

# All Saints' C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another school year I would like to give my thanks to everyone who has helped to make this another great year at All Saints'.

I would like to say a BIG thank you to our wonderful team of staff who all work incredibly hard to make sure that we offer a high quality education, a wide range of learning opportunities and a wealth of enrichment activities for our pupils. Our award of National Support School from the National College of Teaching and Learning and the Quality Mark for Excellence in Literacy from the Institute of Education are testament to the expertise of our staff and of the high standards within our school.

I would like to thank all of our Governors and parent volunteers who support our school. Our Governors give considerable amounts of time to work in partnership with staff to ensure that we are a highly effective school. Our parent volunteers come into school to read with our children, help our children to grow their own fruit and vegetables in our wonderful garden and come along to support school events like forest schools and school visits. Thank you to you all!

Thanks must also go to the children of All Saints' who make our school such a joy to be in. Their endless enthusiasm, positive attitudes to learning and sense of fun make them an absolute pleasure to teach.

This has been an important year for All Saints' as we move towards becoming a full primary school. Following the building work last summer it has been a pleasure to see how well the children have settled into their new classrooms throughout the year. Our Year 5 children have been a credit to the school in the positive way in which they have embraced the new challenges within the Upper Key Stage Two. We now look forward to extending our school to include Year 6 and the new opportunities that this will bring to our school.

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## WHERE NEXT?

At All Saints' we never rest on our laurels and are always looking for ways in which to further enhance what we do. So as one year comes to an end we have already been putting plans into place for the new academic year...

In the autumn term headteachers and Year 7 leaders from King Edward VI Upper School and Sybil Andrews Upper School will visit All Saints' to talk to pupils and parents in Year 6 about the educational offer at their schools. Both schools have been working together, along with St Benedicts Upper School to develop a robust transition plan for children transferring to each school, which will include open days, workshops, science and language festivals, sporting events as well as a final transition week within July 2017. More details of the visits to our schools and events will be sent to parents during September.

We are now a cultural partner of the Theatre Royal and have been asked to be a pilot school for their Shakespeare Festival in the autumn term. Our children in Year 6 will watch a production of Hamlet, participate in drama workshops linked to the play and they will then perform in front of a paying audience at the Theatre Royal in November. I am sure you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity!

Mrs Bolton, our PE Coordinator has been working with the Bury School Partnership Sports Leader to develop a timetable of sports festivals and tournaments across the school year. Some of these events will be taster sessions for lesser known sports which parents can take their children along to in order to try out. Mr Bigg will continue to teach alongside class teachers in Upper Key Stage Two with a focus on the sports for forthcoming events in order to prepare our children for these events.

In September we will introduce our new science programme called Empiribox for children across Key Stage Two. We have been fortunate to have been able to sign up to this great resource with the support of parents and businesses who have funded the full costs. This programme teaches science within the three strands of chemistry, physics and biology through practical hands on experiments, which will engage and enthuse our children and hopefully inspire our children to be the budding scientists of the future.

We will also introduce a new science scheme for children in Key Stage One, which teaches science through a story telling approach, practical experiments and quizzes. This programme also supports science at home with practical experiments and activities that children can access with their parents in order to embed their learning.

Outdoor Learning is an important part of the educational offer at All Saints'. This year Miss Bennett has been undertaking training to become a Forest School Leader and will gain her qualification in the Autumn term. This will further increase our capacity to three qualified Forest School Leaders so that we can run Forest School sessions across all year groups throughout the year. Throughout the summer we will develop an outdoor learning plan for Forest Schools, 'Seed to Tree' and gardening along with sessions within the newly developed wildlife area.

As a school that engages in so many areas of the arts we have been chosen to become a 'pivot school' for Festival Bridge, which is part of Artsmark and I am now a Culture and Arts Leader. We have also been successful in our bid to work with the arts charity Artworks, which involves the children in Year

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4 visiting the gallery at Blackthorpe Barn in Rougham followed by sessions with an artist in residence over the autumn term.

Mrs Kemp and Miss Bennett are also looking at options for a joint Year 5 and 6 residential, which will take place in the summer term. More details to follow!

Following the success of the Bikeability Training this year with children in Key Stage Two we have decided to fund this scheme next year in order to continue to increase our pupil's awareness of road safety and road sense. We will let you know further details closer to the time.

At the recent Parent Forum I discussed the development of a new working party to review key school policies. If you would like to join this group please email me over the summer break so that I can put together a list of group members to email with dates for meetings.

### **STAFF**

We look forward to welcoming Mr Hepper to All Saints' in September to teach in Year 4. Mr Hepper had a great day with his new class during transition day and will spend the summer preparing for his new class. Miss Neeve joins the Year 3 team as a Teaching Assistant in September. Miss Pringle joins Woodpeckers After School Club to work alongside Miss Richter.

During the summer two members of staff will get married and so we will all need to get used to calling them by their married names! Ms Ryan will become Mrs Wilson and Miss Bennett will become Mrs Millyard. I am sure you will join me in wishing them a wonderful wedding and a happy future with their new husbands.

### **PAVEMENT UPDATE**

Over the summer break, the long awaited pavements will be constructed along the side of the road leading from The Swan towards school. Parents can then park along the pavements running along Swanfield (the houses before The Swan) and be able to walk safely on pavements to school. Parents and children will need to cross over onto the pavement on the side of the road for the school. We will be doing work on following The Green Cross Code during school assemblies and within PHSE lessons to support this. We hope that this new pavement will alleviate the current issues we have with the parking of cars predominantly in the road outside the church and down to Hall Mead and enable parents to park safely and easily each day.

### **SPONSORED WALK**

Thank you for supporting our school with our annual sponsored walk. So far we have raised £650, which is a fantastic achievement.

I wish you all a very enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you all on our return to school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

Kindest Regards,

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