

All Saints' C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

PD Days September 2016

We have decided that we will take two PD Days at the start of the Autumn Term 2016, which will be on 1st and 2nd September. This will mean that the children will return after the summer break on Monday 5th September 2016. I will confirm the other PD days once I have liaised with the rest of the schools in the Bury Schools Partnership.

Congratulations!

Well done to Alice Osborne in Willow Class for achieving a 'merit' in her grade one guitar exam. Alice is the first child in our Guitar Club to enter an exam. Brilliant!

Willow Class Smoothie Challenge

As part of our participation in the Bury Schools Partnership cycling initiative, Willow Class were awarded the smoothie making challenge as a reward for having the most improved percentage of pupils cycling to school in their class. They had a fantastic session using pedal power to power the blender and smoothie makers in order to create their own healthy smoothies.

Parent Advisory Panel:

I have attached a letter from the Bury Schools Partnership asking for volunteers from each school to join a parent advisory panel, which will meet three times a year. The purpose of this group will be a sounding board for new initiatives and ideas for the partnership schools and to gain your feedback about what we are doing across the partnership.

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School Council Conference:

School Council members, Eliza Kidd and Mikhim Bhujel, have been invited to work alongside pupils from other Bury School Partnership schools at King Edward VI Upper School at a School Council Conference. As part of this conference, pupils find out how other School Councils work and they will make a film about their visit to King Edward's, which they will share with the rest of the Year 4 and 5 children at our school. King Edward VI Upper School will then send some former students back to visit our school to talk about life at the upper school and the leadership and learning opportunities that they can be part of.

Willow Harvesting in Golden Wood

On Saturday 16th January from 1.30pm to 4.30pm FOC will be completing the willow harvesting started by Willow class in December. It's quite easy work and there will be tea and biscuits. Everyone is welcome so please come and help manage our wonderful community woodland even if you only have an hour to spare. Meet at The Foundry, Bury Road, Lawshall.

Fundraiser

Eddie Wolfe in Willow class has a plan. His plan is to get his (very!) long hair cut and send it off to a charity that makes wigs for patients who have been through chemotherapy and lost their own hair. Eddie will then have very short hair! Anyone who knows Eddie will know that his long hair is an integral part of him, he's a bit of a 'surf dude' really! This decision wasn't easy for him. Afterwards, the hair needs to be posted to the charity (The Princess Trust) to be made into wigs. Furthermore, his plan includes a Cancer Research 'JustGiving' page so people can, if they wish, donate for this quite substantial change on Eddie's part. Eddie will have his hair cut off in Willow class the morning of 27th January. We are hoping to get some local publicity involved so as to maximise the chance of helping this worthwhile charity. 100% of monies donated to the Just Giving page go directly to the charity. Two charities will benefit. The Little Princess Trust, where the hair is sent, and Cancer Research who will benefit from any sponsorship money.

Eddie actually loves his long hair so this really is a sacrifice on his part, so I know that he would really value your support by donating to his Just Giving page for this worthwhile cause: www.justgiving.com/Sally-Wolfe

Class Arrangements from September 2016

As our school expands to become a full primary in September 2016 with Year Six pupils, we have been reviewing our arrangements for teaching and learning across the school. As part of this, we will be recruiting a new teacher to join our school for our Year Four class for September 2016. We hope to make this recruitment by the end of this half term so that we can ensure that plenty of transition visits take place before the end of the school year.

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We know that parents and children are always keen to know who will be teaching their child in the next stage of their learning:

Reception Class (Acorn Class): Mrs Marsden
Year One (Oak Class): Miss Kidd
Year Two (Ash Class): Miss Duffety
Year Three (Lime Class): Mrs Bolton and Mrs Goodchild
Year Four (Horse Chestnut Class): new teacher
Year Five (Willow Class): Miss Bennett
Year Six (Elder Class): Mrs Kemp

Donation

After Christmas All Saints' donated bags of old school uniform to the West Suffolk Hospital Chaplaincy for children who have been displaced from their families and homes in Syria. We have received a letter of thanks from the Chaplaincy administrator for this donation for children who will face a harsh winter in challenging circumstances.

I hope you have a good weekend,

Kind Regards,

Clare Lamb
Headteacher

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