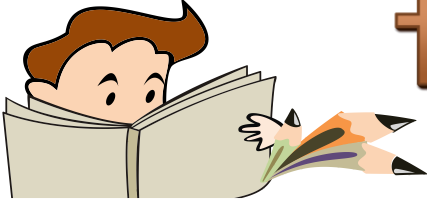


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Newsletter

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Dear parents,

Welcome back after the long summer hols! We hope you all had a restful break and are now ready to start a new and exciting year! We are happy to inform you that our Nursery is now up and running and we welcome Mrs Wilson as our permanent Early Years teacher. At the time of writing, the children have all settled well and are loving being in school!

Attached to this newsletter is an update regarding our position with regard to academy conversion and our proposal to join Staffordshire University Academy Trust. Exciting times ahead!

Just a reminder that should you wish to speak to us about anything, no matter how small, Mrs Walker will be available across the week and Miss Robson at the beginning of the week.



Lost Property

We have a lost property box located in the foyer in front of the reception hatch. Found property is placed in this box or returned if named. The box is emptied at the end of each term and the contents are either donated to the used uniform sales or disposed of.

DIARY



Please log onto our website to find all 2017/18 dates and Inset days.

Important dates, events and clubs.

We are busy collating as many dates for the year as possible. A list of upcoming events should be ready for our next newsletter.

Data Collection Sheets -

To be returned as soon as possible please

Over the next few weeks you will receive a copy of a data collection sheet. It is vital we have the correct contact and medical information for you. Please check all the information on the data form, correct if necessary, sign and return to the school via your child's class teacher. If information changes during the year, please let us know in writing a.s.a.p.

Please help us

- Please do not park in Oak Road or the school car park when you are dropping off in the morning or collecting at night. Please park in the village hall car park.
- Please do not allow children to stand on the fence at the entrance to the playground, it will not withstand any weight and has been mended frequently.
- Please try and ensure all envelopes sent with money in are correctly labelled with the child's name, class, and what the money is for. Cheques are a preferred method of payment.
- Return slips, money envelopes and letters should be sent in your child's schoolbag and not handed in to the office. Please ensure your child knows it is in their bag to hand in to the teacher.
- Make sure ALL school uniform is labelled.
- Remember to send your child to school with a water bottle labelled clearly with their name each day. Water only please to fully hydrate the children as we work hard on maintaining our healthy school status.
- Please inform us before 9am if your child will be absent from school due to illness. Apart from emergencies please try and make doctor and dentist appointments after 3.15pm.
- Please do not let your children run around at home time once they have been dismissed by the teachers as this makes it difficult to spot parents for other children.

Gifts and Cards



The staff have asked me to pass on their thanks for the wonderful gifts and cards received at the end of last term, particularly the messages from parents and children.

Text to Parents



We have again subscribed to the text to parents service. Please note text messages will only be sent to the no. 1 priority contact on your returned data form, if you wish to change this please send a written note into your child's class teacher which will be noted and passed to the office.

A test message was sent on Friday morning, if you did not receive this please again send a note into the office stating your correct mobile number as it may have been logged incorrectly.

Future Newsletters

The purpose of our newsletter is to provide you with important information about what is happening, ways to get involved in school life and anything else we feel it is important that you should know. The newsletter is issued at least monthly.



We are trying to reduce our use of paper, costs and time producing and sending out the newsletter each month. In order to do this, Mrs Goodwin will be setting up a Newsletter email group who can be emailed the monthly sheet instead of receiving a hard copy. This will also ensure all parents receive the newsletters when they are due out and are not left in trays by your child. If you are able to help us achieve these green objectives can you please send a quick email to office@allsaints-denstone.staffs.sch.uk stating this. Your email address can then be copied and pasted over to the group avoiding any errors.



Please note, 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.

Helping in school

If anyone wishes to help in school especially hearing children read, then please get in touch. All offers of help are very welcome especially this year with more children in school. If you can offer just a few hours supporting the class teachers helping with reading books and readers that would be greatly appreciated and all our enthusiastic young readers would be very grateful too!! Please inform the office if you wish to help, no experience is necessary. We will work very hard to accommodate all offers of help and to find suitable times and activities for everyone who wishes to get involved.

Please bear in mind that helping in the same class that your child is in does not have a beneficial effect in the majority of cases.

Please note that all helpers need to have the relevant CRB/DBS checks made and sign a simple agreement to define their role in school.

Thank you.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Service will be held at All Saints' Church on Friday 22nd September at 9.30am. We hope you will be able to join us for the service to celebrate harvest. The service will last no more than an hour. As we are walking please ensure your child has a coat on that day if the weather requires one. If you are able to help us walk the children to the church please let us know.



The church will be open and will have been set up ready for the service so parents, guardians and friends can make their way there. Please can the children bring their 'Harvest Gifts' to school and then they will take them to church where the Vicar will accept them on behalf of the church. (Remember the children have to carry these from school to Church so please do not make them too heavy. Please put names on any baskets that need to be returned). For those of you new to the school the children bring small gifts of produce such as fruit and vegetables. The church also accepts gifts of tins and dried goods. The produce donated will be sold at the Harvest Supper and the money raised sent to Malawi.

All classes are involved in the service and we hope as many of you as possible will join us in church to celebrate this occasion. Thank you.

Attendance Policy

We have updated our attendance policy to reflect new regulations. I urge you to log onto our website to view this. It sets out the changes to penalty notices for persistent absence and the rules around holiday leave. If you have any queries in relation to this policy or require a printed copy please inform the office.



FOAL

The AGM for our PTA group FOAL (Friends of All Saints), will take place in the school at 7.30 on Thursday 21st September at 7.30 in school. Please come along to see what our wonderful parents have planned and help out when you can.

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.





Friends Of All Saints' (FOAL) would like to invite any new parents for a glass of wine or tea & biscuits after school pick up on Friday 15th September. It's a nice opportunity to get to meet some other parents and find out a bit more about school life. There will be soft drinks for the children. We'd love to see you there.

Garden Warriors

For those of you new to All Saints', Garden Warriors is a parent led after school club, which was set up last year to make use of the fantastic garden facilities at school. Over the summer term, we grew veggies, made bug hotels, went pond dipping and much more. We've got lots planned in our Autumn sessions too. These will be held on Friday 29th September and Friday 3rd November until 4.30pm. Again, we will have to limit numbers, so spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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. Please would you send your child into school with wellies and suitable outdoor clothing for the weather. We will carry on through rain, unless it is a torrential downpour! Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

We are always happy to have more volunteers. You do not need to be green fingered, just willing to help. Please let Jo Goodwin know if you would like to join us.

I would like my child _____ Year

_____ to attend the session(s) on:

Friday 29th September Yes / No

Friday 3rd November Yes / No

Total donation enclosed _____

Please enclose your donation and send the form back to your class teacher before Monday 18th September.