



All Saints CE Primary

Newsletter

16th December 2022

PTA

Thank you to the PTA for organizing so many fantastic events this term. We greatly appreciate the hard work behind these events and the generous donations from our fantastic community.

School Gates

From January we will be opening the pedestrian gates only (rather than the vehicle gate to the playground). All year groups are able to use either gate.

Useful Contacts

NSPCC Helpline – 0800 136 663

The Parish of Colgate and Roffey – click [here](#)

Diocese of Chichester Family Support – click [here](#)

West Sussex Support for Families – click [here](#)

West Sussex SEND advice and services – click [here](#)

Thank You

A school is more than an educational setting – it is the heart of a much wider community including our families, friends, governors, volunteers and many others. I would like to thank you all for the part that you have played in helping to make this year of change so successful at All Saints.



Christmas Celebrations

There really is no better place to be at this time of year than in a primary school. The children's excitement and enthusiasm, mixed with the sounds of their singing and the myriad of festive events really does help to make this a special term. After too many Christmases disrupted by Covid, it was lovely to be able to welcome families and friends back into school for the Nativity, and to gather at All Saints church for our Carol Concert. As we come to the end of our festivities in school, we would like to wish you all restful holiday and a very Merry Christmas.

School Development

When we return in the New Year, our focus will turn to the next step of our school improvement journey. We are lucky to have a fantastic library in school, but it is currently underused - as such our school New Year's resolution is improve how we use the library for enjoyment and to support learning.

You will notice on page 2 of this newsletter, that we have an INSET day booked for the 20th February – on this day, teachers will be working together on curriculum design to help ensure that all learning journeys build the knowledge, vocabulary and skills needed in a creative and engaging manner across all subjects.

Children Starting School – September 23

Please remember that the deadline for starting school applications is Sunday 15th January 2022. Please apply, online [here](#).

Important Dates

3rd January – First day of term

17th January – Young Voices at the O2

19th January – Year 4 Swimming starts

13th -17th February Half Term

Future INSET Dates

20th July – INSET Day

21st July – INSET Day

Parent Survey

Thank you for the feedback provided in the recent parent survey. It has been invaluable in helping us to plan our next steps.

It was clear that All Saint's is a well-loved school and that the vast majority of families are very happy. However, there are always things which can be improved, one of those areas highlighted by the survey was the range of after school clubs. We have started to book a wider variety, including art and a sports club for younger children. We are excited to have a few other clubs due to start later in the spring term, we will let you know further details in due course.

As we move in to the Spring term, we will provide further feedback on developments arising from the survey. However, this is only a snapshot and we realise that concerns or questions arise regularly as a parent. I would like to encourage an open ongoing dialogue with families and school as we move forwards. If you ever have a concern, question, idea or compliment, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can work together to help keep All Saints a very special community.

Worship

Our RE lead, Mrs Gale, has been hard at work reviewing collective worship in school. This has focused on two key areas; pupil voice and the pattern of worship for the year.

Pupil Voice

The newly created Spirit Team have started leading in-class worship and helping to create the content for whole-school worship. We hope to see them even more involved as their role develops.

Themes

For this year, we have decided that the focus will be on the different aspects of the Trinity. Autumn term focuses on God the father, while the Spring term will focus on Jesus the Son, and for the Summer term, our thoughts will turn to the Holy Spirit. We hope to be able to share more details with you in due course.

