

All Saints' News



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

March 2017 Newsletter 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

The All Saints Instrumental Concert was fabulous, all the children performed superbly, we were entertained with piano, violin, cornet, flute, guitar, recorder, ukulele and clarinet pieces, as well as performances from our Concert Band and Class 4 Violins. Some of the children were really nervous, which is to be expected, as they were performing to a packed school hall, we were very proud of each and every one of them. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for organising the concert which enabled the children to have an audience to perform to, as well as Mrs Bowditch, Mrs Bridge, Mr Hutchings, Mrs Rees, Mrs Davey and Mrs Lawrence who helped on the evening.

Thank you to all those of you who attended the Easter Church Service, the children sang and read beautifully. We also enjoyed wearing our bonnets back from the church. Thank you to all those of you who were able to come and watch the children on their Easter Bonnet Parade, there were some amazing creations.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Atkins today, the dedication that she has shown to the profession, the school, the staff and your children during her time at the school has been second to none. She has touched the hearts of so many during her time at All Saints and made many memories that will be cherished forever.

I would like to personally thank her for all that she has done to support me, the staff and your children to make All Saints the success it is today. We all wish her the best of luck as she moves onto the next exciting chapter in her career, as we all know that she will make an exceptional Headteacher. We held an assembly this morning, where she was presented with gifts from the children, the staff and The Friends.



We are pleased to inform you that for the Summer Term Mrs Bowditch will take over the role of Deputy Headteacher.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break.
God bless,

Paula Park Headteacher

Diary Dates

31.03.17	Last day of Spring Term
6.04.17	Governors to meet with Carol Plewes (MAT governor advisor)
18.04.17	Return to school Friends Meeting 19:00
26.04.17	Class 6 Residential at Okehampton Governors' LGB meeting 17:00
28.04.17	Class 6 return from Okehampton 15:15

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your good wishes, cards and gifts as I move on to my new school. I am incredibly sad to be leaving All Saints but feel so lucky to have been part of the community for the past six years. I will take with me countless happy memories, and the beautiful picture to which every member of the school contributed is going to have pride of place in my new office! Thank you to The Friends for this thoughtful present.

With very best wishes,
Sherril Atkins
Deputy Headteacher

Experiencing Easter

On Wednesday 29th March, the whole school focused on the Easter Story. Acorn Class spent the day finding out about Jesus and Easter, and classes 1 - 6 rotated through six stations which enabled them to explore the events in Holy Week in an interactive and reflective way. It was lovely to welcome Reverend Annie to spend the day with us and join in with our activities.

Palm Sunday - Hopes and Dreams



Jesus washes the disciples' feet - Servant King



The Last Supper - Remember Me



The Garden of Gethsemane - Alone



The Crucifixion - Sharing our Sorrows



The Empty Tomb - Resurrection



Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the lovely books you have given us, we are all very grateful!

Class 5 were very lucky to be one of the first classes to have a look at all of them. We have all enjoyed this as they are very exciting books. I would love to read all of them so would class 5. Thank you for everything you have given us we are all extremely grateful. I'm sure everyone would be interested in every single book. I've loved this advantage of reading these books and have already enjoyed some of them just by reading the first page which means all the books are extremely good.

Thank you for being kind, as our school can't afford lots of books. All of the books you have given us are suitable for all of us. I have asked one of my friends and they have said this: "These books are very interesting."

Thank you for all you have done to us.

You're sincerely,

Nicole, Class 5



All Saints' Governors

Dear All,

Thanks to all who came along to the Chocolate Bingo: it was another successful night with £195 being raised to support the School.

This month we welcome our new Parent Governors Hannah Roe and Mark Coombe to the Local Governing Body (LGB), Heidi Daniels as our Staff Governor and Leon Edwards as the new MAT appointed Foundation Governor. They will be attending inductions by us and the Local Authority, which provides training for governors.

We will also be receiving some governance guidance this month delivered by the Bath and Wells MAT governance advisor Caryl Plewes; she will be taking us through the key governance processes of the Trust to be sure we are all conversant with the functions we will now be completing.

Have a great Easter break!

Simon Fox
Chair of Governors

Acorn Class



This half term Acorns have been learning about 'Big Cats'. We started our learning journey in Asia finding out about tigers and the rainforest. We used the painting 'Tiger in the storm' to inspire our activities. The children contributed their ideas as well.

Last Wednesday all of the Acorn children came to school dressed as tigers! The children said they had lots of fun being tigers and enjoyed being in disguise wearing orange and black. We talked about tiger movement words (verbs) and the children moved around school like a tiger, prowling and creeping, to catch their prey. In the afternoon we found out the size of a real life tiger and made one on the classroom floor.



After the holidays we will be 'travelling' to Africa to meet the lions in the African plains!



Class 1

Class One have enjoyed joining the rest of the school in their fundraising efforts and have really got involved in our latest charity events! They had a smashing time during the Hungry Hippos tournament arranged by Miss Daniel, and everyone really got into the spirit of red Nose Day with their red outfits last Friday - thank you all for your support with these events!



Class 2

Class 2 have started their new topic of 'Sowing and Growing' and after receiving a letter from Jack; they are trying to help him grow a really good, strong beanstalk. After working on questions which they needed to ask and which would be suitable, they wrote letters to North Perrott Garden Centre. They were so excited when they discovered that Mr and Mrs Hoskyns had replied! Their letter was full of useful tips to help Jack to grow the biggest and best beanstalk, and make his mother really proud of him! We are now wondering if their own beanstalks will grow up to the clouds now!

All Saints School
Ladies walk
Montacute
Friday 17th March

Dear Mr and Mrs Hoskyns class 2 are learning about beans we would love if you can tell us the answer. How many beans should I put in the soil? If I put alot of water in what would happen? How much soil should I put in? Why do beanstalks not need alot of help? Can I put five beans in?
Love from charlotte xx

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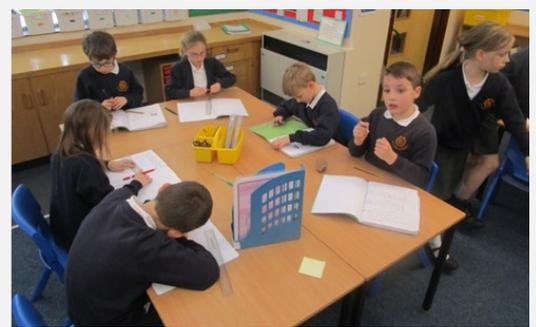
Dear Mr and Mrs Hoskyns,
We will give you questions to help Jack.
What type of beans do you need to grow a bean stalk?
How many beans do you need to grow a bean stalk and a search space?
If you only give a bean stalk sun what will happen?
How tall will a bean stalk be if you use 50% of water and 50% of sun?

Love James xx

Class 3

Strange goings on in Class 3

Last week, class 3 had a rather strange experience. After Collective Worship, the children walked back into the classroom where they found a Miptor sleeping in a tent at the back of the classroom. As you can see we had some very worried but also inquisitive children to find out what it looked like. I'm pleased to say the Miptor caused no harm and Class 3 produced some excellent description about it!



Class 4

To round off our topic of 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly', Class 4 welcomed PC Soulsby into class who spoke to us about the role of the police within the community, the importance of evidence and how the equipment that the police use has changed over time.

Across the topic, the children in Class 4 have completed some fantastic work on Elizabeth Fry, The Peelers and crimes committed during World War 2.

We have already begun our new topic of Sound and enjoyed investigating sound vibrations and instruments.



Charity Events

This term, we have been very busy raising money for various charities; thank you so much for your generosity contributing to these very worthwhile causes, and also to everyone who has given their time and efforts to help make these events a success! Pancake Day raised £179.08 for Christian Aid; the 'Hungry Hippo' tournament raised £187.08, which will be split between our school and MacMillan; and last week we raised £219.85 for Comic Relief.



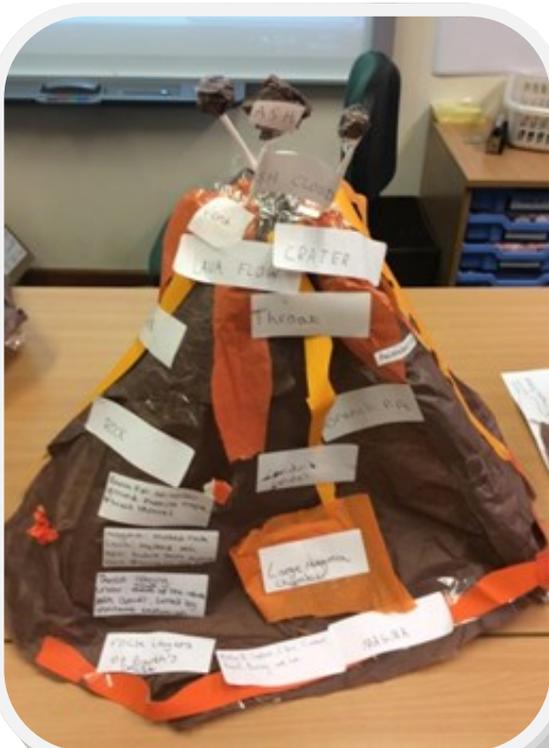
Class 5

On Wednesday 22nd March Class 5 had a wonderful trip to Exeter Synagogue. Class 5 were a delight to take out for the day and really impressed our guide with their knowledge of Jewish customs and beliefs! Mr Raine, our guide, sent a very complimentary email praising Class 5!



Just wanted to say how much I enjoyed talking to your students this morning. They were a real credit to themselves, you as their teachers and their school. They get so much out of a visit if they've been really well prepared as your students have been and that's down to your teaching. Look forward to hopefully talking to your students next year.

Class 6



In March we began our new topic 'Angry Earth'. Within our topic we have been learning about tectonic plates and the consequences of their movement. Volcanoes have been the centre of our investigations and we managed to construct the 4 different types of Volcano using a 2 litre bottle of coke and modelling equipment. We managed to label all the parts of the volcano and then the fun part was to use Mentos mints to make the volcano erupt. Below is a picture of one of our labelled volcanoes as well as the QR code of one of our volcanic eruptions! Use any QR scanner app on your smart phone or tablet to access!



Sporting Roundup

I felt extremely proud of the Tag Rugby team that attended Yeovil Rugby Club on Monday 6th March because the team had not much game time together. Despite this, they represented the school really well. On what can only be described as another cold and wet night up at The Barbarians, they all had smiles on their faces and were determined to well. Although we came up against some very well organised teams, who had clearly had more game time together, we successfully scored some tries. Well done and thank you to all who attend the event.



On Wednesday we took lots of children to the last cross country event of the year at Mudford Recreation Ground. I was delighted to see so many children willing to represent our school, including lots of enthusiastic Year 2 children who competed for the very first time. Some fantastic running, well done and thank you to all who took part. I hope to see some of you participating again next year.

Mr Ross



Football

Over the course of the month all of the KS2 football teams have had fixtures against St Gildas. Everyone played exceptionally well with 3 of the 4 teams gaining a win, and the other gaining a very credible high scoring draw. There were some stand out performances in each team with Connor, Maria, Aaron and Toby H getting player of the game in each fixture! Well done to all who played!

Mr Flynn



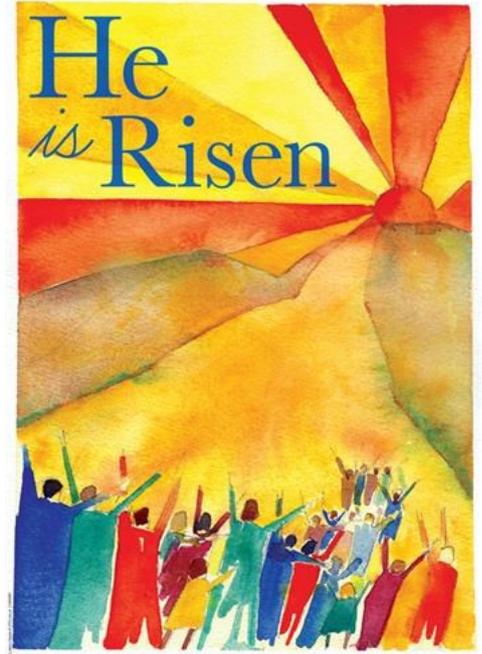
Parish News

A word from Revd Annie

Looking back

It was lovely to welcome Acorns to St Catherine's recently for a visit to understand what the church building is for; the children climbed the tower, rang a bell, read from the bible, worshipped God in song, prayed and lit a candle, peered into the font, knelt before the altar, and even discovered where Revd Annie dresses up!

We have explored the meaning of Lent and Holy week this term, culminating in a day to Experience Easter at the school; I was **so** impressed by the thoughtful and intelligent way the teachers and children addressed the issues and emotions from the events of Jesus' last week on earth, his death and resurrection, the sadness and the joy, and an expressed desire to follow his example of love and encouragement for all. Then we had the lovely Easter service, with many spiritual contributions from the children, outstanding singing and the delight of the flower dressed cross – thank you to all who took part and supported the children in that.



Looking ahead

During the holidays we will be celebrating Easter Day with All Age services in both Montacute (9.30am) and Odcombe (11am) churches. Everyone is welcome!

There are All Age services every First Sunday of the month at 11am at Odcombe and at Montacute every 4th Sunday (9.30am crafts followed by Family service at 10am); Often we have a baptism (Christening) at these services too. Do get in touch if you'd like to arrange one for your family.

At St Catherine's we are starting a God's Acre group and will be developing an area for quiet contemplation in the churchyard, to welcome people of all ages and abilities, and wildlife too.

On May 21st we will be having a walking service (Rogation) all around Odcombe village – do come and join in – and bring the children and dogs (the latter on leads please).

At school, next term we are beginning a new series of assemblies on Christian values.

A reminder that anyone living in Montacute or Odcombe is more than welcome to come for a baptism, wedding or to arrange a funeral in one of our churches, and I am available for pastoral visits or discussions about matters of faith.

Finally, I pray that you all have a wonderful holiday and a very Joy-filled Easter.

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



First Mondays,

9:15am at Saint Catherine's, Montacute.

Half an hour of focused prayer; coffee provided;

All welcome

Next one is April 3rd

Friends of All Saints

With the changing of the clocks last weekend we look forward to lighter evenings and warmer days. With that in mind, when we return to school after the much needed Easter break, Fridays will see the return of the lolly sales. If you are able to help, please contact us: The Friends contact details are below.



The School Disco was a huge success, I'm not sure who had the most fun, children, teachers or the parents. In fact we had so much fun that we are looking not only to squeeze another one in before the year end, but also one for the parents – watch this space!!

Last week we held another “New To You” School Uniform sale, and even though we raised only a few pounds, we still have some uniform in excellent condition looking for a new home so will be holding another sale sometime in the next few months. We'd also ask that if you have any donations, please contact us.

By the time this letter reaches you we will have held our traditional Easter **Eggstravaganza Cake Sale**. Previous sales have been extremely popular; it's a showcase of wonderful sweet treats and a great way to end the term.

This Easter we've introduced a new idea, a competition that all children can take part in over the Easter holidays. The first competition is a word search and we are asking children to make as many words as possible from the name of our school: All Saints Church School. Letters will have been sent home in book bags, but if your child has misplaced theirs or you'd like another copy, please contact us. Completed entries are to be returned after the Easter holidays along with the entry fee of £1. Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded in April.

Every family should have also received their Bag 2 School. We thought the Easter holidays would be a great time to have a spring clean. Bags will be collected from the school, Wednesday 26th April: please make sure they are brought into school ready for collection at the start of the school day. A drop off point will be advised nearer the time.

The FOAS would also like to wish Mrs Atkins all the best in her new venture, we will be truly sorry to see her go — thank you Mrs Atkins!

Our next meeting is Tuesday 18th April, 7pm in the School Staff Room. We'd love to see some new faces and listen to new ideas, so if you have a spare couple of hours please do come along.

Thank you – The Friends

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