

All Saints' C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

This has been yet another great half term and start to the school year where we have seen our children settle back into school so well. I have spent time this week having lunch with the children, hearing about the things they have enjoyed and the new things they have learnt. It is great to hear our children talk with such enthusiasm about their learning! I also have been so impressed by the quality of work that children have brought into Silver Assembly and the confidence that they have shown in talking about what they are most proud of and the Learning Behaviours that they have used.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photograph envelopes have been placed in your child's book bag. Please ensure that all orders are back in school by 4th November.

CROSS COUNTRY

This week children in Years 3, 4 and 5 have participated in the Bury Schools Partnership Cross Country Competition. We are extremely proud of their effort and fantastic results:

Boys Yr3/4:

Owen 9th
Felix 13th
Samuel 23rd
Sonny 24th
Sebastian 36th
Freddy 55th

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Joseph 56th

Girls Yr 3/4

Isabelle 3rd

Lana 17th

Freya 21st

Lathifa 36th

Lola 46th

Boys Yr5:

Archie 10th

Mikhim 31st

Adam

Girls Yr5:

Alice 8th

Lucy H 22nd

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a credit to our school!

FOOTBALL

This term we have started our own school team, which will represent the school in the Bury School's League. Our team is coordinated by Chelsea FC who hold training sessions for our team each week at lunchtimes and after half term we will start to play competitively against other schools within the league. I will ask different team members to write a short report after each match, which they will share in school assemblies.

CATHEDRAL CHOIRS

A few weeks ago thirteen children were selected to sing in the Cathedral Choir following auditions. A number of these children sang Evensong last week in the cathedral, which was a great achievement...well done!

SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

Our School Ambassadors and Deputy Ambassadors have settled well into their new role and now have lunch with me on a regular basis in my office in order to talk about things they would like to see happen at school. Their first project has been to organise our Children In Need Day in November. They have all contributed in deciding which activities they would like to take place and how the day will run. As the year progresses I look forward to seeing their involvement in deciding and organising future school events and initiatives.

UPPER KEY STAGE TWO

Becoming a full primary is an exciting development at All Saints' and we are really enjoying having Year 5 children and seeing our children continue to flourish within our creative curriculum and in our fantastic new classroom. I have spent time listening to what our children have enjoyed about this transition, how it feels to be in

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Year 5 and what the children would like to be able to do and achieve in their final two years at All Saints'. We are using these great ideas to now help us to form our School Charter for Upper Key Stage Two, which we will finalise during half term.

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Bigg will move into Year Six next year and are really looking forward to taking our pupils to the next stage in their learning and ensuring a seamless transition into our feeder upper schools. As part of her new role, Mrs Kemp is keen to introduce a Duke of Edinburgh style accreditation in which pupils will be able to achieve in a variety of areas, including sporting achievements, volunteering, acquiring new skills and an expedition element.

As with any transition and change we know that parents will have questions and are always keen to find out more about how education at All Saints' will continue to develop and change as we become a full primary by September 2016. On Tuesday 3rd November at 9am we will hold a Key Stage Two Parent Forum in order to be able to talk about our plans, highlight our liaison work with other Bury Schools Partnership schools to ensure breadth of opportunity and to enable you to ask questions and discuss anything you are unsure of. We hope that you will be able to join us.

The East Anglian Daily Times are keen to run a feature on the first Year 5 children in the Bury Schools Partnership . They will visit each school after half term to take a photograph of all Year 5 classes for a special feature to celebrate our move to become a full primary.

SCIENCE

From September 2016 we will be changing the way in which we teach science at Key Stage Two. We will be working with an educational company called Empiribox who have created a way of teaching science which will inspire and support our scientists of the future. The most engaging way for primary school children to learn science is through hands-on, investigation-based lessons and this exciting programme will support this.

Empiribox comprises specific, topic-based teaching (for physics, chemistry and biology) that not only covers the new National Primary Curriculum but significantly enriches it. On Wednesday 11th November we would like to invite parents of children in Years 3,4 and 5 to come along to a presentation, which will show how this programme works and the sorts of things that your children will be involved in as part of their science lessons. The session will start at 9am and last for about an hour. If you would like to come along, I will need to have an idea of numbers so that we have sufficient equipment for you to have a go! We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

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IPADS

This term we have introduced iPads into our school curriculum. These will be used to support all areas of the curriculum using different programmes/ apps and to also enable our children to carry out research for a variety subjects and purposes. We are also exploring a film making project, which will enable our children to use iPads creatively. The children have given very positive feedback to these new devices and can talk with great enthusiasm about how they have been used to support their learning.

ESAFETY

In this world of digital technology where children have access to a range of internet linked devices, including iphones, we feel that it is important to highlight the issues surrounding Esafety. On our school website, under the Parents tab and Safeguarding link, you will find useful information about how to keep your child safe online. This includes how to set up parent controls so that you can stop children potentially accessing inappropriate materials.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

As a school it is important that our staff undertake regular training, which will enhance the roles that they have within school and develop their skills for the benefit of our pupils. This half term we have undertaken training including Paediatric First Aid, First Aid, assessment, Ofsted awareness, rugby , RE subject Leader, Number Sense maths intervention and SEN. Our teachers also attend Bury Schools Partnership subject leader meetings to ensure a consistent approach across partnership schools and close liaison with King Edward Upper School.

As an outstanding school it is important that we ensure that we maintain our outstanding provision through robust evaluation. Each half term I carry out rigorous monitoring of all aspects of our school through lesson observations, work scrutiny, learning environment checks and data analysis. I have been very impressed with the quality of teaching and learning observed throughout the school this half term. Children could confidently tell me what they had learnt and what they had improved upon. Teachers demonstrated excellent subject knowledge and highly effective differentiation, which meant that every child made progress in each observed lesson with high levels of challenge. The impact of our Philosophy For Children approach was clearly seen where our children could confidently answer questions giving reasoned answers and opinions.

SHIMPLING PARK FARM

I have had a meeting with Alice Pawsey this half term regarding our programme of visits to Shimpling Park Farm. Alice has spent considerable time looking at our school

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curriculum for each year group in order to ensure that the visits match the national curriculum for specific year groups and that they enhance the work that we carry out in school. Alice has planned a rich and exciting day for each class, which I know the children will enjoy. These visits will start after Christmas and further information will follow.

CREATIVE ARTS

Our children in Year 5 had their work exhibited in Blackthorpe Barn at Rougham as part of the Artworks exhibition. The work that was on display were collograph prints that were created with our artist in residence Valerie Armstrong. We have some fantastic feedback from the gallery who were really impressed by the creativity and quality of the work.

In November we will be holding an arts enrichment day based on the artists that represent each of our house teams. Each house will spend time finding out more about their artist and creating their own artworks in the style of that artist. The work from this will form our own art gallery, which will be displayed in the school hall.

Don't forget to take your Autumn themed photographs this half term for our photograph gallery. I look forward to seeing your pictures!

BIKEABILITY

Well done to the children in Year 5 who took part in our Bikeability training. Children undertook training to ensure that they are safe on the roads and were assessed at the end and awarded certificates. Children in Year 4 will undertake Bikeability Level 1 training in November.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We still have some spaces in Zumba club (Mondays for years 1-5), Multi Sports (Tuesday years R-3) and Funercise (years 2-5).

PARENT GROUP/ CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair will take place after school on Friday 27th November. We have decided to use this event to develop the entrepreneurial skills of our children. Parent Group will support this venture by donating £15 for each class for them to create their own produce and activities for the fair. I have set them the challenge of raising as much money as they can from their £15. They will devise a list of ideas, vote for the most popular ones, cost out ingredients etc, make their products and market their class stalls to the rest of the school and parents in the hope of raising the most money!

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Parent Group would like to ask for your support to put together class hampers for the raffle, a decorated box will be placed in each classroom after half term for you to fill. If you know of anyone who would like to hold a stall at our Christmas fair, please contact the PTA for further details.

THANK YOU!

Our half term will end with our annual Harvest Festival and foodie feast! Thank you for the donations of produce and to our dedicated group of volunteers who have come into school to work with our children to create a fantastic range of goodies using produce from our school garden and from children's gardens. Without this support such an event wouldn't be possible.

I would also like to thank parents who give their time on a regular basis to listen to readers, help in the garden and support in class.

DATES IN DIARIES:

- November 2nd – school reopens
- November 3rd – Bikeability training Level 1
- November 3rd – KS2 Parent Forum
- November 9th – Arts Enrichment Day
- November 13th – Children in Need Day
- November 20th – Bury Schools Partnership art session at Moyses Hall Museum
- November 27th – Christmas Fair after school
- December 1st – Christingle 2.30pm All Saints Church
- December 8th – Key Stage Two Christmas Concert 6pm
- December 9th – Whole School visit to pantomime at Theatre Royal
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- December 10th – Acorn Class Christmas Concert (afternoon)
- December 10th – KS1 Christmas Concert 6pm
- December 11th – KS1 Christmas Concert (afternoon)
- December 15th – Christmas decoration making morning/ Christmas jumper day
- December 16th – Christmas Lunch
- December 18th – Carol Service 2.30pm All Saints' Church

Have a wonderful half ter.

Kind regards,
Clare Lamb
Headteacher

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