need to have a particular job, just come and join us for a cup of tea, and help us to plan our events and goals for this year! Our next meeting is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.





# SCHOOL POLICIES

## SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Social media and social networking sites play an important role in the lives of many people. We recognise that sites bring risks, but equally there are many benefits to be reaped. Our social media policy gives clarity to the way in which social media/mobile phones are to be used by pupils, social media/mobile phones are to be used by pupils, governors, visitors, parent helpers and school staff at All Saints' First School. It will also provide guidance for parents.



There are four key areas in our policy. This newsletter summarises our policy, but you can read our full policy on our school website.

- A. The use of social networking sites by pupils within school** Our children are not yet 13. Therefore they have no access to social media sites for personal use. Occasionally a social media site may be accessed under the direction of a teacher for a purpose clearly apparent from the learning objective.
- B. Use of social networking by staff in a personal capacity** All Saints' First School staff have clear guidance on how they use personal social media sites. Further details are available within our policy.
- C. Comments posted by parents/carers** Parents are expected to follow the principles of mutual respect. We ask all parents not to post pictures of pupils other than their own on social media sites, unless the images are unidentifiable. Parents are asked not to make complaints on social media but come in and talk to us. Parents should not post malicious or fictitious comments on social networking sites

about any member of the school community, including other parents.

- D. Dealing with incidents of online bullying /inappropriate use of social media sites.** The governors or Headteacher will act in the case of the social media policy not being followed. The Headteacher/governors will ask parents to remove comments which are inappropriate and do not follow the school's policy. All Saints' First School will consider police involvement if the laws of defamation or privacy are broken, or if there is a racist or violent implication to online posts.

## PICKING YOUR CHILD UP FROM SCHOOL

The vast majority of parents make arrangements to collect their children promptly at the end of the school day, or have their children collected by Kids Club. On occasion, parents will have difficulty with traffic, or unforeseen circumstances. This is entirely understandable, and if this is the case please ring school to let us know, so that we do not try to ring emergency contact numbers, and we can arrange for a member of staff to supervise your child. If you are going to be considerably late, we do have a Kids Club facility that you may also ring to see if any places are available at short notice. Their number is 01538 714918.

It is of concern, however, that a *small minority* of children are not being collected promptly at the end of the school day on a regular basis. Parents should therefore be aware of our abandoned child policy, which is on our website. Children who are not collected will attend Kids Club, and a charge will be made for this service. Please remember that our staff have staff meetings planning meetings and network meetings with other schools after your children go home. We thank you for your understanding.



# GENERAL NOTICES

## NEW MOBILE? NEW HOUSE?

Please keep us up to date with addresses and phone numbers. If your details change, please call and let us know.

## HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR A PLACE IN OUR NURSERY SETTING YET?

If your child is aged 2 or above (even earlier if you wish) you can put your name down in school to be kept informed about Nursery admission procedures. Nursery applications are no longer made through Staffordshire County Council, but are made directly with the school. You will need to contact the school directly to apply for a place in our Nursery.

## LATEST UPDATE REGARDING ACADEMY CONVERSION



The Talentum  
Learning Trust

We are in the final stages of our planned conversion to becoming an academy. We aim to convert towards the end of 2018 (or beginning of 2019). As you know we will be joining the Talentum Learning Trust (currently Westwood College, Leek High School and Churnet View Middle School). We will be joining with several other Leek first schools - Beresford Memorial, Leek First, Westwood First and Rushton Primary. For your information we will not be changing our uniform. Our name will change slightly as we will no longer be an 'aided' Church of England school. We will be All Saints' C of E First School. We will not be making any staffing changes, and your children will continue to be taught as they currently are. We will provide more information nearer conversion, but if you have any questions please feel free to come and talk to Mrs Allbutt.

## ILLNESS

Please remember that we have a first day call system in place for absences. Please can you ring the school to let us know if your child is unwell on the first day of absence. We will pick up answerphone messages if no one is there to take your call. Please understand that we ask for the reason of absence so that we can track illnesses and implement procedures if needed.

## CHRISTMAS PLAY

Our Christmas Play this year will be 'Angel Express'. Tickets will be on sale after half term. Please watch out for a letter in your child's school bag.

## DIARY DATES

23/10/18 Flu Immunisation Programme  
25/10/18 School Photographs  
29/10/18 School Closes for half term  
5/11/18 Children return to school  
6/11/18 All Saints OPEN Day and Eucharist (2pm)  
14/11/18 Parents' Evening  
15/11/18 Parents' Evening  
2/12/18 Christingle Service in Church - 4pm  
7/12/18 Pantomime (funded by the PTFA)  
10/12/18 Reception/KS1 Play 6pm  
11/12/18 Reception/KS1 Play 6pm  
12/12/18 Reception/KS1 Play 2pm  
13/12/18 Christmas Party Red/Orange  
14/12/18 Christmas Party Yellow/Green  
17/12/18 Christmas Party-Indigo(Y3)/Blue  
18/12/18 Christmas Party - Indigo(Y4)/Violet  
19/12/18 Christmas Dinner

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*Facebook: [www.facebook.co.uk/allsaintsleek](http://www.facebook.co.uk/allsaintsleek)*

*Parent Calendar: [www.allsaints-leek.staffs.sch.uk/useful-information/calendarpage](http://www.allsaints-leek.staffs.sch.uk/useful-information/calendarpage)*

