



# All Saints' C of E First School

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2019

Welcome to our October newsletter. We are already well into the term. The children have settled into their new classes really well. Key Stage 2 have enjoyed visiting Macclesfield Forest. Harvest is quickly approaching and all the children are busy rehearsing. Please see our diary for the dates of our Early Years Harvest and KS1/2 Harvest.

Our parents' evenings this year are earlier than normal, in response to parents feeling that an earlier 'settling in' meeting would be preferable. Please try to come along, as working together we can achieve the best for your children.



## PTFA

PLEASE 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 22nd October.

If you can't make the meetings, please consider helping us out for an hour or two at some events. You don't have to commit to all events at all. We will send out an appeal for help by email/messenger. If you can help us – just respond to the email.

We'd be very grateful for your support.

Email: [PTFA@allsaints-leek.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@allsaints-leek.staffs.sch.uk)

## DIARY DATES

Our school calendar is always available on our website.

**4/10/19 10.15am** Harvest in church for Y1 children (including St Christopher Y1 children) to Y4

**9/10/19** Parents' Evening

**10/10/19** Parents' Evening

**16/10/19 9.30am** Early Years Harvest

**24/10/19** School Photographs

**25/10/19** School Closes for half term

**4/11/19** Children return to school

**8/11/19** All Saints OPEN Morning 9.30am-12pm

**1/12/19 4pm** Christingle Service in Church

**9/12/19 6pm** Reception/KS1 Play

**10/12/19 6pm** Reception /KS1 Play 6pm

**11/12/19 2pm** Reception/ KS1 Play 2pm

**12/12/19 11am** Nursery Nativity

**19/12/19 2pm** Whole School Carol Concert

Please be aware that dates and times may change. We will keep you informed either by letter or text.

## TRAILBLAZER PROJECT



We are excited to inform you that we are piloting a new joint project with the NHS. The Mental Health Support Team from North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust will be working within our school. This team consists of Trainee Educational Mental Health Practitioners and Mental Health Practitioners with a variety of qualifications such as school nurses, social workers and mental health nurses. This team aims to work with our school promoting positive well-being, preventing poor mental health and raising awareness of mental health.

The team will be offering one to one interventions or group work with children and young people over a short period of time, these sessions are aimed to equip children and young people with the tools to effectively maintain positive well-being. The team will work with children and young people around topics such as worry management, low mood, anxiety, difficulties with emotions, panic management, coping strategies, sleep, behavioural difficulties and problem solving.

The team will also be supporting parents/carers so that children and young people feel able to talk to adults about how they are feeling, normalising discussions around mental health and reducing stigma. The team will also offer parent workshops, parent drop ins and support to implement strategies in the home environment.

The team will be visible in our schools, they will be working with our teachers to help support your children in the classroom, and they will support the introduction of mental health into the curriculum by delivering assemblies and lessons.

*The team will be attending parents' evening to give you an opportunity to meet them and ask any questions you may have. Please come and have a chat with them!*

## AIR AWARE

Our school is joining the Staffordshire Air Aware project. The project aims to improve the quality of air in our local community. As a school, it is extremely worrying for us that the air quality outside our school gate is above legal limits. We would like to work together with parents, children and the wider community to try and improve the quality of air that our children breathe, day in day out.



To this end, we will be taking part in projects and initiatives throughout the year to raise awareness and try to make a positive impact on our environment.

Watch out for leaflets, and please try and help us to improve the environment for your children – your support would be very much appreciated.

## BAGS TO SCHOOL



We are running a “Bags to School” Collection again this year. Bags to School collects good quality second hand clothing and exports them to Eastern Europe and Africa to be resold at affordable prices.

We will be sending a letter with a bag towards half term, and will collect bags on the first day back after half term.

Please consider helping us to recycle and reuse your unwanted clothing, shoes, belts and handbags.

Thank you.

## 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.



Last year alone, Samaritan's Purse delivered millions of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children around the world. These simple gifts change the lives of many boys and girls and their families.

Simple shoebox gifts, packed with love, reach across the world, and give children joy and happiness at Christmas.

We are taking part in Operation Christmas Child again this year. Please come to collect a shoebox and leaflet from the office or from Kids Club. The leaflet will explain how to pack a shoebox, what to put in and not put in, and what will happen to it.

If you donate postage costs online you can also track where your shoebox travels to.

**Shoeboxes are available now. Please consider brightening a life of another child this year.**

Thank you.

## 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.

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

We are oversubscribed in the Nursery this year, and have a long waiting list. 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 for next September. 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.

## ILLNESS

Please remember that we have a first day call system in place for absences. Please 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.

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