

# All Saints' C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## MENU CHANGE

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March spaghetti bolognese will be offered as well as the beef chow mein.

## FOOD SERVICE ASSISTANT

Mrs Copping, our school cook requires a Food Service Assistant to work in the school kitchen each Monday and Tuesday (9.45am- 1.45pm). If you are interested in this post, please call in and have a chat with Mrs Copping or ring the school number using extension 4 for the kitchen. The closing date is 20<sup>th</sup> March.

## REMINDERS

Please ensure that you leave specific details about your child's illness when contacting the school. We have a duty to complete detailed logs for each absence, which includes details of illnesses so that we can monitor absences throughout the school and be aware of any recurring illnesses.

Our children do walk along the pavement at the opening to the car park at the start and end of the school day. Some parents have been turning in the school car park, which can put our children at risk and therefore we request that you do not turn in our car park.

We do have a number of payments for Breakfast Club and school dinners that have not been paid. A note from Mrs Heighes is sent home at the end of the week to remind parents of any outstanding payments so please do check your child's book bag. We are now dedicating a considerable amount of time reissuing such notices, which is having an impact on time office staff have to spend on other important matters. Please could we ask that payments for all clubs, trips and lunches are sent in on time.

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## ATTENDANCE

As you are aware, we are required to monitor school absence very carefully and ensure that we are alert parents when we have concerns about attendance levels. Our data is submitted to the Local Authority each half term for scrutiny by our Educational Welfare Officer.

I am delighted that our Spring term data shows an improvement in attendance with the number of children with persistent absence of 15% reducing from 7 pupils in the Autumn Term to 3 pupils in the first half of the Spring Term. The number of children with persistent absence at 10% has also improved from 16 children identified in the Autumn term compared to 10 children in the first half of the Spring term.

I monitor the attendance for each child along with their academic progress. The impact of consistently high levels of attendance undoubtedly has a very positive impact on academic achievement and children's engagement in school. I would like to thank those parents who have been working with me to ensure that their child's attendance has improved and continues to improve, it really does make a difference.

I will be sending home end of term attendance reports to all families over the Easter break, similar to those sent home at the end of the Autumn Term so that you can see if your child's attendance has improved or if it falls within any of the thresholds.

## EASTER EGG BINGO

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March Parent Group will hold the highly popular Easter Egg Bingo. This event will be held in the school hall from 6pm to 8pm. Parents and children will be able to have fun playing bingo and win Easter eggs as prizes. Parent Group would be most grateful for any kind of Easter related chocolate donations for prizes and will leave a box in the main school reception area and in Acorn Class for donations.

Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult!

## LAWSHALL PRE SCHOOL RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March Pre-school will be holding a cake sale in the playground after school to raise funds for Red Nose Day and then again at the end of Film Club in the school library. All funds raised will be sent to Comic Relief.

## MIDDAY SUPERVISOR POSTS

Just a reminder that we are still looking for Midday Supervisors to join our team. Even if you can offer just one lunchtime, it is a great way to get experience of working within a school and of being part of a friendly team who make lunchtimes a special and happy time for our children.

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## BUILDING WORK

As discussed at Parent Forum meetings we have been allocated one additional classroom funded by the Local Authority to meet the needs of having two additional year groups.

The allocation of additional classrooms for all schools is based on a national formula, which works on the basis that Key Stage One classes can accommodate 30 children whilst Key stage Two classes can be as high as 40 children in a class! Under that arrangement we would have to move to mixed age classes throughout the school if we have just one additional classroom built.

As a school we are firmly committed to ensuring the best educational outcomes for our children and we believe that having small class sizes does have a positive impact. With this in mind we have now agreed that the school will fund an additional classroom from money which we have ring fenced within our school budget and as a result, the final building will have two classrooms to accommodate Years 5 and 6. This decision has been fully supported by staff and governors and I am sure that you will agree that this is a positive and exciting development for our school.

There will also be some other changes which will take place as part of the building project. This will include moving the oak outdoor classroom further onto the school field in order to ensure that it is not too close to the new building. The playground will also be extended so that no playground space is lost as part of the building work.

I hope to have a 'pre start' meeting within the next few weeks which means that I will be able to give you further information. We now have a building project tab within the newsletter section of the website, which I will update as we progress through the project.

**Don't forget to check the dates for school events on the school website, which I update each week. In addition, please also take time to look at the class pages on the school website, under the newsletter section. The teachers spend considerable time each week updating the page with photographs and information about what the children have been doing and what they will be learning each week.**

The weather forecasters predict some sunny Spring weather this weekend, which I hope you will all enjoy.

Kindest Regards,

Clare Lamb  
Headteacher

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