

All Saints' News

September 2016 Newsletter 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school year is now well and truly underway, and as we have been walking around school and going into classes, we have been really pleased to see so many hard-working and enthusiastic children, who are engaged with their new topics and keen to rise to the challenges of being in a new class. We are very excited about the coming year and all the wonderful experiences and opportunities ahead.

Last week, we enjoyed 'Experiencing Harvest', which was held in St Catherine's Church. All children from Classes One through to Six spent time learning about different aspects of the harvest. We would like to thank Rev Annie and her parishioners for providing this experience, and for the time and effort they took in decorating the church and preparing all the resources to be used. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at our Harvest Church Service, with which we finished the experience. Thank you too for your generous donations for the Lord's Larder: your support is greatly appreciated.

More thanks are due to those of you who have given up your time to help us to scan all of our library books onto the computer system. We are very grateful for your support, and the fiction library is now open. If anyone can spare time to help us to begin on the non-fiction library, again, we would really appreciate this! Please contact the school office.

Please remember we are both available if you would like to discuss any matters regarding the school.

Best wishes,

Mrs Paula Park and Mrs Sherril Atkins

Diary Dates

27.9.16	High Fives Tournament at Westfield Academy
3.10.16	Work on the mural in the library begins Year 3/4 football tournament at Westfield Academy
4.10.16	Katrina Hart, Paralympian working with all classes
7.10.16	Parents' Praise Assembly, 2:45pm
10.10.16	Year 5/6 'B' team football tournament at Westfield Academy
11.10.16	Amy Joynes, Headteacher of Stanchester Academy, to talk to Class 6
12.10.16	Coffee morning for Acorn Parents Tesco working with Class 2 Cross Country race at Aldon Friends' AGM, 7:00pm
14.10.16	Friends' Pamper Night
21.10.16	INSET
24.10.16	Half Term

School Council Update

School council elections have taken place, and we are pleased to announce our new members.

Class 6: Evie and Jake

Class 5: Carys and Jack

Class 4: Poppy and Theo

Class 3: Ruby and Charlie M

Class 2: Benjamin E and Harriet

Class 1: Connie and Riley

Acorn: Bethany and Oliver

Chair: Tom

Secretary: Sophie

On Monday 3rd October, work will be starting in our library on the mural which was commissioned by the school council last year, and kindly funded by The Friends. All the children in the school discussed ideas for the design, and made suggestions and the final decision was made by the school councillors. We liaised with the artist, Hannah Bottomley, to bring our ideas to life. We can't wait to see the finished painting!

Class Two's Trip to Tesco



First we lined up and we then got on the bus to Tesco. Next, we met Jan and April and then we got into groups. Then we went with April and we learned fruit names and we went on a food hunt. Later, we went to the bakery. We touched flour and dough it was squishy. After that we went up stairs, and they were very high. Eventually we heard a poem and we had a quiz and so much food to taste. Finally we went on the bus back to school. By Millie



Acorn Class News



Acorn Class have now been in school for three weeks and we are delighted at how well they have settled in to school life and are showing us that they are creative and curious learners. They have begun to inspire us as teachers, and are beginning to lead their

own learning by coming up with activity ideas and talking to us about what they would like to learn about next. In Acorn Class we encourage the children to be as independent as possible right from the beginning and we are so pleased to see they are keen to be independent learners.

Our first learning journey has been 'Ready, Teddy, Go!' All the children brought in their own teddies and we have been painting pictures of them and ourselves, as well as measuring and weighing them and taking care of them at the Bear Clinic.



After going on a first wellie walk, the children wanted to read the story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We have enjoyed becoming immersed in the story. Last week we made a picture for our story map using paint and we talked about the different words we could use to describe the grass, river, mud, forest and snow! We were so excited by the story we decided it would be fun to turn our climbing equipment into the different places the family had to go through in the story. We will soon be making a big book of our own 'Bear Hunt' story which will be available to see in our classroom.

The children have also experienced their first Letters and Sounds session! They learnt the sounds (phonemes) **s** (as in snake) and **a** (as in apple) We also had a go at writing each letter (grapheme) using our special rhymes – s; slither down the snake and a; around the apple

and down the leaf. In our Number learning we have been practising counting objects and counting up the number line. We touched and said the number when we were counting to make sure we counted accurately.

Cross-country Update

The first race of the series has taken place at Yeovil Rugby Club; 385 children took part from 22 schools. Our Year 3/4 Girls came 9th; our Year 3/4 Boys came 8th, our Year 5/6 Girls came 12th and our Year 5/6 boys came 8th. Well done to all who took part, and thank you to the adults who accompanied them.

Friends of All Saints



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year from the Friends. Thank you so much for your support over another amazing year of fundraising and fun events for the friends. The money raised from last year has been spent on various resources for the school such as gardening tools, iPads, picnic benches, story mural, weather stations and much more.

For the next academic year, we have more fun events planned and a special whole school celebration in December for the school's 20-year anniversary. Further details to follow. I would like to personally thank you for your on-going support: I have been involved with the friends for the last 3 years and I love the fun and sense of community spirit that the friends have. If you do fancy getting involved I will sadly be stepping down from the role of Chair in October, at the AGM. If you would like to consider this role, please get in touch for a chat.

All Saints' Governors

Dear All,

Just a quick update re the Smartie collection that was running up until very recently. We have now closed the collection and have a grand total of £824.20 which is great, so thank you for your support. This will now go towards some more lunch-time playground equipment and also a summer house in the environmental area.



The next big fundraiser is the 'Village Bonfire' which we will be running again this year: it will be on Sat 5th November, 5:30 gates open, 6pm fire lighting and 7pm fireworks. The National Trust is again supporting us with parking, so please if you are driving, use the Montacute House car-park rather than parking on the roadside near the recreation field. If you are free on the night and would like to volunteer please give an email and contact number to the school office.

Also we would like to borrow a generator for the evening to either run the tea urns or the lighting, so if anybody has one which we could borrow, please could you let the staff in the office know. Thank you.

Parish News

All Souls service
on Nov 2nd,
6.30pm at St
Marys Stoke.



A special opportunity to remember those we have loved and lost. This is a gentle time where we read out names, and people light candles in memory of loved ones. Older children and adults often find this helpful. Invitation cards are in Montacute and Odcombe churches, and during October, there will be sign up sheets there for you to include the names of those who have died.

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