

# All Saints' CEVC Primary School



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*Inspire Challenge Succeed*

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Dear Parents,

## PARENT FORUM

This week we held a virtual Parent Forum where we discussed a number of new initiatives that we are looking forward to developing at All Saints':

### Mentally Healthy Schools

We recognise that primary schools have a vital role to play in supporting children's mental health – teaching them the skills they need to recognise and deal with their emotions and helping those with difficulties get the support they need.

In order to support the mental health and well being of pupils at All Saints', we will focus on becoming a Mentally Healthy School. A mentally healthy school is one that adopts a whole-school approach to mental health and well being, which involves all parts of the school working together and being committed. We will promote partnership working between senior leaders, teachers and all school staff, as well as parents and pupils.

Over the summer term we will identify the key actions that we will put in place as part of this important initiative.

### Artsmark

In 2018 we were delighted to gain the prestigious Artsmark Gold award in light of our high quality arts and culture provision. Schools hold their award for a number of years and then they need to reapply for Artsmark accreditation. We have now applied to restart our Artsmark journey, which takes place over 2 years culminating in schools submitting evidence of how they have championed arts and culture within their schools.

As part of our Artsmark journey we will be looking to engage our pupils in developing our outdoor learning spaces to make them visually interesting and interactive. These creative spaces will showcase children's arts and crafts skills and provide quiet reflective places for our children to enjoy. We will re engage with the many arts and culture providers that we have worked with over the years but who have been unable to be part of All Saints' during the pandemic. We will also seek new partnerships that will enrich our curriculum and our range of creative opportunities for our pupils. We will keep you updated about our plans and activities through regular newsletters.

We will hold Parent Forums each half term in order to keep you updated and to give you a chance to ask questions and talk about our school, our curriculum and new developments at All Saints'. I will send further details about our next forum in the next few weeks.

*Motivation Cooperation Creativity Independence Curiosity Stickability*



## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Next week is national Mental Health Awareness week. The theme this year is 'nature'. A fantastic resource has been developed that supports parents and carers in engaging in a variety of activities to help your child and family to engage with nature and to promote well being.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/Nature%20Guide%20for%20Parents%20and%20Carers.pdf>

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Suffolk Wildlife Trust have launched a photography competition with one of the categories dedicated to children under 11. Children can take their wildlife photograph on any device and can submit up to three entries. Further details can be found by following this link: <https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/photography-competition-2021>

## FEATHERBED TALES

Anyone with a Suffolk Libraries account can now record themselves reading a beautifully illustrated story or short rhymes to share with their loved ones. Children can also read stories for a grandparent or other family member who hasn't seen them during lockdown.

Once you're happy with the results, you can share a link by email so that family members can enjoy the experience together from anywhere in the world. You don't need any special equipment, just a computer or device with a microphone.

To find out more about this digital story sharing initiative, please follow this link:

<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/advice/parenting-advice/storytelling-resources/featherbed>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

- 21<sup>st</sup> May Pentecost Enrichment Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> May Children's targets sent home
- w/c 24<sup>th</sup> May Parents Evenings
- 28<sup>th</sup> May – school closed for PD Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June Half Term – school closed
- 7<sup>th</sup> June school reopens
- 14<sup>th</sup> June – 18<sup>th</sup> June Health and Fitness Week
- 14<sup>th</sup> June Theatre Royal performance KS2
- 25<sup>th</sup> June Theatre Royal performance KS1/ EYFS
- 16<sup>th</sup> July School reports
- 19<sup>th</sup> July Transition morning to new classes
- 20<sup>th</sup> July Last day of term
- 21<sup>st</sup> July School holidays start

I hope you have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Clare Lamb  
Headteacher