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Newsletter 4



PRAISE AWARDED TO:

Acorn	Connor and Alice for their excellent behaviour and settling really well into school life; Edward for his excellent phonics work and Archie Priest-Rust for working very hard to run his 'property business' in Acorn Class, he effectively managed building sites and staff!
Class 1	Emily for her terrific effort in her maths work; Benjamin S for brilliant writing of numbers up to 20; Molly for brilliant decoupage on a name plate and Charlotte for adding one more to numbers up to 20 accurately.
Class 2	Ezmai, Megan, Josh, Olivia, Toby and Jasmin for their super explanation texts, including lots of the features required and explaining using scientific vocabulary; Theo for some lovely writing in RE and Jack for being enthusiastic happy and motivated towards all of his learning.
Class 3	Harry for superb learning in English; Joel for learning to write with his left hand whilst his right was in a sling; Zoe for her superb ending to a story set in stone age times; Zoella for working so hard in maths when halving and doubling; Amy and Niamh for a very positive attitude to their learning and Luke for trying really hard with his handwriting.
Class 4	Arthur and Harriet for giving 100% to everything they do; Ernest for superb maths work, whereby he continually moves his learning on; Kieran and Isabella for their incredible maths work on expanding column subtraction; Katy for speaking clearly during the audio news report and Erin for being an excellent role model.
Class 5	Miles for his accurate and precise use of Greek pottery patterns when designing his own pot; Ethan S and Ethan K for challenging themselves to plan a detailed journey from Yeovil to Kos using only car, ferry and train as methods of transport; Toby and Bailey for retelling a Greek Myth with fantastic use of expression and gesture; Leo for confidently applying his use of mental maths strategies to subtraction problems and Hugh and Toby for listening to all the advice they were given in English and applying it to the Greek myths they have written.
Class 6	Abi for her hard work across the curriculum, as well as her beautiful presentation; Toby for great collaborative work on a poster, using all the required features; Liam for whizzy maths, a great collaborative poster in literacy and for being so polite; Olivia for explaining the effect of the features of poster writing with such clarity and Morgan for making great progress with long multiplication.

Upcoming Events

Weds 21st Oct	Cross Country Race 2 at Yeovil Football Club
Thurs 22nd Oct	Year 5/6 Football Match against St. Gildas at home
Fri 23rd Oct	INSET Day, School closed for children
Mon 26th to Fri 30th	Half Term
Mon 2nd Nov	Children return to school – After School Clubs continue as per Autumn 1
Tues 3rd Nov	Cross Country Race 3 at Aldon Hill
Fri 6th Nov	Class 1/2 After School Football Club starts – a note has been sent home to all those children who have gained a place in this club
Sat 7th Nov	Governors Bonfire Night at Montacute Recreation Ground, gates open 5.30pm, Bonfire lighting at 6.00pm and fireworks at 7.00pm



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all your support over the first half term, it has been a long and busy term, the children in Acorn Class have settled well and are now firmly part of the All Saints family. The children and staff have been working really hard and deserve a well-earned break.

It was wonderful to see so many of our new **Acorn parents/grandparents at the Acorn Coffee Morning**. It is hard to believe that the children had only been at school for 5 weeks on the morning of the Coffee Morning, as they performed their two songs to a crowded hall so confidently. We all look forward to more stunning performances as they move through the school.

Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be going on an Autumn Walk on Thursday 22nd October; please could the children bring a pair of wellies and a waterproof coat on this day.

Parents' Consultation Evenings will take place on **Monday 9th November** and **Thursday 12th November 3.30- 6.30pm**. A letter regarding consultations has been sent home with your child today, allocated appointment times will be returned home after half term. **Please note – no after school clubs run during the week of Parent Consultations, with the exception of Year 1/2 Football Club as this club will have only just begun.**

The trays of work for you to look through will be made available in areas outside the classrooms.

Class 1 and Class 2 trays will be in the intervention area between Class 1 and 2, Class 3 and 4 trays will be in the library area and Class 5 and 6 trays will be in the school hall.

A waiting area for parents will also be available in these areas. Please knock on the door of the classroom at your allocated appointment time. I know that some parents find this difficult, but please do knock as it helps the teachers to keep to allocated time slots.

If there is anything you would like to discuss with me I will also be available to chat to you on both evenings.

I know that many **Class 6 parents** have been busy attending various Secondary School Open days; a reminder that the **deadline for applications for secondary school places** is the **31st October**. If you haven't applied by this date it may affect your chances of securing a school place for your child in September 2015.

Start collecting Tubs4Tablets tokens now!

Flora, for the third year in partnership with Tesco, are running an amazing scheme called **Tubs4Tablets** which aims to help our school bring cutting edge technology into the classroom. The scheme gives primary, middle and special schools in Great Britain the opportunity to collect tokens from special tubs of Flora **on sale at Tesco now** and exchange them for **FREE Galaxy touch screen tablets!**

Please help us make our campaign a success

We need to collect as many tokens as possible: these can be found on **promotional 500g tubs of Flora Original, Light and Buttery** (subject to availability). Please send the tokens into school - just 50 tokens will get our school one brand new **Samsung Galaxy Tab 7.0" Wi-Fi 8GB tablet**.

Spread the word

There's no limit to the amount of FREE tablets we can claim for the school, so please ask friends, family and neighbours to help too! We just missed out on being able to claim a free tablet last year so it would be great if we could collect enough tokens between now and December to claim at least one tablet this year!



We will be selling **poppies** on behalf of the **Royal British Legion** after half term, Class 6 children will take them around to classrooms where children can make a donation.

This Friday 23rd October is an INSET Day the school is closed for children I look forward to welcoming the children back to school after the half term break on Monday 2nd November.

P. Park

Extra-Curricular Activities

Year 4 have played **2 football matches** in their league, the first match which they played on Tuesday 6th October they beat Huish Primary in Yeovil 4-0, Aaron scored a hat-trick with Ewan scoring the other goal. It was a superb team effort with fantastic attacking, defending and some superb saves from the goal keeper, Kieran. **Well done to the whole team Aaron, Arthur, Connor, Ernest, Ewan, Igor, Kieran and Toby.** Thank you to Mr Rice for accompanying the team. **The second match** which took place on Wednesday 14th October was against Preston Primary, the whole team played extremely well throughout the whole match, never giving up. Unfortunately we lost 6-0, but this is a good result as the other games that Preston have played in the league the goals that they have scored have been in double figures. **Well done to the whole team Aaron, Ernest, Ewan, Igor, Jack, Kieran, Vinnie and Zach.** Thank you to Mr Flynn for accompanying the team.



A group of **Year 6 children** attended an **Indoor Athletics** Competition on Tuesday 13th October at Bucklers Academy. The event involved tasks such as: standing long jump, standing vertical jump, one lap sprint, speed bounce, seated chest throw, seated howler throw and one foot balance. Well done to **Abi, Charlotte M, Evie, Isaac, Jayden, Josie, Katie, Liam, Lucy, Luke, Thomas and Morgan** who represented All Saints superbly. Thank you to Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Sharp for accompanying the children to the event.



A group of **Year 5 children** attended a **Rugby Festival** at Ivel Barbarians on Thursday 15th October, they enjoyed learning how to attack and defend within Tag Rugby. **Thank you to Aaron, Amy, Ander, Eleanor, Ethan, Holly, Hugh, Kaitlin, Maria and Miles** for representing the school and to Mr Flynn for accompanying the children to the event.

Finally on Friday evening after school, Mr Flynn accompanied a group of **Year 6 children** to a **Hockey Festival** at Mudford Recreation Ground. The children worked with coach Keith Walters to help the children develop skills for dribbling, as well as attacking and defending within a hockey match. **Thank you to Abi, Evie, Josie, Jack W, Jayden and Liam as well as Mr Flynn.**

It has been a very busy fortnight for sport at All Saints, allowing the children the opportunity to experience a wide range of sport which have been delivered by coaches within each field which in turn has had a very positive impact for our children.



Friends of All Saints

The **Pamper Night** which was held on **Friday 9th October** was another successful evening which raised £535. Thank you to all those of you who attended.

The first draw of the 100 Club was made during Parents' Praise Assembly on Friday 9th October. **First Prize: Rebecca Fox; Second Prize: Alison Holt; Third Prize: Kerry Humphries**

For those of you who are new to the school, just to let you know that every Friday after school we sell ice creams up to October half term on the playground between Class 2 and Class 3, this week we will be selling on Thursday after school due to the INSET Day on Friday. After half term we will be selling doughnuts on a Friday after school.

You will be receiving a **Bag2School** blue bag this will give you an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, ties and soft toys.

Bag2School will be collecting on Monday 9th November. Please bring your bag (or bags) to the hall either the night before or on the morning of the collection. Let's make this our biggest collection yet!



Heads Up

The Friends will be holding a **Story Night for Acorn Class, Class 1 and Class 2 on Friday 20th November 6.00-7.00pm**. The children return to school in their pyjamas to hear stories and between story tellers we break for a drink and a biscuit.

Governors of All Saints

Hello All,

We have had a busy couple of weeks, with a few important meetings to complete.

Pay and Appraisal: This is where we look at the staff appraisal process to ensure it is being run in accordance with the school pay and appraisal policy, this is the second year where the Governing Body now have a greater responsibility to ensure the appraisal cycle is applied consistently for all staff.

There has been a recent focus by the Government and Church Diocese on the need to convert primary schools to academies, we have created a specific committee to look at what our best options are when we get to the point where moving to an academy will be necessary. We have had a number of meetings recently looking at how best to proceed so will in time feedback any definite moves that the school is planning to make.

Last week I received a letter from the Somerset County Council who monitors schools within their authority, the letter tells us about the schools categorisation for 2015. The categorisation is indicated by a Green, Amber or Red colour allocation.

Green being the colour given to schools that are "performing well, which may include those that are;

- 'Good' or 'Outstanding' as judged by Ofsted within the last three years;
- Likely to be judged 'Good' or 'Outstanding' according to the criteria within the revised Ofsted inspection framework;
- Above floor standards and with good value-added scores where available.

I am sure you will be pleased to learn that the school has been given a categorisation of Green for 2015, this reflects the hard work the staff at the school continue to make moving the school towards the Outstanding Ofsted classification, our thanks go to all the staff for their continued efforts.

A final reminder that the Bonfire night on the 7th Nov is a must date for your diaries, fireworks are ordered and are expected to better the fantastic display we saw last year. I hope you all can attend. Gates open at 5:30pm.

Thanks

Simon

Bonfire Night
in support of
All Saints School, Montacute
At Montacute
Recreation Ground
Saturday November 7th 2015
(Gates open 5.30pm, Bonfire Lighting 6pm & Fireworks at 7pm)



Refreshments - Spiced Cider, Mulled Wine, Tea, Coffee & Soft Drinks.
Barbeque & Tuck Shop food available.

Best Guy Competition
Judging at 6:00pm

Parking by kind permission of the NT at Montacute House
Please walk through the Village to the Recreation Field.



Entry Donations will be collected at the gates
Please come along & support your local School