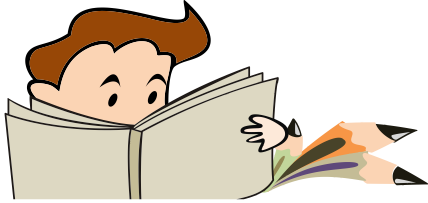


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Dear Parents,

On the 2nd February we had our National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools (SIAMS). Our overall judgement was that we are a good and effective Church school that is on an upward trajectory and has a number of emerging strong features. This is an improvement on our previous inspection under a new and more rigorous schedule. Our thanks go to the parents who spoke to the inspector and the children who conducted themselves in an exemplary manner during the day. The full report can be found on our website under the documents page.

The funeral for Mr Whomersley will be taking place on Wednesday 15th February at 3pm. We are aware that many parents will want to attend and to assist in this, Mrs Thomson and Mrs Andrew have both volunteered to remain in school until 4.30 p.m. They will look after any children of parents who are attending the funeral and are unable to arrange collection. We would ask that you please let us know if your child will be staying at school. Sports club will be running as normal.

Our parents evening is planned for the 28th March. A letter regarding appointments will follow shortly. Please remember we operate an open door policy in the school and staff are always willing to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange for a member of staff to call you.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers



Another reminder that we are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Please canvas neighbours, friends and relatives who might be shopping in the store to pass on their vouchers for you to bring in.

Before and After school and Nursery provision

Thank you for your replies with regard to Nursery and before and after school provision. Mrs Walker and Mrs Goodwin have met with current providers and the Local Authority to explore the feasibility behind the provision. Further information will follow shortly.



Holiday Dates



Please note the holiday dates including inset days for the remainder of this year and also 2017/18, are posted on our Website.

School dinners price increase

Chartwell's (our catering provider) have informed us that the price for school dinners will increase to £2.20 per day from April 2017. This price is fixed until March 2019. Please remember meals should be paid for in advance.



Internet Safety

The school feels very strongly, that in this digital age all children should be aware of how to keep safe online. The school has secure software in place and monitors websites accessed by staff and children from our systems.

On Wednesday 8th February, All Saints' had a visit from Amy Bradley who illustrates Penguin Pig. Designed for 5-7 yr olds Penguin Pig has a strong underlying message that we need to think carefully before we trust what we read online. It enforces the message that some people use the internet to trick others and that, in the event of being uncertain, children should check with a trusted adult.



The children also saw videos about internet safety and how to keep safe online.

Online Safety Parental controls are an important element of keeping children safe on line. We have pointers on our website and links to access which help you, as parents keep your child safe. The NSPCC have put together a useful section on their website that helps you to set up parental controls on different devices including: phones or tablets, games consoles or laptops - and even your home broadband. Please follow this link to find out more: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> There is also an app that you can use which will help you to keep your children safe online. It is called Net Aware, and it reviews sites, apps and games with an interactive element most frequently used by children and analysed various features of each, so parents could make an informed opinion of the appropriateness of the sites a child may want to use. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Gymnastics Competition

Recently some children from years 2, 3 and 4 took part in a Gymnastics Competition at the Uttoxeter Gymnastics Club. The children had the opportunity to take part in floor routines and vault at an Advanced, Intermediate or Beginners level.

All the children participated well and were a credit to our school. A special mention goes to Isabel who came 1st in the Year 4 floor routine and the vault, Abigail who came 1st in the Year 2 vault and Freya who came 3rd in the Year 2 floor routine. Thank you to Mrs Layton for helping at this event.



School Council news

School Council are planning to run their second hand book sale on Thursday 2nd March to coincide with World Book Day. Further details will follow closer to the event.

If you have any good quality, second-hand-books, children or adults, that you wish to donate, please send them into school either with your child, or leave them in the foyer by the School Office.

Help Required

Do you or your company visit Croydon? The school council will be collecting shoes for SALS shoe charity <http://www.salshoes.com/>. The collection point for the charity is in Croydon High street so if anyone can help in the delivery, we can avoid any postage charges.

Mud Kitchen

Mrs Andrew has organised an outdoor kitchen for her reception children. This involves lots of experiments with water and mud. To assist in this venture we require waterproof clothes. If you have any waterproof trousers, tops or all in ones you no longer use and could donate we would be most grateful.



Reminders and dates

Yr3 & 4 - Violins on Fridays

Monday 20th to Friday 24th - Half term holiday.

Tuesday 28th February - Yr1 & 2 to the Space Centre.

Wednesday 1st March - Yr 1 & 2 Family Learning

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day (the children can come dressed as any book character)

