

All Saints' CEVC Primary School



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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the autumn term and towards the end of 2020, I think this will be a time for us all to reflect. This has undoubtedly been a very unusual year and one that none of us could have predicted at the start of 2020.

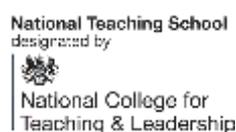
It has been wonderful to welcome all of the children back into school this term and we have all been greatly impressed by their positive attitude to learning and to being in school. To see the children so happy and excited to be back with their teachers and friends has been heart-warming. Our new children in Acorn Class have settled in brilliantly and shown such enthusiasm and confidence.

We are very fortunate at All Saints' to have such a skilled, dedicated and enthusiastic team who have planned and delivered a rich and engaging curriculum and supported each child in their learning to ensure that every child has made great progress this term.

Whilst we have many, many restrictions in place we have still ensured that our children have been able to enjoy a range of opportunities to make their learning memorable. Outdoor learning is a very important part of All Saints' and I know that the children have enjoyed their Forest School sessions and Seed To Tree activities this term. We have continued to run enrichment days such as Roman Day and Stone Age Day to support the history curriculum. Children in Oak Class visited Hollowtrees Farm and some children have had walks around the village as part of their geography work. We have continued to provide a wide range of learning activities across the term, from harvest celebrations to reading challenges and sporting events.

We knew that Christmas would feel very different this year but everyone at All Saints' has been determined to bring our usual awe, wonder and excitement to the children at this special time. The children loved the virtual pantomime and virtual visit from Father Christmas. They enjoyed getting creative and glittery during Christmas decoration morning and collected an amazing £154.65 for Save the Children for wearing their Christmas jumpers. Each class had a delicious Christmas lunch in their class bubbles complete with Christmas music and carols. Whilst we haven't been able to perform Christmas plays and our annual carol service, the children in key stage 2 have learned how to 'sing' We Wish You a Merry Christmas in sign language whilst children in EYFS and key stage 1 have created short Christmas performances, which have been filmed and will be sent home to parents.

Motivation Cooperation Creativity Independence Curiosity Stickability



Each year we celebrate Epiphany and ask the children to design and create their own crowns to wear to our Epiphany service. This year we would like children create their own crowns at home using recycled Christmas paper and packaging. As children are not able to bring things into school, once the children have made their crowns, please can you email a photograph of your child in their crown to head@allsaintsprimary.org and we will create a photo montage of all of the children wearing their crowns. Please can you ensure that photos are sent as attachments and not within the text of the email.

I would like to express my deepest thanks to **all** of the wonderful staff at All Saints' who have worked tirelessly this year and this term to ensure that the children at All Saints' are safe, cared for and that they continue to have a love of learning and school. The school is incredibly lucky to have such an amazing team – thank you!

Finally, I would like thank all of you for your ongoing support this year. On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and we will look forward to seeing you all on 5th January 2021 for the spring term.

Warmest wishes,
Clare

Clare Lamb
Headteacher