

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and enjoyed some quality time with your friends and family.

The last half of the summer term was incredibly busy. The Year 6 children performed their production of 'Do you remember?' and did a fantastic job. A big thank you to Mrs Coleman and Mr Ross, along with the help of talented volunteers, who worked so hard to ensure all the children were proud of their achievements. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came and supported them. We wish Class 6 2019 every success as they continue in their secondary education.

Collective Worship

On 29th June our Dandelion Club children (a club for service families – Acorn to Year 6) led collective worship supporting Armed Forces Day. The children used props, a PowerPoint presentation and their own words to help all children within All Saints understand the types of jobs their parents do when working within the Armed Forces Community. The children involved chose the name 'Dandelion Club' as dandelion seeds all settle in different places at different times which they felt also represented service families. Miss Cameron will continue to support the Dandelion Club during the next academic year. The children have made great friendships within the group, supporting each other when family members are away in other countries.

Sports Day

Once again the sun shone down on our Sports Day morning. The children had a wonderful morning and thoroughly enjoyed all the events. Thank you to all those who have given such positive feedback about the new sports day lay out via our parent questionnaires. It is always very difficult to choose a day and time that suits everyone. Previously afternoon sports days have been tricky to manage due to those children who go home using the County bus service. Thank you to all parents and family members who supported our children during the morning.

FOAS Summer BBQ

The Summer BBQ on the 12th July was a great success. The weather was extremely kind as families and friends arrived in time for our opening of the forest area and the very popular pizza oven debut. With a slightly different format this year the evening was relaxed, entertaining and gave a chance for all to mingle and explore The Forest of Friends. A huge thank you to all those who helped the event run smoothly; to Victoria Darch and the kick boxing showcase and to Jason Darch, Kelly Dale and Aqila for entertaining us with their fantastic performances. A special thank you to those who cooked pizzas all night; over 100 were served and to the Governors for their very popular BBQ.

This year the FOAS have done an incredible job of raising a significant amount of money for our school. Thank you to you all for supporting them, the money raised makes such a difference. By now I am sure many of you have either been to the Forest of Friends or have seen the pictures. The work carried out by so many over the past 18 months has been phenomenal. Since the grand opening at our Summer BBQ, the Forest of Friends has been in use every day. Pond dipping, den building

and pizza cooking have been just some of the activities the children have taken part in.

We are very much looking forward to Montacute Pre-school also being able to use our Forest of Friends as we start the new Autumn term.

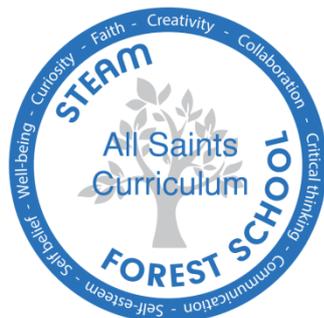
Wallace and Gromit at Montacute House links

On July 15th All Saints children went in groups to visit the Wallace and Grommit exhibition in Montacute House. The children also enjoyed following trails and spending time in the gardens. Thank you to Grahame Meaden (National Trust) for inviting us.

Over the past year our links with Montacute House and the National Trust have blossomed. We are very much looking forward to next year's fun run which will once again take place within the ground of Montacute Estate. I believe a 5km and 10km run are being planned for! We are also hoping to have the opportunity to perform Christmas carols within Montacute Estate's busy Christmas calendar.

All Saints Church School Curriculum

Since our STEAM initiative began this time last year we have worked closely together as a staff to ensure our curriculum for our children continues to be broad and balanced but at the same time enriched with life skill opportunities and learning skills. Last year gave us time to focus on how we want to continue to mould our curriculum. The intent being to ensure we deliver a curriculum that is specific to the needs of our all our children within our given educational setting. We are all looking forward to Miss Daniel leading our outdoor learning in our forest area this year; this will be linked to existing topics and STEAM. Each class will have time designated for this throughout each half term.



Parent questionnaire responses

Thank you to all those parents and carers who returned the parent questionnaire last term. These are very helpful when gauging an insight into our provision, new initiatives and for providing us with actions to continue to make our school even better.

As a school we will be focusing on the following actions:

- Consistency of our House Point system
- More links with Montacute House
- More school trips / a short residential in another Year group
- Engagement and participation of pupils in Collective Worship

- Wider variety of clubs

New children and Reception children

As we start our new term we welcome all those children new to our All Saints family. We hope you will be very happy during your time with us and we look forward to working with you. I know you will continue to work with us, so that your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be.

The start of the school day

Children in Years 1 – 6 will be greeted on the playground each morning from 8.40am by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The bell will ring at 8.50am for the children to go into class. Children are to line up outside of their classrooms. The Register will then be taken. Registers close at 9.10am however we aim to start our first teaching and learning session promptly at 9.00am. Children arriving after 9.10am should come into school via the office.

Acorn Class

We are very excited about welcoming our new reception children to Acorn class this week. For a reminder about the lead up to full time hours for those parents with a child starting in Acorn class please see the time table below.

Induction dates for Acorn Class September 2019		
Date	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 2 nd September	INSET DAY (no school for children)	
Tuesday 3 rd to Friday 6 th September	Group 1 9:00am – 11:30am	Group 2 12:45pm – 3:15pm
Monday 9 th and Tuesday 10 th September	Groups 1 and 2 8:50am – 12:00pm	
Wednesday 11 th to Friday 13 th September	Groups 1 and 2 8.50-1.00 <i>Please send your child in with a packed lunch on these dates.</i>	
From Monday 16th September all children in full time 8:50am – 3:15pm		
It is possible to arrange individual induction periods beyond the dates outlined above to reflect your child's needs. Please speak to Miss Cameron if you feel this may be appropriate for your child.		

Meet the Teacher after school

On Monday 23rd September there will be an opportunity for parents and carers to 'Meet the Teacher'. There will be two sessions, one starting at 3.30pm – 3.55pm and a second at 4.00pm to 4.30pm. During this time class teachers will explain class expectations and provide an overview of the learning for the academic year. This time will also provide an opportunity for any questions you may have about your child's new class.

Thank yous and welcomes

We have an amazing staff team who work above and beyond for all our children, who are supported by Governors who work tirelessly in the background to challenge and ensure the school moves forward. The FOAS raise money for many wonderful projects and we have volunteers who give their time to support the school in so many different ways. Thank you to our parents who continually support our school by following our school rules, bringing your children to school on time and taking such an interest in your children's education and finally, a thank you to our amazing children who empower us to all be at our best.

I would like to share some staffing re-structuring updates with you. Mrs Helen Smith will now be our Teaching and Learning Lead across the school and Mr James Ross will be our Assistant Head. As previously stated in the June newsletter, we welcome Mrs Kirstie McKenzie who will now be our SENDCo, working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in this role. She worked closely with Mrs Sarah Stent during the latter half of the summer term in order that there was a smooth transition of information, strategies and procedures. Mrs McKenzie will also be teaching in Year 6 when Mr Ross is undertaking his Assistant Head duties. We also welcome Mrs Alison Holt to our team. She will be working alongside Mrs Lucy Roberts in year 4.

We are all looking forward to the new academic year and working with you all.

Kind regards

Mrs Bowditch

Headteacher

Dates for your diaries

- Wednesday 18th September – Class 3 trip to The Secret World Wildlife Rescue Centre - Highbridge
- Thursday 26th September – Open Day for EYFS intake September 2020 9:30am – 11:00am
- Friday 20th September – Swimming starts for Class 2 and 5
- Friday 27th September – Class 6 Praise and Share 2:40pm start
- Monday 30th September – Class 2 trip to Magdalen Farm
- Tuesday 1st October – Acorn Class Phonics evening 5:00pm

- Thursday 3rd October – Harvest Festival 1:30pm at St Catherine’s church
- Friday 4th October - Acorn Class coffee morning 9:15am in the school hall
- Friday 4th October – Class 2 Praise and Share 2:40pm start
- Friday 4th October - **75 years since D-Day** Red, White and Blue day (children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue clothing and make a small donation towards the work of the three national charities of our Armed Forces.
- Thursday 10th October - Open Day for EYFS intake September 2020 9:30am – 11:00am
- Friday 11th October – Class 3 & 4 STEAM Praise and Share 2:40pm (Parents from Class 3 & 4 are invited)
- Friday 11th October – FOAS Quiz night
- Monday 14th October - - Parents Consultation Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm
- Wednesday 16th October - Class 6 and Acorn welly walk
- Thursday 17th October - Parents Consultation Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm
- Friday 8st November - Class 1 Praise and Share 2:40pm start
- Friday 15th November – Children In Need
- Friday 15th November - KS1 Showcase
- Friday 22nd November - KS2 Showcase
- Friday 29th November – Class 5 & 6 STEAM Praise and Share 2:40pm (Parents from Class 5 & 6 are invited)
- Friday 29th November - FOAS Christmas Fayre
- Friday 13th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day