

# All Saints' C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## CHURCH INSPECTION

As you will be aware, we had our Church school inspection this week. The focus of this inspection is to judge the impact and effectiveness of our school as a Church of England school, with a focus on collective worship, the Christian character of the school and the leadership of the school in the context of it being a church school. The Church inspection provides a process for evaluating the extent to which church schools are "*distinctively and recognisably Christian institutions*". The inspection is not about standards of teaching and learning or our effectiveness as a school overall, which comes under the Ofsted inspection framework.

We have had some initial feedback but will not have the final report and judgements until it has been checked by the critical reader. We are pleased that the inspector recognised all of the wonderful things that make our school so special, including exemplary behaviour, the great progress made by every child in our school, our strong emphasis on care and support and our creative curriculum. The final report will be sent home once it has been approved.

## VIBRANT VOCABULARY

Our words for the week are... *PUNGENT* and *SCRUMPTIOUS*

## REMINDERS

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We have been closely monitoring the time that children come into school and on some occasions we have as few as five or six children present at the official registration time in some classes. Please could I remind you that the doors open at 8.45am and will remain open until 8.55am. Any child arriving after that time will be marked as late. This is an important time of the day for children to be able to come into school, put their things away and do early morning work set by the teacher or to settle with a book.

Please remember to let your child's teacher know if they will go home with someone different at the end of the school day and that this is recorded on the sheet in each class. We will not let any child go home with someone else without this information.

Please make sure you collect your child promptly at the end of the school day. Many children feel upset or unsettled if their parent is late as they expect to see you as soon as they go out of school at the end of the day.

Further to my previous email about clubs and prompt collection, we have still had a number of occasions where parents have come to collect their child late from their club and the club provider has needed to stay beyond the time for which they are contracted. This will start to incur additional charges, which we may have to pass on to parents. We do ask that you check the time that each club finishes and ensure that you arrive in plenty of time to be at school to collect your child before the club finishes.

### HELP NEEDED

In our school garden we have a number of raised beds, which were put in place when we set up the garden. A number of these are now in need of repair and need to be nailed/ screwed as a matter of urgency. If you have a spare half hour over the weekend and can pop into the garden to carry out these repairs, we would be really grateful!

### VISITS TO SHIMPLING PARK FARM

We have been looking at ways in which we can continue to hold our visits to Shimpling Park Farm in terms of coordinating transport, without relying on parents to transport their child or incurring additional costs for parents. We think we may have found a solution, which will involve driving the Cockfield community mini bus. We still need to look into driver insurance etc but at this stage we need to know if any parents would be willing to be volunteers to support us with this and drive the mini bus to and from the

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farm. Once we know if any parents are happy to volunteer for this we will be able to explore this option further.

I have spoken to Alice Pawsey from Shimpling Park Farm who is in desperate need of any old wellies that you may have at home. They run a large number of visits to the farm throughout the year to schools across the country but not all visiting children have their own wellies to wear. Please bring your donations into school and we will happily pass them on to Alice.

### **SUFFOLK READING CHALLENGE**

A BIG well done to those children who took part in the Suffolk Reading Challenge this year.

Oak Class: Finley, Reuben, Isaac, Joshua and Lucy

Ash Class: Lola

Lime Class: Freya, Sonny, Ella, Leo and Faith

Horse Chestnut Class: Hollie, Christopher and Bethany

Willow Class: Joshua, Adam, Alice and Aurelia

The winners from each class are Reuben, Lola, Ella, Christopher and Adam.

### **BIKEABILITY**

Next week our year 5 children take part in their Bikeability training on Tuesday and Wednesday. This programme replaces the previous Cycling Proficiency training that many of the parents will remember. We are delighted to be able to run this training as part of our work with Outspoken and know that they children will benefit greatly from learning these essential skills.

I hope that you have a great weekend and that the lovely Autumn sunshine holds out!

Kindest Regards,

Clare Lamb

Headteacher

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