

# All Saints C.E. (C) First School Denstone

## NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends and Parents,

With the school year up and running we hope our newsletter will continue to keep you up to date with all that is going on in our school. Please also look out for information posted on our noticeboard, notes home in bags and also text messages.



The school has had a very busy start to the academic year, our new Reception children have settled in very well, as have all our children in their new year groups.

All the children had a demonstration of how to perform the recovery position from a visiting First Responder, before testing it out themselves. Year 3 & 4 parents showed their creativity with a family learning day making an Egyptian mask. Our Reception children have visited Uttoxeter Fire Station and have had visits from the community police support officers with their police van, a First Responder with the responder car and also a farmer and tractor which supported their topic on people who help us.

Mrs Ashley popped into school to say a special thank you to the children for the card and presents she received at the end of last term. She has now completed her garden area and the fountain which was bought with all the gift donations, has pride of place in the seating area.

Our grateful thanks go out to all the parents and friends who gave up their Sunday morning on the 9<sup>th</sup>, to join us on our community garden day. The garden certainly looks a lot better and planning has started to get the children back out there and using it.

Please remember staff are always willing to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a suitable time.



Please note, due to severe nut allergies, we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child in with any foods containing any nuts such as peanut butter sandwiches or snacks.

Thank you.

## Share your views



Parents and carers can give their views of our school at any time of the school year and at the time of a school inspection using an online questionnaire called Parent View.

When our school is notified of its next Ofsted inspection, parents will be invited to give their views about the school to inspectors using the Parent View online facility as this has replaced Ofsted's paper questionnaire. Please make sure we have your most up-to-date contact details.

Please register with an email address and a password at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to complete answers to 12 short questions about aspects such as bullying, the quality of teaching, level of homework, etc.

Your views are important in helping inspectors make a decision about our school, and to help us know what is going well and what could be improved.

If you do not have a computer or an email address or if you would like help to use Parent View, please come into school and ask at reception.



We also have a complaints, comments and compliments box situated in the foyer outside the front office. This is emptied every week and any comments are distributed. Please remember to mark envelopes private and confidential or addressee only if you need these comments to go to a specific person and put on your name if you require a reply.

### **School Admissions 2016-17**

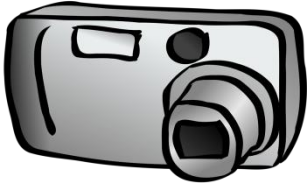
It is getting near to the time when the admissions process begins and we would ask that if you know of any child in the village or surrounding area due to start school September 2017, that you ask their parents to contact the school so that we can involve them in all that we do.

The application process is open from **November 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 till January 15th 2017**. Also a reminder to parents of children in Year 4 that the application process for middle school has moved in line with that for primary schools. Further details and open evening times can be found on

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/admissions/primary/home.aspx> or by using the link on our website.



Can we please ask parents and grandparents not to park in the staff car park when dropping off or picking up your children. On a number of occasions staff and visitors have been blocked in when trying to leave, or are unable to park due to cars being in the way.



Do you now use your smartphone or tablet to take photographs and have a working digital camera which is cluttering up a draw? All Saints' are in need of cameras to take on school trips and to assist with observations in classrooms, and we would be more than happy to take these off your hands. If you can assist please contact Mrs Goodwin in the office.

## Christmas Activities

To help when planning your own family events, we thought it would be useful to share our festive plans. This year our annual theatre event will be for years 1 to 4 at the New Vic theatre. We will be joined by St Peter's Alton on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January (the first day back after the Christmas break) to see The Snow Queen.

Our Reception children will remain in school this day, as they have a visit to the Adventure Farm planned on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, again linking with St Peters at Alton.



## Shoebox Service Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016

We are again taking part in the Samaritans Purse Shoebox appeal.

Information leaflets and Shoeboxes accompany this Newsletter.

Shoebboxes can be brought into school on Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup> or on the day of the Service. The service of dedication is at All Saints' Church on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am.

There is limited space in church as all the Children will attend and fill up many of the Rows but you are welcome to join us.

**If you Can assist in walking the children to and from Church please let Mrs Goodwin know.**



## Sporting News



A group of 7 children from Yrs. 3 and 4 have recently taken part in a Cross Country Competition at Thomas Alleyne's High School. All the children participated with great determination. A special mention goes to Tamsin who came 7<sup>th</sup> in her race and to Theo who came 7<sup>th</sup> in his race.

## Advance Notice!

In the New Year, School Council are planning to organise a second-hand book sale (childrens and adults) and also support a charity called SALS, which sends good quality, second hand shoes, trainers, boots etc. to children in Africa and Syria.

If you were planning a 'sort out' before Christmas we would be grateful if you could keep these items back until the New Year when we will let you have more details about these collections.

Thank you,  
School Council



## FOAL / PTA News

Our Foal members are busy planning lots of events to generate funds for the school. The group not only reduce the cost of all school trips by donating 50% towards coach costs, they are also hard at work saving towards additional storage for the school and the purchase of an interactive touch screen to replace an ageing whiteboard.

The latest newsletter and Christmas card template came out last week and was sent home in school bags, if you didn't receive this please ask at the office.

Tickets are on sale in the school office or from the FOAL committee members for the Fun wine and quiz night. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in Denstone village hall. Tickets are £12 and include 5 glasses of wine to taste, nibbles and a quiz with prizes.

## Dates to Remember

- Our last day of this term **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**, will be a non-uniform day. We are asking for a donation of 50p from each child which will go towards our Christmas party activities and resources.
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October is an Inset Day (teacher training) and the school is closed to children. On this day FOAL are holding a Spooky Spooktacular Night 5-6pm in the school playground. Spooky fancy dress optional. Fun apple bobbing, spooky spaghetti dipping and more. There will also be a pumpkin carving parade so please bring a carved pumpkin (NO REAL FLAMES, please). £2.50 per child.
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. 9.15am Shoebox service in church.
- FOAL meeting 7.30pm November 7<sup>th</sup> in school. All welcome to attend.

