


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

 Love, Respect and Kindness



# Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Parents,

Welcome back after our half term break.

Please look carefully at this Newsletter as it contains important information, dates and guidance.

## DIARY



- 13<sup>th</sup> November - Diwali workshop whole school.  
Leggings or track suit bottoms.
- 14<sup>th</sup> November - Reception & Nursery Small Saints in church. 2pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> November - Father John Worship
- 17<sup>th</sup> November - Children In Need Day Non Uniform.  
£1 + 50p for a cake.
- 24<sup>th</sup> November - Tesco Sue Yr 1 & 2 Healthy Eating.
- 24<sup>th</sup> November - FOAL Wine tasting and Promises Auction.
- 1<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Food orders required
- 1<sup>st</sup> December - FOAL Christmas Fair 3 - 4.30.
- 5<sup>th</sup> December - Dance Club ends. Performance for parents.
- 7<sup>th</sup> December - Father John Worship
- 12<sup>th</sup> December - Light Up & Sing and Nativity 6pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner
- 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas party - Disco End of Term

## CHILDREN IN NEED

We will be holding a non uniform day in aid of Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The



theme this year is 'spots', so if your child can come in wearing something spotty that would be great. If spots are a problem, please do not worry, any clothes will do. Donations of £1 per child please. The school council will be making cakes and selling them for 50p each. All funds collected will go to Children in Need.

## ADMISSIONS 2018

The Local Authority online application for admission to Reception or Middle School in September 2018 is available now and closes on

15th January 2018. Please apply online at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions). Please ensure you, or anyone else you may know of, has contacted the school and passed on their contact details if they are due to start school or Nursery in September 2018 and beyond. This CANNOT guarantee a place but ensures we are able to forward either a school Nursery application or a Local Authority application for Reception at the appropriate time. If you have any problems completing the online forms, please contact Mrs Goodwin in the office and she will be happy to help you.



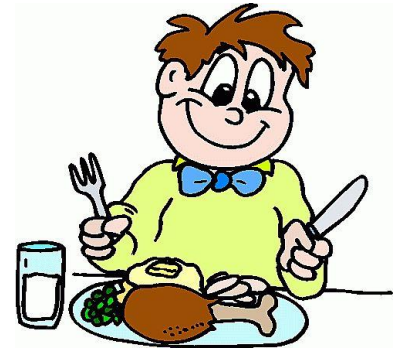
## WHITEMOOR LAKES - YEAR 4

We have arranged for the children in Year 4 to join with other local schools for a weekend at Whitemoor Lakes Outdoor Education Centre. They will take part in activities including canoeing, campfire cooking, archery and orienteering. The date for the visit is the weekend of 13th to 15th July 2018. A letter will be sent separately as a deposit is required by Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November.

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## SCHOOL MEALS

National School Meals Week is approaching and Chartwells (our school meal provider) would like feedback from parents on how they are doing with the provision of school meals.



Please join in with the 'We're All Ears' parent survey which will be running between Monday 13th November - Sunday 26th November 2017, which coincides with National School Meals Week (13th November - 17th November). The questionnaire is hosted online and can be accessed via the following:  
[www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk/entrustnsmw](http://www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk/entrustnsmw)

You have the chance to win some fantastic prizes. All completed online entries received by Sunday 26th November will be entered into a free prize draw:

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## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



Please ensure your photograph orders have been sent in by the morning of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. This should ensure your orders are received back well in time for our December break.

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## Inter - Faith Week

Next week is inter-faith week and we've arranged a Diwali Dance Workshop for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Can all children come in track-suit bottoms or leggings alongside their normal jumper and shirt for the day's activity. All children, including Nursery will be involved!



## Emergency School Closures

With the colder weather now upon us, a reminder that in case of bad weather conditions any school closure will be announced on the Staffordshire c.c. website

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist/schoolclosurelist.aspx> .

You can now sign up for school closure alerts via text message and email from Staffordshire C C, so that you can be notified immediately when the school informs them of a closure. The alerts system includes school closures and a wide range of other county council services. Follow this link to register <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/scc/customeralerts/>

We will also endeavour to use our text messaging service to inform all of you as well. The school office will be manned from 8.00 a.m., assuming that staff will be able to travel and any decision regarding closure will be made as soon as possible. Please ensure that the school is open before leaving your child.

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### **Picking up procedures**

Can parents and guardians please ensure they do not allow their children to run around the playground after pick up. This makes it difficult for members of staff to spot parents of the children not yet collected, and to also ensure children are with an appropriate adult as they leave the playground.



We also need to know if someone other than yourself is collecting your child. Please call school in advance to let us know. Thank you.

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### **Mrs Walker's swimming challenge.**

Mrs Walker is well on her way towards the 40 mile swimming target where she is raising money for Pancreatic Cancer. Log onto the just giving page [www.justgiving.com/booodles](http://www.justgiving.com/booodles) to follow her progress. If you would like to donate there is a money box in our Reception area.





### Christmas Lunch

The school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. To help the kitchen with the ordering of food, please let us know if your child will be having the Christmas meal by returning the slip below. The cost re-mains at £2.20 for a meal and this should be paid in advance (as usual, the meal is free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2).

The Menu will be:

Turkey with chipolata sausage,  
roast potatoes, mashed potatoes,  
seasonal vegetables, stuffing and gravy

Quorn Roast with Cranberry Sauce

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Snowman Ice Cream, Christmas Biscuit.



### Christmas Party Arrangements

This year our Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> which is the last day of term.

The activities will start with a party lunch which will be followed by a Disco. Children can come dressed in party dresses and non-uniform, however please make them suitable for school.

The cost re-mains at £2.20 for a meal and this should be paid in advance (as usual, the meal is free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2).

Could you please also buy a present, no more than value £7, wrap them in Christmas paper, clearly mark them with your child's name (including surname) and hand them secretly into the school office by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please do not spend more than £7.00 as we like to ensure that the presents are fair and consistent for all of the children.

Please return this slip by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Childs Name ..... Class .....

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Will (please tick) be having the **Turkey Christmas Dinner** on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Will (please tick) be having the **Vegetarian Christmas Dinner** on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Will (please tick) be having the **Party Food** on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Payment £2.20 is due on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas Dinner and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas Party, please send in a named envelope. Thank you.

Signed ..... Parent / Guardian