

All Saints' First School

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the December edition of our School Newsletter. We have lots going on over the last few weeks of term—carol concerts, pantomimes, school plays, parties, discos, choir singing and more.

Please take the time to read our December Diary, as this will help you to remember all that is going on in school. We have a visitor in school at the moment—Elfie. If you would like to keep track of his whereabouts, check our facebook page each day.

We would like to thank you all for the wonderful turnout at our Christingle Service. We had well over 300 adults and children attend, which was absolutely fantastic. Father David also passes on his thanks too.

We are sure that we will see many of you at the events happening over the next few weeks, but if not we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

From

Mrs Allbutt and all the staff.



Our Christingle Service

DECEMBER DIARY

Fri 6th—School Pantomime

Mon 9th—Christmas Play 6pm

Mon 9th—Choir singing at Sainsbury's 10.30am

Tues 10th—Christmas Play 6pm

Tues 10th—School Immunisations

Tues 10th—Choir singing at Tree Tops 2pm

Wed 11th—Christmas Play 2pm

Thurs 12th—Nursery Nativity 11am

Thurs 12th—St George and St Christopher Party 1.30pm

Fri 13th—Little Saints Christmas Party 9.15am, St. David and St. Patrick Party 1.30pm

Mon 16th—St Mary (Y3) and St Andrew Party 1.30pm

Tues 17th—St Mary (Y4) and St John Party 1.30pm

Wed 18th—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 18th—Christmas Disco 6pm

Thurs 19th—Carol Concert 2pm

CAROL CONCERT

Tickets will soon be available from the office for the Carol Concert. They will be free, but limited to one per family in the first instance. Any remaining tickets will then be made generally available.

PLEASE understand that entry will be by ticket only, due to high demand and strict fire regulations.

A text will be sent to parents when the tickets are available.



Last Year's Carol Concert



CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 18th September. There will be no school sandwich option that day. Children will go for dinner with their classes and their class teacher. Dinners are ordered as normal. Remember to wear a Christmas Jumper and hat if you would like.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY.

On Wednesday 18th December we're inviting the children to take part in a Christmas Jumper Day in aid of The Donna Louise Trust.

Your children get to wear non-uniform, but also get to wear their silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas sweaters. In return, we would appreciate a monetary donation for 'The Donna Louise Trust'.

The children don't need to splash out on a snazzy sweater to take part – just get them to decorate an old or plain jumper with tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflakes, or wear a sparkly jumper or just a cosy jumper.



REMINDER

School closes for Christmas on THURSDAY 19th December, and opens on MONDAY 6th January.

Kids Club will be open on Friday 20th December, Monday 23rd December, Thursday 2nd January and Friday 3rd January.

Please ring Kids Club directly (01538 714918) if you would like to book your child in.



Last Year's Christmas Jumper Day

HEADLICE

We always have a significant number of children with headlice within school. **Please can you check your children regularly.**

How to spot head lice

In most cases, itching is the main symptom of head lice. It is not caused by the lice biting the scalp but by an allergy to the lice. However, not everyone experiences itching. It's not always easy to see head lice so detection combing is the best way of finding head lice. It works better on wet hair but can be used on dry hair.

Treating head lice

Head lice can usually be effectively treated using medicated lotions or by wet combing, using a specially designed head lice comb. Wet combing can be used without medicated lotions, but needs to be done regularly and can take a long time to do thoroughly. Medicated lotion or spray can be used as an alternative. However, no medicated treatment is 100% effective. Your pharmacist will be able to recommend an over-the-counter lotion or spray.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

All the children will be having a Christmas Party in school hours during the last couple of weeks of term. The dates for the parties are on the front of this newsletter.

If your child is in Reception to Year 4, please can you send your child in with party clothes (in a named bag).

We will provide biscuits and drinks for the parties—there is no need to send in food.



LEEK AND DISTRICT FOODBANK

Please help us to feed local people in crisis, by supporting our local Leek and District Foodbank. We have a basket in the school entrance if you would like to donate items to help families in need.

The foodbank is looking for donations of:

Milk (UHT/powdered), fruit juice (cartons), soup, pasta sauces, sponge puddings (tinned), tomatoes (tinned), Cereals, rice pudding (tinned), tea bags, instant coffee, instant mash potato, rice, pasta, tinned meat/fish, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits and snack bars.

Thank you for helping our local community.



School Results

All Saints' KS1 statutory data for 2019 has been released. We are pleased to say that it compares well to national data again.

Year 2 SATs Results

ASSESSMENTS

Subject	Level	All Saints CofE (A) First School (3443)		NCER National	
		Value		Value	Gap
Reading	≥EXS	90.5%		74.9%	+15.6%
	GDS	33.3%		25.0%	+8.3%
Writing	≥EXS	76.2%		69.2%	+7.0%
	GDS	19.0%		14.8%	+4.2%
Maths	≥EXS	83.3%		75.6%	+7.7%
	GDS	23.8%		21.7%	+2.1%

Year 1 Phonics Results

Phonics Benchmark											2019			
Estab. No.	Estab. Name	Cohort	No Score	Mark					APS	Outcome				
				0-15	16-23	24-31	32-36	37-40		Q	A	D	WT	WA
-	NCER National	644,040	1.9%	7.0%	3.9%	5.4%	28.9%	53.0%	33.8	-	0.2%	1.7%	16.2%	81.9%
3443	All Saints CoE (A) First School	42	0.0%	2.4%	4.8%	7.1%	16.7%	69.0%	35.3	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	85.7%

Cohort: Current Year 1 pupils entered for phonics

The threshold mark to be working at or above the standard in phonics is 32

● Q = Maladministration | ● A = Absent | ● D = Disapplied | ● WT - Working towards standard | ● WA - Working at or above standard

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Everyone is welcome to our Christmas Disco on Wednesday 18th December at 6pm. Entrance will be £2 per adult/child (pay on the door).

Tickets will soon be on sale to see Santa, who will be coming to the disco. Watch out for a letter from the PTFA. If you could help on the day to run a stall, or help in the kitchen, please do let us know.



KS1 PHONICS AND SATS MEETING

If you have a child in Year 1 or Year 2, please come along to our Phonics and SATs meeting on Tuesday 21st January. We will be explaining the Year 1 phonics tests at 5.30pm, and explaining the Year 2 SATs at 6pm.