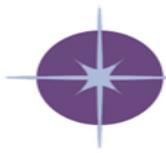


All Saints' News



BATH & WELLS
Multi Academy Trust

'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of January. Even though much of the country has experienced snow during the past month, here at All Saints signs of daffodils and snow drops growing in our grounds are a welcome sight.

With the Spring term now in full swing, it has been wonderful to see the wide range of creative learning opportunities that have engaged and inspired pupils throughout the school. Praise and Share Collective Worship has been a great success. Within each class the children have taken responsibility for planning their worship, choosing which learning to share and writing thought provoking prayers.

On Thursday 25th January Year 6 pupils organised a grammar workshop for Year 5 and 6 parents to help them understand the terminology and learning required within the grammar curriculum. With guidance from Year 5 and 6 teachers, Miss Bale and Mrs Bridge, the Year 5 and 6 teachers', children invented games and visual prompts which enabled those attending to learn with as much fun as the children have in class. Resources from the evening are available on our school website.



During the afternoon of Tuesday 30th January staff and children attended my Headteacher Commissioning service at St Catherine's Church. I was truly moved by the kindness and thought that had been put into the planning of the service. I would like to thank Mrs Bridge for playing her violin so beautifully as we entered the church, Year 6 for singing so wonderfully, Rev Annie for making us all feel so welcome and to all those who

organised readings, prayers and the giving of gifts. I don't think there is a luckier Headteacher anywhere else in the world.

Saturday 3rd February was a cold, rainy day; however that did not dampen the spirits of the working party of parents who came into school to help clear our Forest Area ready for The Friends to start helping our staff and children put plans of action into place. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped, we really do appreciate all the hard work that has taken place.

We have lots of exciting events to look forward to after the half term holiday. On Thursday 1st March, World Book Day, our school is being visited by storyteller and children's author Adrian Beckingham, aka The Man from Story Mountain. Adrian has travelled throughout the centuries, gathering treasures from storytellers in cultures around every corner of the Earth. Mrs Bridge is organising this event and will be sending out more information about World Book Day this week.

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Diary Dates

- 06.02.18 Safer Internet Day
- 09.02.18 **Showcase afternoon**
2:40pm – 3:10pm
- 09.02.18 Friends' Disco

- 12.02.18 HALF TERM**

- 19.02.18 Children return to school
- 21.02.18 Yeovil Showground Cross
Country 4:00pm
- 23.02.18 **Praise & Share assembly**
Class 4 2:40pm
- 23.02.18 **Friends** Star gazing event
6.30pm
- 01.03.18 World Book Day
- 02.03.18 **Praise & Share assembly**
Class 2 2:40pm
- 07.03.18 Stanchester Wow Day (Year 5)
- 07.03.18 Year 3 & 4 football tournament
Okehampton
- 08.03.18 Friends Money Snake
- 09.03.18 **Praise & Share assembly**
Class 1 2:40pm
- 12.03.18 Parents' Consultation
- 15.03.18 Parents' Consultation
- 16.03.18 **Praise & Share assembly**
Acorn Class 2:40pm
- 16.03.18 Governors Easter Chocolate
Bingo

- 19.03.18 Picturing Easter Week
- 22.03.18 All Saints Instrumental Concert
6:00pm
- 23.03.18 Montacute Pre-school & Acorn
Class Easter Egg Hunt
- 23.03.18 Easter Bonnet parade (At All
Saints Church School) 2:00pm
Friends Cake sale and tea/coffee
2.00pm Picturing Easter Art
Exhibition

- 23.03.18 EASTER HOLIDAYS**

- 09.04.18 INSET
- 10.04.18 Children return to school

On Friday 23rd of March at 2pm we will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet parade here at All Saints. The Friends of All Saints will be selling cakes and serving tea and coffee. There will be also an opportunity to view the art work created by our children during Picturing Easter week. We will also be inviting Montacute Pre-school children to join our Acorn class children during the morning of the 23rd March for an Easter egg hunt.

This Friday, February 9th, our Praise and Share will take the form of a Showcase of learning from 2.40pm to 3.10pm. After the success of last term's showcase we would again like to invite parents and carers into classes to share their child's work. This time please could parents and carers enter classrooms via their child's playground, classroom door. The Friends of All Saints will be serving tea, coffee and cake in the school hall after our Showcase afternoon. Please do come and join us. Donations raised will go towards KS2 learning.

Parking

Please can I remind parents and carers **not to park** in the 'drop off zone', which is located just past the disabled bays. The 'drop off zone' is for parents to pull in briefly to allow their child/children to get out of the car and walk around to class **on their own**. Using it in this manner ensures a smooth flow of traffic. If you would like to walk your child/children into school there is parking available beyond the 'drop off zone'. Thank you for your support in advance.

Although a short half term, we have achieved so much here at All Saints Church School and as always we are so proud of our All Saints children. There are already many dates for next half term. Please ensure you make a note of those that involve yourselves and /or your children. Have a wonderful half term with your children and we will see you back at school on Monday 19th February.

Headteacher
Mrs S Bowditch

Severe Weather Conditions Reminder

With the possibility of severe weather during this season, a reminder of procedures:

Notices will be posted on –

The school gates (if possible)

The school website <https://allsaintsprimary.j2bloggy.com/>

The closure will be announced on Heart FM Radio (102.6FM) and on Midwest Radio (105.6FM)

It can take some time from the school contacting the radio stations to the radio stations broadcasting the information, therefore visiting our school website would probably be the quickest way of finding out whether the school is closed. Please be aware that there are several All Saints Schools in Somerset; so please check and listen carefully that it is All Saints, Montacute. The bus companies also list on their websites whether they will be running school transport services.

100 Club Winners

First- Julie Priddle

Second- Sarah Foy

Third- Dave and Karen Rivers

CLASS 4

January has seemed to have gone by quickly to the staff and children in Class 4. Since returning to school following the Christmas holiday, the children have read the fabulous text 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. They have all interpreted the story and been inspired to use some of the themes from the text to write their own, similar, versions of the story. Furthermore, we have also begun to compare the text to the film version which the children really enjoyed, thinking and vocalising their thoughts about both in a mature and coherent manner.



As I am sure many of you will know Class 4 have also begun to learn the ukulele with Mrs Hurley every Wednesday. Their enthusiasm for this is unwaning and the progress the children are making is fantastic. Thank you to all the parents and carers in Class 4 for their support, sagacity and patience. We look forward to showcasing our learning after half term.



CLASS 3

Year 3 have certainly been working hard over the past few weeks and produced work of a very high quality. We have been using the text 'Kensuke's Kingdom' as our stimulus and writing focus. The children have been writing their own diary entries, imagining themselves on a journey around the world. We have also used the text to develop our description and use of senses. As always Year 3 have produced some incredible creative homework- this is proudly on display in the library. Please pop in and have a look. The children have designed the boat Peggy Sue in many creative ways. Despite the recent weather we have enjoyed making good use of our outdoor forest area, helping us to explore our local environment and think more about the different environments and climates around the world. Thank you for joining us at our Share and Praise assembly. The children loved having an audience to perform to.



CLASS 5

Class Five have really enjoyed their latest topic 'Fever, Fire and Fashion' which explored life in London in the 17th Century and compared it to life today. We found out about the Plague, the Great Fire of London and the famous Frost Fairs as well as about the theatre, food, clothing, makeup and the different characters of the Puritan leader Oliver Cromwell and the flamboyant King Charles II. The staff were really proud of all members of Class 5 for sharing their learning so confidently during our Praise and Share Assembly. You will be able to see more of their lovely work – including their AMAZING creative homework – at our open classroom event on the last day of term.

"I enjoyed creative homework because we could make models of houses from C17th London. I made mine out of clay and I really enjoyed it." (Niamh)

"I thought it was very interesting that fleas from the rats used to bite people and make them catch the plague. They thought that flowers and herbs would stop them getting the plague, but it didn't work." (Mollie Davy)

"I liked learning about where people would put their rubbish. It was interesting to compare this with how we do it today." (Ciaran)

Below are photos of Zoe being made up with 'ceruse' like a C17th lady, children making C17th pot-tage, and Amy showing her amazing model of a C17th house.



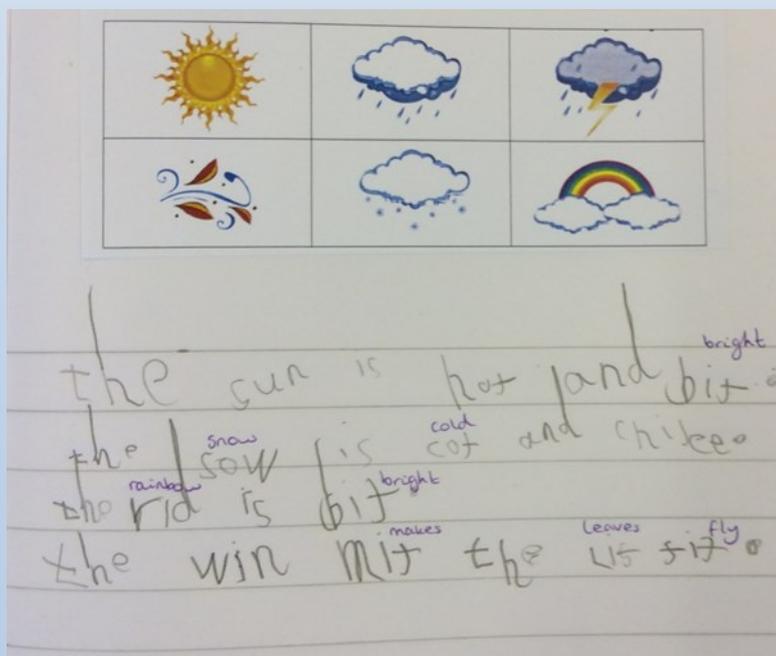
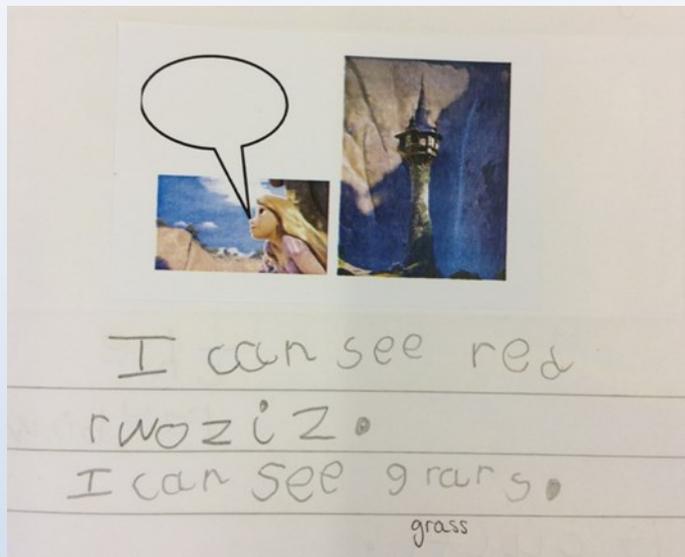
ACORN CLASS

Our learning journey this term has been all about “**What’s up?**”

From the ground and up into space, Acorn class have been learning about the world around us which has included making steps, spirals, kites, towers, planes and hot air balloons that all go up!

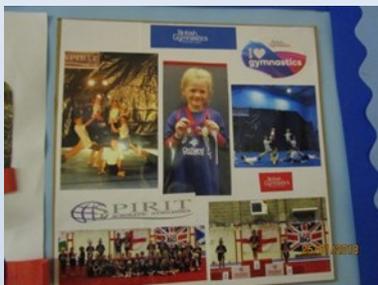
To enhance our discoveries further, we walked all the way to St Michael’s tower in Montacute to find out what we might see from high up.

The children pretended it was Rapunzel’s tower and wrote about what she might see. We have also been using adjectives to describe the weather. The children are really looking forward to reaching the final stage of this learning journey when we will explore and learn about space.



Class 2

As part of Class 2's RE work, we have been thinking about the question "Where do I belong?" We have thought about all the groups and families we belong to and how we feel in these places. We did some amazing homework where we made posters about some of the groups we belong to.



CLASS 6

We have been working hard and have kick started the new year in style in Year 6.

We have been exploring the amazing world of the Egyptians in our topic 'Who's the Mummy?' which has involved us learning about the mummification process and even mummifying a tomato!

Building on from this, Literacy has been centred around writing our own versions of the myth based on Osiris and Isis. In writing this piece, we focused on describing settings, creating a contrast between good and evil and using effective language features such as personification, alliteration and similes. This week, we have worked on writing our own versions of Howards Carter's diary as he discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun.

Within Maths, we have been understanding how to multiply fractions as well as using different methods to add and subtract them. We are now beginning to use our own knowledge of shape, including the total number of degrees in a triangle or a quadrilateral, to help us solve Mathematical problems. We have also had a focus in class on team work and how we can support others during PE. This week saw some of our class members' step back in a game to let others score the points.

Finally, this term saw Class 6 plan, create and lead a Grammar Workshop to parents, explaining our understanding of using grammar in a fun and engaging well. To top it all we off Year 6 put on a brilliant assembly sharing all of their learning in their own unique way.

Well done year 6 on working so hard during a great term !



Parish News

What a lovely service the school gave Mrs Bowditch to celebrate her appointment and commission her as the new Head teacher! I'm only sorry we didn't have room for all the parents too, but I hope you heard about it. She chose the bible stories about David the shepherd boy, and Samson, two people who looked to God for inspiration and strength.

We have been looking at **Courage** in collective worship all this term, some good examples from the Bible, and how we can follow their example when we face challenges of our own, and as always I've been so impressed by the thoughtfulness of All Saints children. The churches **Open the Book** team say they always enjoy their visits to All Saints (they visit all 4 primary schools in our group of 7 parishes), because of the way the children engage. After half term we will be focusing on **Forgiveness** and how important that is in our daily lives. I will be away in America for a few weeks during next half term, as my daughter is expecting her first baby, and I have been summoned! (The parish office will pass on messages or you can email me.)

The school and I are hoping to arrange a special event to experience Palm Sunday and holy week during the last week of term, as part of their Easter experience.

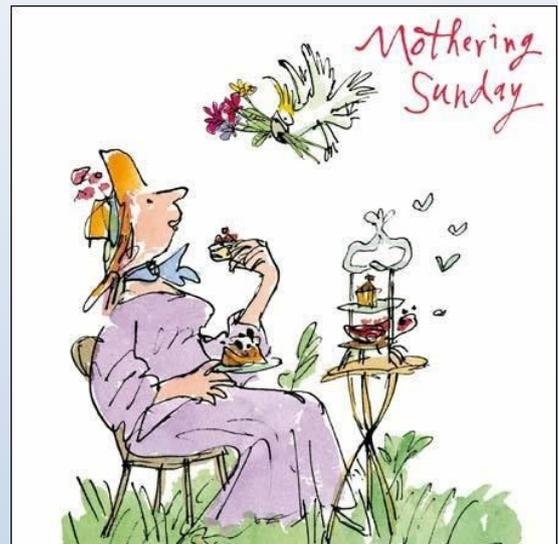
Mothering Sunday is coming up on **Sunday March 11th**, a great opportunity to show how we appreciate those who nurture and support us; you would be most welcome at one of our special family services – 9.30am at St. Catherine's, Montacute, and 10am at St. Peter and St. Paul, Odcombe.

A reminder that everyone who lives in Montacute or Odcombe is most welcome to arrange a wedding or baptism in one of our churches - just be in touch.

Every blessing

Rev Annie

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Have you booked Montacute Village Hall in 2018?

Due to a complete change of committee we have no idea which groups or individuals may have booked the Hall this year.

I would therefore be grateful if you could contact me Kaye Harper (bookings) 01935 824537 or email hak71@btinternet.com regarding your booking.

Many Thanks.