

All Saints' News

January 2017 Newsletter 6

Diary Dates

- 31.01.17 Full Governors' Meeting
- 01.02.17 Cross Country Race at Yeovil Showground
- 03.02.17 All Saints All Sorts Afternoon
- 07.02.17 Safer Internet Day
- 10.02.17 Parents' Praise Assembly 14:45
- 13.02.17 **HALF TERM**
- 20.02.17 Children return to school
- 23.02.17 Governors' Education Committee Meeting 17:00
- 01.03.17 Cross Country Race at Aldon Hill
- 02/03.17 World Book Day
- 06.03.17 Parents' Consultations
- 09.03.17 Parents' Consultations
- 13.03.17 Governors' Business Committee Meeting 09:15
- 16.03.17 Governors' Pay and Appraisal Committee 17:00
- 24.03.17 Parents' Praise Assembly
Governors' Chocolate Bingo
- 30.03.17 Instrumental Music Concert
- 29.03.17 Experiencing Easter
- 30.01.17 Easter Church Service
- 31.03.17 Easter Holidays**
- 18.04.17 Children return to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to start this newsletter by saying thank you for your terrific support of the Christmas Performances at the end of last term. A total of £475 was donated to British Heart Foundation and £50 to St Catherine's Church from the Acorn Nativity.

It is another busy term, we have included all the dates (that have already been planned) for the whole of this term. We are sure more events will be added and these will be included on the front of each newsletter.

This year we are planning an exciting and creative **World Book Day** on **Thursday 2nd March**. We would be delighted if the children could **dress up as a character of their choice**.

We are all looking forward to our **first All Saints All Sorts Afternoon** this Friday. Thank you to Miss Daniel and Mr Flynn for organising what we know will be a wonderful afternoon. Please check Class Blogs next week to find out more details about the various activities that the children experienced.

Mrs Paula Park and Mrs Sherril Atkins

Head Teacher Deputy Head Teacher



Yeovil Marathon Medal Design

Well done to Zoe in Class 4, whose design for this year's Yeovil Marathon medal has been shortlisted as one of the finalists. We are all very proud of her; please support her by voting using the link below or clicking on the picture. Thank you.

<https://goo.gl/2otfkf>

January's Sporting Round-up



On a very col frosty afternoon on Thursday January 26th, Harry, Connor, Zach, Jack, Toby, Leo, Maria, Amelia and Mrs Lawrence went to Yeovil Rugby Club for a Tag Rugby skills event. The children had the opportunity to develop their Tag Rugby skills with the help of young sports leaders. It was great to see the children enjoying themselves whilst developing their skills. We hope that this practise will help them,



as we look forward to games against other schools in a few weeks' time. I would like to thank the children for representing our school in such a fabulous way and also Mrs Lawrence for attending with the children.

Mr Ross

All Saints attended a friendly football tournament at Westfield on Monday 30th January.

Maria, Ellis, Toby, Ethan S (Class 6), Zach, Connor (Class 5) and Milo (Class 4) showed real endeavour and can-do attitude on a particularly blustery and wet evening! All the games were hotly contested with some excellent saves made from Ethan S in goal and some resolute defending from Maria and Milo keeping each game close.

Ellis and Zach managed to get on the score sheet with Toby S and Connor picking up assists! Well done to all the team!

Mr Flynn

Acorn Class



Last week, Acorn Class celebrated Chinese New Year through a range of activities which included making a large dragon! They paraded around the playground to bring good luck to All Saints.

Khyanna said "It was really exciting, the dragon."

Did you know it is the year of the Rooster?

I wonder if Acorn Class can remember the other 11 animals in the New Year story?

Mrs Roberts



Class 5

Class 5 are just coming to the end of 'Fever, Fire and Fashion', a topic all about life in 17th century London. As well as learning about how people used to live, they found out lots about the Plague and of course the Great Fire.



For creative homework, several children chose to try out some recipes from the time and the children were treated to lots of biscuits and cakes. Despite the lack of ingredients available at the time, our children managed to make some very tasty treats!



In class, we worked on careful chopping skills and instructional writing when we made pottage, a soup using vegetables, herbs and porridge oats.

Mrs Bridge



Class 2

Class 2 have been writing animal poems for a poetry competition. Here are a few examples.

Lucky, my friend

Lucky, he stands waiting for me with his best friends Pepsi and Oliver.
Lucky, he is waiting quietly for me to give him a juicy carrot!
Lucky, he sometimes nibbles my cosy jumper when he is hungry.
Lucky, he stands still when I climb up on the steps to ride him.
Lucky, he gets so excited and trots as fast as a cheetah.
Lucky, he is a good pony and I give him a pat on his soft, cuddly head.
Lucky, he will see me next week!

by Evie

The beautiful butterfly

It flies across the ocean like a beautiful angel.
it twinkles like a star.
She twinkles like a rainbow in the sky.
She is a beautiful symmetrical butterfly.

By Emily

The slippery, fast dolphin

The slippery fast dolphin is as slippery as ice.
The fast dolphin is as fast as a bullet,
The slippery dolphin splishes and splashes in the hot sun, as hot as lava.
The fast dolphin is as cute as a baby bunny.
The slippery dolphin likes to eat slippery, delicious fish.

By Daisy



Class 3

Class 3 have been enjoying forest experience linked to their topic this term, Around the World in 20 Days. In week 1, despite the rain we ventured out to create outlines of different countries using things from the outside. Last week, this time much drier but cold, we created a fire to cook our homemade pizza's on. We also built animal shelters using the environment.



"It was great using the environmental area to build animal shelters."
Charlie



"It was really exciting because we got to bake pizza on an open fire, they were delicious."



Class 4

In Class 4 we are very excited to be welcoming Miss Hurley on Wednesday afternoons for violin lessons. This has been a fantastic opportunity for the children to begin to learn a challenging musical instrument. It has also been great to see those more experience violin player in the class model and contribute to the lessons.

The staff in Class 4 would like to thank all of the families who are supporting the children's musical development in what could be the early stages of a highly creative and rewarding part of their lives. The children have all been so enthused and when asked the children responded in a unbelievably positive way. Some of the quotes from our discussion include:

Megan & Poppy - Can we show what we've been doing in *assembly* soon?

Luke—I really enjoying learning the violin



Florence - You have to concentrate lots and listen really carefully to get better.

Milo - It's just great, yeah great, I'm really

Harry - I didn't think I'd enjoy it, but I really like doing it. It's

Also, Class 4 have also been swimming and have shown that, not only are they brilliant on-land (in the classroom) but they are also brilliant in the water too and we look forward to seeing their progression throughout their time at the pool this term.

School Council News

Our first School Council meeting of 2017 was held on Monday 16th January. We feel very proud of our Autumn Term achievements. Our most recent event, Save the Children Christmas jumper day, raised a fantastic £138.20. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Here is a brief overview of the events the School Council members helped to organise during the Autumn Term.

- Continual monitoring of the playground equipment
- Children in Need pyjama day and cake sale
- Raising funds at the Advent Fayre selling second hand toys and books
- Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- Decorating a tree in St Catherine's Church for the Christmas Tree Festival

Having met regularly to discuss the trials of playground equipment, we are now in the process of purchasing more equipment. The School Council have discussed, with fellow class members, which pieces of equipment have been successful as well as possibilities for new equipment. The process has been made even more exciting as we know that the money we raised at the Christmas Fayre will go towards the final amount.

The top five items the children felt would make play times even more fun.

1. More space hoppers
2. Taller basketball hoop
3. A quad bouncer
4. Giant Jamanga (Similar to Jenga)
5. Diablo and catch a cup



The School Council felt the above pieces of equipment catered for those who wanted to play on their own as well as those who wanted to play in a group.

Mrs Bowditch

E-Safety



Over the Christmas period it's quite likely that your children have received new video games and gaming devices.

Below is a link to an article in the Vodafone magazine, giving parents information and advice on topics including age ratings and what they mean, setting parental controls and how to disable in-app purchases.

<http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/expert-advice/parents-guide-gaming/>

Class 6

During our topic about Ancient Egypt we have looked at the process of mummification. We wrote detailed instructions and even managed to create our very own mummy.

Each member of the class took on a different role including wrapping, removing the internal organs and praying over the body.

Below are some pictures of us at various stages of the process. Big thanks to our dead mummy, Harry!



Class 1

In Class 1 we have been learning about countries and continents around the world. On Monday last week we took a really special and exciting trip - we flew all the way to Australia (in our imaginations!) All of the children had a super time, and wrote some lovely accounts of what they got up to.

Our new Topic is now 'To The Rescue' and we are looking for people who work in the rescue services to come and talk to us - please see Mrs Collinson if you think you might be able to help.



All Saints' Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

As I am sure you are already aware this year marks the 20th Anniversary of the opening of the school, it will be an important year in the school's history for this reason, but also because the school will complete its conversion to academy status. The steps to convert and join the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust are on track to meet the planned conversion date of the 1st February.



There will be no obvious dramatic changes to the school, but we are already making good use of the opportunities being part of the BWMAT South Somerset hub is providing us. Staff have been attending some of the numerous training courses provided by the BWMAT and have also been visiting and collaborating with other schools in the MAT to share and experience best practice.

Activities in the governing body have been starting to transition into the processes that we will work within as part of the BWMAT governance structure. The BWMAT is providing a standard governance model that is applied to each local governing body (LGB). We are then able to apply this to our existing committees to ensure we are doing what we need to do when it is required.

We had some great results last year and starting this year were compared to other schools within the local areas. There were various measures against the key standards with All Saints scoring extremely well in all areas. We finished 8th in the County with 83% of pupils reaching expected standard in reading writing and maths.

In 2016, the Government's new more challenging national curriculum was assessed by the new tests and interim frameworks for teacher assessment for the first time, so it shows some fantastic results for the pupils and staff at our school, congratulations to you all.

Our two existing parent governors are coming to the end of their 4 year term in February, we are currently looking at the process that will be triggered to recruit two new parent governors.

A letter and information will be sent to all parents detailing the role, the skills required by the Governing Body and the process of election, so please look out for this if you are interested in becoming a part of All Saints Governing Body.

Simon Fox
Chair of Governors

Community News



This year the **Montacute Pantomime** presents 'Cinderella' which will be performed from Thursday 9th February through to Saturday 11th February at Montacute Village Hall.

Some tickets are still available, Adult £6 and Child £5
Phone 01935 822814 for more details and to purchase

Parish News

A word from Revd Annie

Looking back

It was lovely to welcome Acorn Class and their parents to St Catherines for their wonderful nativity in December; and also so many of you to the brilliant Christingle service – thanks for everyone making that so special. We also appreciated school involvement in our carol service, with Stoke silver band, and it was great to see so many young people at the midnight service this year and lots of families on Christmas Day.

The January family service involved building a boat and becoming fishers of men – the children also had fun chasing paper fish over the hot air ducts!

Looking ahead

At school, we are continuing our series of assemblies on Prayer: unpacking the **Lords prayer**; I have been very impressed by the childrens' thoughtfulness and insights as we discussed some quite difficult spiritual concepts. Next month we will be moving onto explaining the season of Lent and then Holy week and Easter. As time goes on we hope to involve the children more in the planning and leading of school services. We are looking forward to arranging a visit by Acorns to explore the church and tower this month.



The February (26th) family service at St Catherines will involve playing a trade justice game as we celebrate **Fairtrade** fortnight (Our local churches are now all supporting Fairtrade). I will also be bringing stickers and the giant banana to school for our fair-trade assembly...

Then in March (26th) we are planning a special **Mothering Sunday** Family service – don't forget we have crafts from 9.30am and then a short service with songs and a story at 10am.

If Odcombe is your local church there are All Age services every First Sunday of the month at 11am – we are always keen to welcome those who'd like to take part in a drama sketch or play an instrument there.

Often we have a baptism (Christening) at these services too. Do get in touch if you'd like to arrange one for your family.

To support our local schools local Christians are joining together to pray for the staff and pupils on **First Mondays** at 9.15am. Do join us at St Catherines each month to pray for these important members of our community. Coffee available, beginning on Monday February 6th.

Finally, the legal process to separate Montacute and Odcombe ecclesiastical parishes from Lufton and Brympton is nearly complete. Montacute and Odcombe then become formally part of the new Ham Hill Villages benefice (of 7 churches), Lufton joins another group under Revd Peter Downs, and Brympton continues in vacancy.

Revd Annie Gurner, Associate Vicar 01935 824167 revgurner@btinternet.com

First Mondays

9:15am

Saint Catherines, Montacute

Half an hour of focused prayer, coffee provided
All welcome

starting Feb 6th, then March 6th,
April 3rd ...

