

# All Saints' C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It has been great to have so many positive comments about the school website, particularly the calendar page! Please make sure that you check the website regularly for any updates as we are busily uploading photographs from our different events and to showcase some of the many achievements of our children. Once complete, you will be able to see who the school house captains are, the new members of our School Council and those children who achieved 100% attendance for the last academic year!

## **PARENT FORUM**

Thank you to those parents who came along to our Parent Forum this morning. It is always good to have an opportunity to discuss updates about the school and to answer any questions you may have.

At the forum we discussed the forthcoming building work to create two new classrooms for our Year 5 and 6 classes as part of the School Organisation review. The plans were available for viewing in August and at the start of September at West Suffolk House and they will now go forward for final planning approval in October/ November. It is hoped that building work will start between January and March so that they are completed before the end of the summer term. We will display these plans within school for your interest.

At the forum we also discussed the new National Curriculum and the changes that are now in place. All curriculum plans for all year groups are on our school website and each one gives details of what the children are learning and the skills the children will use and develop in each subject. The links to the programmes of study for English and Maths are now on the curriculum pages on the school website for your information.

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## ARTWORKS VISIT

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September the children in Horse Chestnut class came with me to the Artworks exhibition at Blackthorpe barn. We had a wonderful morning looking at the different pieces of art work and watching local print maker, Valerie Armstrong demonstrate how to create monoprints. The children spent our art lesson yesterday creating sketches of what they had seen and reflecting on their experience of visiting an art gallery:

*"It was good fun going to an art gallery for the first time. We could see all sorts of art. Some were simple, some were complex, some were big and others were small. They all used different art materials in different ways. It was good to get up close to the pictures to see how they had been made."* Lucy Howe

*"There were lots of varied pictures, not just landscapes. It was really interesting!"* Lucy Fudge

*"I like the pictures but I thought that the sculptures were amazing because they used lots of details to create different shapes and effects."* Eddie Wolfe

As part of our award, Valerie Armstrong will spend two half day sessions this term with our Year Four children creating collograph prints.

## HARVEST

Thank you to the parents who came along to the Harvest Celebration planning meeting with Miss Marnes and Mrs Kemp. We would welcome donations of vegetables, particularly potatoes and onions along with eggs so that we can make a variety of dishes as part of this event. Please could all produce be brought into school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October in preparation for the day. At 2.30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> we will hold a further meeting to plan the recipes and allocate the different jobs. Please could anyone wishing to help on 10<sup>th</sup> October (at any time in the day), please pass your name to Mrs Kemp in advance so that we have an idea of numbers of volunteers.

Acorn Class will bake on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October for this event and Miss Marnes would welcome any offers of help during the morning session. Please let Miss Marnes know if you can help!

## PARENT GROUP

Please find attached information concerning the Bag 2 School textile recycling initiative.

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## PHONICS SESSION FOR PARENTS

Just a reminder that our Phonics session for parents will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 3.30pm. There will be a crèche facility available for children and their siblings. Miss Kidd, who will join the school in November as Key Stage One Leader/ Year One teacher come along to this session and looks forward to meeting parents.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

This week Charlie Goodridge from Lime Class shared his golfing success story with the school in assembly. Charlie won the seven years and under category at an event in Northampton and will now go forward to represent England at the European Kids Championships and the World Kids Championships held at the Pinehurst course in America. During assembly Charlie shared an important element of success which is the practice he does every day in order to improve his skills to help him be the best he can be. We feel that this is an important message for our children and fits in with our whole school initiative of encouraging our children to build growth mindsets and positive attitudes.

We are very keen to build upon the positive messages in Charlie's assembly and would like to invite any parents, family members or members of the local community who have achieved something through practice and determination. This could be a sporting achievement, a musical accomplishment or another achievement which will inspire the children. Please let me know if you can help with this initiative - don't be shy!

I hope you have a good weekend.

Kind Regards,

Clare Lamb  
Headteacher

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