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HEAD TEACHER NEWS

Dear Parent and Carers

The spring term is well and truly underway! Staff and pupils have settled back into their routines and signs of our whole school daffodil planting day are beginning to show themselves around the school grounds.

The Christmas holidays seem a far memory now, however I recently came across two photos taken during the Christmas concert at Westlands. Mrs Roberts took the school choir to perform in the fabulous pre-festive event. Well done to all and thank you to Christine Jones for the photographs.



Goodbyes and best wishes

We say goodbye to two members of staff this half term. Both have given All Saints many years of service and will always remain part of the All Saints family. Mrs Kinder and Mrs Cobner will both be leaving us.

Mrs Kinder has worked at All Saints for 17 years and has thoroughly enjoyed her role as a TA and designated ELSA. Mrs Kinder will be following her heart and passion to work with those in need of mental health support. We will always be forever grateful for all the hard work, bubbly enthusiasm and care Mrs Kinder has put into her roles. She has supported many children throughout the years, and I know she will be greatly missed.

Mrs Cobner has been a parent, clerk to Governors and a member of staff at All Saints; a total of 20 plus years in all.

Mrs Cobner always said she would support us through to our next Ofsted, and she did so admirably. Again, Mrs Cobner's calm, cheerful disposition will be missed around the school and particularly within the school office. I know however that Mrs Cobner has chosen the right path for her and her family.

Change can be hard to get used to; however new doors open for us all at various times in our lifelong journey. As a school we strive to grow staff and pupils to move forward whatever their situation.

I know you will join me in wishing both Mrs Kinder and Mrs Cobner all the very best as they embark on their new ventures.

Welcomes

We welcome Mrs Higgins to our All Saints family this half term. Mrs Higgins will be working closely with our Year 3 team.

E-safety news update

Please can I remind all parents to be mindful of the age recommendations set by social media app guidelines.

TikTok is proving to be very popular, with many of its users being children and young people. As with all social networks, users need to be aware of the risks as well as the opportunities and it's vital that parents monitor their children's use. To support parents in this, a new Family Safety mode has been launched. It allows parents to link their own account to their children's and set restrictions on content, contact and manage screen time.



Common sense have a useful guide to TikTok for parents at:

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

Please find useful dates below

Friday 31st January – Year 3 & 4 STEAM Praise and Share 2:40pm-3:10pm

Tuesday 4th February – Year 6 SATS parents information evening 5:00pm-6:00pm (School hall)

Wednesday 5th February – Year 3 trip to Willow and Wetlands

Friday 7th February – Acorn Praise and Share 2:40pm-3:10pm

Friday 7th February – FOAS Acorn & KS1 disco 6:00pm – 6:45pm/ FOAS KS2 7:00pm-8:00pm

Monday 10th February – Class 6 trip to Nothe Forte

Tuesday 11th February – Internet Safety Day

Friday 14th February – Key Stage 2 Showcase 2:40pm-3:10pm

Friday 14th February – Break up for HALF TERM

Monday 24th February – BACK to SCHOOL

Friday 28th February - KS1 Showcase 2:40pm-3:10pm

Wednesday 4th March – Year 5 and 6 SPaG Workshop 6pm – 7pm

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day (Children and staff to dress up as their favourite character from a book)

Friday 6th March – Year 1 Praise and Share 2:40pm-3:10pm

Friday 13th March – Year 5 & 6 STEAM Praise and Share 2:40pm-3:10pm

Monday 16th March – Friday 20th March – NO CLUBS

Monday 16th March – Parent Consultation Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Thursday 19th March – Parent Consultation Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Thursday 26th March – All Saints Instrumental Concert 6:00pm – 7:15pm

Friday 27th March – Chocolate Bingo 6:00pm start in the school hall

Tuesday 31st March to Friday 3rd April – Year 6 to Okehampton

Friday 3rd April – Easter Service at Church- 9.45am

Friday 3rd April – Easter Cake Sale

Friday 3rd April – Break up for Easter Holidays

Monday 20th April – INSET DAY

Tuesday 21st April – BACK to SCHOOL

Saturday 25th April - FOAS Murder Mystery Evening

Friday 8th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May – BREAK up for HALF TERM

Monday 1st June BACK to SCHOOL

Sunday 7th June – The Saints Hills/ Fun Run

Monday 8th June – Montacute Writing Competition 2020 wards evening

Saturday 13th June – Montacute Carnival

Friday 19th June – Sports Day (KS1 9:45am start) (KS2 1:15pm start)

Friday 26th June – Sports Day reserve date

Wednesday 1st July – Year 6 Induction Day to new secondary schools

Wednesday 1st July – Shuffle up Day

Tuesday 7th July – Year 6 performance 6:00pm

Wednesday 8th July – Year 6 performance 1:30pm and 6:00pm

Friday 10th July – FOAS Summer Fayre

Thursday 16th July – Year 6 Leavers Church Service 10:45am at St Catherine's/Year 6 final assembly to parents 1:45pm

Friday 17th July – Break up for Summer Holidays

Monday 20th July – INSET DAY

FOAS news

Wednesday the 5th of February - Friends of All Saints meeting - 7.30pm Airfield Tavern, All Welcome

Friday the 7th of February - School Disco

6:00pm – 6:45pm Acorn/KS1

7:00pm – 8:00pm Key Stage 2

You can find details and fill in the form on SZapp in the 'forms and documents' section, if you are able to help please let us know - thank you!

Tuesday the 25th of February - Fun Run Meeting, 7.30pm (venue tbc)

We have some new fundraising events coming up this year! If you would like to be involved in organising or have any other ideas, please come along to one of our meetings if you can or you can email us too!

Save the Date - Murder Mystery Event, Saturday the 25th of April 2020, Odcombe village Hall.

Save the Date - Fun Run - 'The Saints Hills' Sunday the 7th of June 2020 -

<http://www.thesaintshills.co.uk/>

100 CLUB WINNERS

1st - Mrs C Damon

2nd – Mr and Mrs Rivers

3rd – Mr and Mrs Reeves

ACORN

This term, Acorns have been travelling around the world! The children began by thinking of questions that they would like our learning to answer. A lot of the children's questions were to do with the languages spoken around the world. We have therefore learnt several simple phrases in different languages. We can now answer the register by saying "bonjour", "ola" or "shwmae" and we are looking forward to learning other languages as well.

We were really lucky to have some real artefacts and clothing to look at from Kenya. The children really enjoyed learning about these and trying them on. Thank you to Mrs Kamal for sharing

these with us. We have also been learning about animals that live in Africa and comparing both desert and grassland animals.



CLASS 1

Class 1 have been busy this term with their first topic of the Spring term; Posting and Places. During the topic, they have learnt about the features of non-fiction texts including letters, cards, and postcards. They have also created their own postcard during art through STEAM sessions by carving a foam tile and using a print roller and printing ink to create an Inuit inspired image. In geography, children have learnt to map the forest area from a birds' eye view, and in computing have created posters about the Arctic. They learnt to use J2e.com to develop initial basic word processing skills including changing font (colour, and size) and importing images from a safe search. They have learnt about keeping passwords private, only sharing with a trusted adult. Children also learnt to 'speak out and stay safe' with the NSPCC and follow this whilst using digital technologies.



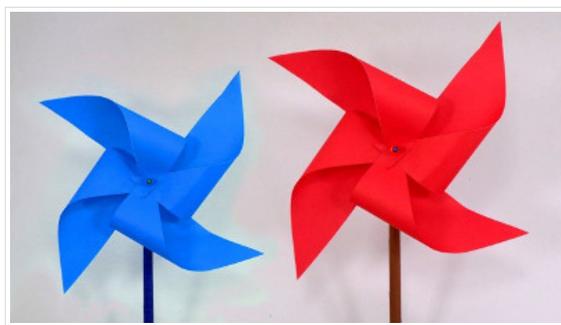
CLASS 2

In just three weeks since Christmas, Class 2 has been very busy! We have really enjoyed working on our new topic of 'Blown Away' where we have been learning about the weather around the world. We have found it fascinating learning all about the world, the equator and why the North and South Poles are cold, yet the countries on the equator are hot.

We enjoyed preparing our Praise and Share and showing our parents what we have been working on. Our science and geography work has been enhanced by STEAM sessions and we found making windmills which turn using just the power of the wind really fun.

We shared these in our assembly and if anyone would like the instructions, they are available on this youtube link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUpCuwf3JEg>



In our ICT work we are learning how to show information and data we have collected in clear bar charts, pictograms and pie charts. We have discussed the differences between using ICT to show this data and drawing it ourselves. We are becoming really confident using j2e and are enjoying exploring what the programme can do. We also have had fun looking at places using Google Earth. We have zoomed into Bardufoss Airport where some of our dads are stationed at the moment, as well as looking at two contrasting localities – Baffin Island near the Arctic Circle and Pekanbaru on the equator. We have also zoomed over lots of our houses!

CLASS 3

In Class 3, we're coming to the end of our unit 'Around the World in 20 Days' during which the children have found out lots of fascinating facts about the geography of the UK, the USA and France. This has included creating models of some famous landmarks as well as designing a fictional landmark that will be the focus of a persuasive writing task. In STEAM, the children have been challenged to build towers using a limited choice of materials and, in a link to Chinese New Year, THEY had lots of fun making 'Rocket Rats' (see pictures!). As we write, the children are looking forward to sharing their STEAM work with you at our assembly this Friday.

We continue to be very impressed with the creative homework that comes into school; during this topic we've been lucky to be on the receiving end of many delicious cakes and treats from the UK, USA and France! Thank you so much for supporting your children with these and other creative homework projects. The children feel so proud of this work and we hope that you find it a useful and enjoyable opportunity to share in their learning.

Our next topic will be 'Art on our doorstep' which will be launched with our trip to the Willow and Wetlands Centre near Stoke St Gregory on Wednesday 5th February. We feel privileged to live in an area so rich in artistic and creative talent and would encourage the children to find out as much as they can about art in their local area during the topic.



CLASS 4

Dragons – Fact or Fiction?

Our classroom has been a hive of excitement over the past few weeks as we have been learning all about dragons.

We started our topic by learning all about St George and the Dragon which inspired us to write our own legends based around a dragon. We worked on creating a vivid image using descriptive language such as metaphors and similes to help the reader visualise our dragons.

Last week, we learnt about the Chinese New Year and the significance of the dragon, which led us to make our own moving dragon through STEAM activities. We made Chinese lanterns of which we wrote instructions about. This led us on to our next piece of writing, focusing on 'How to catch a dragon'. We are now designing our own mythical beast catcher which we will be writing instructions about.

Our weekly recorder sessions are radiating with sound! After just three lessons, the children have learnt how to hold their recorder correctly, how to play the notes B and A and use their tongue to control the length of the note. We have also looked at where the notes on a staff sit and are practising how to keep a steady beat so that everyone stays in time. Those children in the class who can already play the recorder have been a huge support, demonstrating their skills to others and offering top tips. We will soon be exploring musical composition and how to play a musical piece.

CLASS 5

Persuasive Writing

Class 5 have been studying persuasive texts and using what they have found in their own persuasive letters. They have produced some great work and, some are on display in the school corridor for you to read and enjoy when you are next in school. If you are unable to find it on the display it will be available to read in the Class 5 English books.

Well done!



Blogging

Once again Class 5 have enjoyed contributing to our class blog. The children will try to update the blog as much as possible and comment on contributions from other pupils and members of staff. We would also welcome comments from families, so please feel free to contribute to our growing class blog.

If you are unsure where the blog is please access it though the school website, on the Class 5 page, or ask the children. I am sure that they will be happy to show you what they have been up to.

CLASS 6

Since returning to school in January, Class 6 have taken a step back in time to 'The Battle of Britain'. They have worked on a lot of drama to try and connect with the emotions that may have been very present in children of the same age during this point in history. This has then helped form part of their writing where they were evacuated to an unknown family. They are looking forward to hearing some first hand stories from a Grandad who was evacuated during the war. To have this primary source of historical information is very special and we are very grateful.

Also the children have been studying how light travels and the effect this may have had during the war. This week as part of their STEAM they will be making periscopes.

Class 6 are continuing to thread elements of STEAM into their learning as they are creating a piece of dance, using music from Beethoven's 9th Symphony. The creation has been independent and in small groups. The class are exploring elements of dance movement and linking what they have learnt in History to create a piece that symbolises the war.

SEN NEWS

Since returning from the Christmas break we have had a parent workshop on Sensory Processing Needs. It was held at Stanchester Academy, by Kelly Osborne our local educational psychologist.

Parents that attended were positive about the session; it gave everyone a chance to question things, hear some useful strategies and most importantly share scenarios. The feedback was that it was very useful. I will update you all of any further courses or workshops as they arise. Do not forget that you can also always access advice on the below website. If anyone hears of anything useful please let Mrs McKenzie know via the school office.

<https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/>

We will be holding a workshop next half term here at All Saints on Friday 13th March 9:00am-10:30am. It will be an opportunity to find out what it is we as a school community would want more advice on. It will also look at co-producing our information report on SEN. Keep your eyes open for a date.

SPORT NEWS

All Saints continue to participate in a wide range of sporting events and do so with enthusiasm and perseverance.

A group of Key Stage 1 children attended a Multi Skills event at Westfield Secondary School last week and enjoyed experiencing a range of activities.

On 15th January some members of our football B team played a match against The Park School. Their good sportsmanship was clear to see as well as their determination to play their best. Well done to all those who attended this fixture.

We are now looking forward to 3 up and coming Cross Country races – Wednesday 5th February at Yeovil Showground, Wednesday 11th March at Bucklers Mead and Wednesday 22nd April at Mudford Recreational Ground. If the previous three races are anything to go by, All Saints will no doubt impress again!

HOME STEAM CHALLENGE

Cornflour Slime

You will need:



A large bowl



Food colouring

Large covered table or area where mess is not a problem



200ml water

200-300g cornflour

Aprons



Method:

1. Pour the cornflour into the bowl.
2. Pour the water in, mixing slowly as you go. Keep adding more water until the mixture becomes thick (and hardens when you tap on it).
3. Add a few drops of food colouring to make your slime the colour you want it.
4. Put your hands in the slime and experiment with handling it.
5. What happens when you pick the slime up, squeeze it or even punch or slap it?
6. Do you think it is a solid or a liquid?
7. How is it different to water?



The Science

The slime is a non-Newtonian liquid which means it is different to 'normal' liquids. It gets thicker when it is pushed or pressed down. The cornflour is not actually dissolved in the water so when pressure is put on the mixture, the water molecules are pushed away. Other non-Newtonian liquids react in different ways to pressure. Tomato ketchup gets runnier if you shake it. If you whip cream for a long time, it gets thicker and thicker.