

All Saints' C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

This has been another busy and eventful week with the Year 3 children participating in Step 3 of the Seed To Tree Programme where they have found out about life in Papua New Guinea through pictures, artefacts and personal accounts from Elizabeth and Rich who have spent time there.

Today the children are participating in the first of two whole school enrichment days looking at some of the different cultures of children and their families within our school. Today the children will learn about life in Nepal, Sri Lanka, Japan, Italy and Turkey. On Monday they will spend the day finding out about Scotland, Australia, Ireland, New Zealand and England.

ATTENDANCE

As you are aware from my previous emails, attendance at All Saints' has been a concern with an increased number of absences leading to our school being in the lowest quintile – the bottom 20% of all schools in the country. As I am sure you can appreciate this is of great concern and robust measures have been put in place to ensure that our attendance is a priority for all parents and that as a result, we improve our attendance levels.

This has involved:

- weekly monitoring
- letters issued to parents where attendance falls below our agreed thresholds (as set out in our Attendance Policy)
- termly attendance summaries for **all** parents
- issuing of penalty notices for holidays during term time

Our attendance level for the end of the Spring term was 96.6%, which is a great improvement on 95.1% seen at the end of the Summer term last year. This is a great achievement so far and has undoubtedly had a great impact on teaching and learning throughout the school.

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NEPAL RED CROSS FUNDRAISER

I would like to say a big thank you for the support given to our Nepal fundraiser last week. We raised £198.82 from donations from children wearing their own clothes to school and for the end of day cake sale. We think this is a great effort and it showed our children how we can come together to raise money and help people less fortunate than ourselves.

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

As part of the planning and control conditions for our building project we are required to review our School Travel Plan. A School Travel Plan is a document produced by the whole school community and any other interested parties. It looks at how pupils, staff and visitors travel to and from school, and it is intended to:

- improve safety
- encourage pupils, parents and staff to walk and cycle
- encourage a reduction in carbon emissions on journeys to and from school

Our Governing Body are developing our new School Travel plan in light of the forthcoming changes as part of the School Organisation Review. As part of this we do need parents, staff and children to carry out a series of surveys. Children will be asked a variety of questions within school as part of a 'hands up' survey. We would greatly value your input and would ask that you complete the survey using the link on the main page of this Parentmail (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HD73Z2R>) by 21st May.

MENU CHANGE

On Thursday 22nd May the school lunch menu will change to: Fish Fingers, chips, baked beans, sweetcorn followed by an ice lolly.

REMINDERS

We are still having a number of late payments each week for school lunches and Breakfast Club. Mrs Heighes needs to reconcile monies on Monday so that we know how many children will need lunches throughout the week for each day. Please could you help the office staff by sending in all monies on MONDAY morning. We really would appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Just a reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 22nd May for a PD Day.

Best wishes,

Clare Lamb

Headteacher

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