

All Saints' CEVC Primary School



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Dear Parents,

It has been a great first full week back at school and the children have settled quickly into their new classes and their new routines. It is wonderful to see them coming through the school gates each morning with such a positive attitude and ready to learn.

PTA BOOK SALE

The PTA held a very successful book sale last week and raised over £130 which will be used to support enrichment activities throughout the academic year for our pupils. Thank you to everyone who donated books and who helped to make the sale so successful.

DOGS

Dogs are an important part of family life for many in our school community, and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. However, others may find the presence of dogs stressful, even frightening particularly with younger children, and even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy, and crowded environment or when unattended.

Please do not bring your dog onto the school site or grounds (including the school driveway) and please do not leave your dog unattended or tied up outside the school. As always our priority is the safeguarding and safety of our children, staff and members of our school community.

PARENT FORUM

On Friday 9th September we held a very successful Parent Forum. We discussed a number of initiatives and it was a great opportunity for parents to understand more about how the school works and the way in which parents can become involved in supporting our school. We discussed how we can develop a greater sense of community where we can come together to develop networks to support one another, including the Parent Forum and our PTA. Developing a sense of community will also be a feature of our work with our children both within class and in the additional initiatives in which we engage.

We are keen to welcome back parent volunteers to help with key roles in school, including listening to readers, helping with outdoor learning activities, including forest school, Seed to Tree and our new wildlife garden which we

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will establish this year. As part of our safeguarding procedures, we have a protocol for volunteers which includes completing a simple application form, gaining references from referees and applying for a DBS for all volunteers.

If you would like to become a volunteer at All Saints' I have attached our volunteer application form for you to complete and return to the school office.

We are aware that due to the current economic situation with a sharp rise in energy and food prices that families will be under increasing financial pressure over the coming months and year. At the forum we discussed ways in which we can come together as a community to support each other in these difficult times:

- We will establish a 'family share point' in school that can be accessed by parents who may find that they need some extra help. We will collect non-perishable foodstuff along with household items such as washing powder, shampoos, etc that we will store in school and distribute to families. If you are able to pop an extra packet of pasta, a jar of pasta sauce, a tin of beans/ soup, a bottle of washing up liquid etc into your weekly / monthly shop and send it to school that would be greatly appreciated. This does not have to be a regular donation and there is no expectation that everyone will participate in this initiative but we will be very grateful for any donations that we receive and can share with families.

If you are a family that would benefit from receiving provisions from our 'share point' then please do get in touch with me: head@allsaintsprimary.org or pop into school for a chat.

- Each half term we will open up our school hall for a clothes-sharing event. We will ask families to donate any unused clothes and footwear that are still in good condition and that can be used by other children. These could be items of school uniform, coats, non-school clothes, shoes, trainers, wellies etc. A group of volunteers will collect the clothing in the morning and set up the hall for the end of the school day where you can come along and take away any items that you think your child will wear. This sale will include clothes for younger children too. Everything will be free but parents who wish to make a donation can do so with all donations used to support buying things for our 'family share point'.
- We know that Christmas is an expensive time of year for families and that this can cause additional worry for many families. Before Christmas, we will open up our school hall for a toy and book event. We will ask for donations of toys and books that are still in good condition and that can be used by other children. Everything will be free but parents who wish to make a donation can do so with all donations used to support buying things for our 'family share point'. We will hold this event at a time when children are not present should you want to put any of the toys or books away for stocking fillers or to pop under the tree.

If you would like to be involved in supporting the collection of household items and food stuffs or with the clothes and book/ toy sales, please do let me know so that we can set up some working groups to coordinate these events. We will let you know the dates of the events as soon as possible so that you can start to sort through your children's clothes and toys.

We hope that these initiatives will support our families as well as encourage us all to recycle and reuse, which is something that we will focus on with the children, commencing with our Recycling Week later this month.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and we will look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes,

Clare Lamb

Headteacher