

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



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Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after our Easter break!

Here is a quick newsletter to keep you informed about what is going on in school.

Mrs Andrew has asked us to pass on her thanks to everyone who gave her cards and presents and also all who contributed to her leaving gift. It made her last day at All Saints' so special. We are delighted that Mrs Wilson has joined us in our Reception class. Mrs Wilson comes to us from St Peter's at Alton and is already a key member of staff within the Federation.

Please remember we always 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 a suitable time or to arrange a member of staff to call you.



Nursery provision

Now that before and after school provision has been established and Mrs Wilson is a permanent member of staff, we are actively working towards opening a governor led Early Years setting, including both Nursery and Reception. We are hoping this will be up and running in September 2017 and would initially be for mornings only. If you would like your child to have a place then please let Mrs Goodwin know in writing with a firm commitment as soon as possible, as places are limited. A more flexible arrangement to accommodate the 30 hours provision will be available at some point in the future, when the Nursery is fully established.



Sun safety

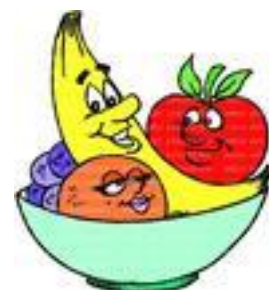
With the better weather around the corner (we can but hope), we should start to think of sun safety for the children. Can you please ensure your child has a named hat available which can be put on for protection on sunny days. Suntan lotion can be brought into school, however, all children should be able to administer it correctly themselves and bottles should be named and protected against leaks.

We advise that open toed sandals are not suitable and safe for school so please can parents avoid sending children to school in these.

Snacks at break time

A little reminder about our healthy snack policy for break times. Monday to Thursday only healthy snacks are allowed, for example:-

- * Fruit both fresh and dried
- * Vegetable sticks
- * Pure fruit bars
- * Cereal bars - not chocolate
- * Fruit flakes including those covered in yogurt
- * Plain biscuits - no chocolate or cream and no more than 2 please
- * Breadsticks - little ones
- * Cheese
- * Plain unsalted crackers



As part of the fresh fruit scheme, fruit or vegetables are provided most days.

Fridays - on this day children, if they wish, can bring in one of the following: crisps, chocolate or cake. We thank you for your support in this. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask at the office.

Community Litter Pick

We have been notified of a Denstone Village litter pick on Saturday 29th April. 10am to 12 pm.



Parents, Staff and children are invited to join in. Please meet at the village hall car park.

Sports

All the children in year 1 and 2 took part in a multi skills festival at Thomas Alleyne's High School. They had a busy morning trying different sporting activities, and all the children received a medal for taking part.

Laches Wood - Year 4 (Reminder from our last Newsletter)



Full cost £ 121.50 - £30 paid deposit - £30 Donation from FOAL = £61.50 due.

The balance of £61.50 for all children attending is due by Friday 26th May at the latest please. Payments can be made in instalments until that date by cash or cheques payable to SCC. Any cancellations will incur full payment. A kit list and medical form will be issued and a meeting for parents will be held nearer the time.

Curriculum Booklets

In addition to this newsletter you will find our Summer curriculum plans in the school bags tonight. Please note these are also shown on the website so you can refer to these throughout the term.



School Dinner Menu

Chartwells have decided to extend the current Primary School Menu which will now be available until the end of May. A new menu will be launched on Monday 5th June. Menu choices can be seen by following

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/cateringservice/cateringforprimaryschools/home.aspx> or by logging into our website and visiting the documents section/school information.



Transition Days

Mrs Parkin from Ryecroft, will be joining us on the 17th May to hold a Q & A session with all the children who will be moving to this school next year.

Transition days this year are on Tuesday 4th July and Wednesday 5th July. Whilst our current year 4 children are at Ryecroft, the rest of the school will spend time in their new classes and our new Reception intake will join us for part of the day.

More information about this will follow nearer the time.



Lost Property Box

Our lost property box in the foyer will be emptied on the 8th May. Any unnamed items will be given to charity or thrown away. If you think your child has lost an item of clothing or equipment, please come and have a look to see if it has been found.



Happy Hours at Denstone

Our new before and after school club is now up and running. Please note all bookings need to be made through the club by Email: happyhoursdenstone@gmail.com or by phone on 07534956041. If you want to know more about the club please look at their facebook page at happyhoursatdenstone.

Facebook Groups

Are you aware the All Saints and FOAL have facebook groups? These are closed groups available to the school community and invited friends, so posts and questions can be made in confidence. To join the FOAL group please see a member of the FOAL committee. To join the school gate page see Mrs Goodwin and she will pass on your request to the administrator.



Garden Warriors after school club



Thank you for the support we had with our first gardening club session last term. The children all seemed to have fun, so we're keen to keep growing & exploring this summer. There will be 6 sessions this term and your child can attend all or just pick and choose if you prefer. As it was quite popular, we will have to limit numbers, so spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please fill in the form at the bottom of this newsletter and send it into school.

We would ask for a donation of £1.50 per child, per session to allow us to cover costs & to make it a sustainable project. Again, please would you send your child into school with suitable outdoor clothing for the weather and wellies if it is looking muddy. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. The club is held after school until 4.30 pm.

I would like my child _____ Year _____ to attend the session(s) on:

Friday 5th May	Yes / No	Friday 19th May	Yes / No
Monday 5th June	Yes / No	Friday 16th June	Yes / No
Mon 3rd July	Yes / No	Monday 10th July	Yes / No



Total donation enclosed _____

Please enclose your donation and send the form back to your class teacher by Wednesday 3rd May.

Finally, do not forget Monday 1st of May is a Bank Holiday, and the school is closed.

We will see you back on Tuesday 2nd.