



Newsletter

17th July 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Wow. What a year it has been! It has been full of laughter, friendships, learning and great experiences. It has been action-packed, busy and well planned. Year 2018/19 has been wonderful.

When we reflect on the year gone by we will think of Big Build Week; Marvellous Me; our brilliant, child-led Diversity Defenders worships and our lovely Hand To Mouth spiritual journeys. We will hear children's excited stories from great trips, including hole-in-ones at Dino Golf; marveling at Conisbrough Castle; looking up at giraffes at Chester Zoo; forming an army at Dewa Roman Experience; becoming Anglo Saxons at Murton Park; steam train adventures on North Yorkshire Railways and being spooked at York Dungeons. We will think about All Saints' Got Talent, our numerous sporting successes, performing at Disneyland Paris, Reception's traditional trip to Thornton Hall Farm and Year 6's screams on the Giant Swing at PGL, the Macbeth performance, LGBT and Black History Weeks, visits to places of religious significance, an 'Excellent' judgement following our SIAMS inspection and our hugely successful Sports Day and Summer Fair extravaganza.

Our pupils' individual achievements are particularly impressive, from charity work to representing their country in sports; from starring in stage productions to winning professional sporting accolades.

Academically, they are flourishing (our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 assessments are all extremely high and some of the very best (if not *the* best in some areas) in Calderdale—to be published, once verified, during Autumn term). Due to the hard work of staff and children, there is a positive three-year trend for attainment in all year groups, and children are enthused and excited by our curriculum topics.

We will also look back fondly at our All Saints' staff. The tireless dedication and passion for learning among this talented team is truly second to none. We see early mornings, late nights, weekend emails sharing brilliant, research-driven resources and a true commitment to achieving the best for each and every child. A special mention to our newest members of staff this academic year—Mrs Summerscales, Miss Lane, Mrs Greenwood, Mr Chamberlain, Mr Batley and Mrs Butterworth—who have all settled in extraordinarily well, and to Mrs Whitely and Mrs Anwar in the office for being superstars. To the staff who are leaving us at the end of the week, we wish you all the best and know you will each be fantastic in your new roles.

And now we turn the torch on ourselves. Being Acting Headteachers this term has been a real honour. Clearly, we both know the school well with over 20 years of experience here between us. We also both love the school, its children and wider community. The family feel here is rare and often quaintly giggled at when with other Heads, but it is important and a clear asset to the school and the families it serves. This, coupled with our in-school and out-of-school successes, makes All Saints' *All Saints'*. We have worked hard this term to further embed our school's vision and values, ensure children's engagement and enjoyment of our curriculum is high, develop wellbeing and drive our school's development plan forward. Thank you for all your words of support, well wishes and smiles in the playground. One child in Key Stage 2 this week said this summer term had been her "best term yet!". We could not agree more and it truly has been a real privilege to be your Headteachers.

Finally, we would like to wish a big 'Good Luck' to our Year 6 children. There has been tears aplenty this week already (mostly from parents but the children's ones are brewing!). We are certain that these children will go on to do great things, hopefully keeping the school's motto to 'Let It Shine' close at heart. You will be assets at your secondary school. Please do not forget to come and say 'Hello' to us all!

To all our children and families, have an enjoyable and restful summer. Stay safe, have fun and create some long-lasting memories. We wholeheartedly wish you all a wonderful summer holiday.

M. Pumbroke J. Stottard

All Saints' Got Talent

Congratulations to all our auditionees and our finalists for All Saints' Got Talent—it truly was a tougher than ever competition this year! We have had jokes, songs, martial arts, dancing, sports and instrumentalists— the talent really is endless!

Our judges found the decision extremely difficult but the winners were announced as: KS1: 'The Year One Club' KS2: 'Jessica' Well done to everyone who took part. We had a great afternoon with our local celebrity— Callum Butterworth, a finalist from The Voice 2019.



Celebration Assembly

On Friday it is the final Celebration Assembly of the year. We will be awarding our annual Bob Smith Citizenship trophies for exceptional attitude to learning in each year group and also our new-last-year Helen Hudson Progress in PE awards. We will also be saying a final 'goodbye' to some members of staff. You are welcome to join us from 9:15.



Sports Day



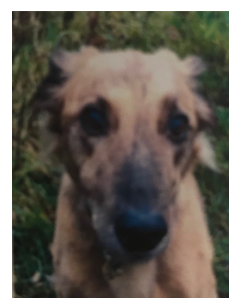
Sports Day was a huge success and a big well done to all our competitors. Everyone tried their best and scored points for their House. The winning house for Sports Day 2019 was Warneford!

Also, a great big THANK YOU to all our helpful volunteers for the Summer Fair. Our PTA 'Friends Of All Saints' did an extraordinary job organising, preparing and crafting such a successful event. The Summer Fair made profit of over £1000 and every penny will go back into school to make it an even better place.

Thank you for your help!

Thank you to all our volunteers in school who have helped out over this academic year. We have people from the local community who come into listen to children read, drivers who make weekly swimming a viable option on our minibuses, Miss Hanson, who has supported in the Nurture Room, and plenty more. Your support means a lot to the staff and our children.

An extra mention to Katie who has been coming into school with Finn, our reading therapy dog, over the past three years. It is with great sadness to inform you that Finn has passed away. Together with Katie, they have developed a passion and enthusiasm in some of our children who perhaps previously found reading a chore. One recent quote from a regular reader: "Thursdays are my favourite days because I wake up excited to read. Finn helps me and I know he likes hearing new stories.!"



Congratulations to Mackay who have earned the most house points this term. Everyone in the house can come to school on Friday wearing yellow. Well done, Mackay!

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

This year's Summer Reading Challenge takes place in space—in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing.

Aimed at children aged 4-12, the Summer Reading Challenge is the biggest national reading initiative. The Summer Reading Challenge gets three quarters of a million children into libraries to keep up their reading skills and confidence during the long holidays. It runs in libraries throughout the summer holidays, with incentives, activities and events designed to create a real buzz around children's reading. The challenge is simple - to read six or more library books over the summer.

The Space Chase will run from Saturday 13th July until Saturday 14th September in all 21 libraries in Calderdale. The challenge is designed for children aged 4-12. Children must be a member of Calderdale Libraries to take part and it's all free!

To complete the challenge children must read six library books. All the materials have been designed by the illustrator Adam Stower including a Space Chase pull out collectors folder and three scratch and sniff stickers one of which smells of alien gunk! When children have completed the challenge, they will receive a certificate and a Sticky Thrower.

Every child who completes the challenge will be invited to a special medal winners' ceremony to celebrate their achievement. They will be presented with their medal and get the opportunity to see a hilariously funny performance by poet, Conrad Burdekin at Brighouse Civic Theatre in October half term.

The Summer Reading Challenge is free and we will definitely celebrate all participants who have completed the challenge when we return to school in September.



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Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Message from PTA

Diary Dates

As we come to the end of the school year, Friends of All Saints' would like to give a huge thank you to all the staff, parents, carers, family, friends and children of All Saints' who have supported our fundraising efforts this year.

We have smashed our target and are delighted to have supported the school in purchasing accelerated reading software to support literacy across the school, dictionaries & thesaurus for each year, book bags for our new reception children, Bibles for school leavers and many other treats for the children as well as supporting families in North Halifax with our Christmas appeal.

Every penny we raise goes towards supporting school initiatives and makes a huge difference to the school. Finally, thank you to all the volunteers of FOAS throughout the year. We would not be able to hold events or raise funds without your support and commitment. Have a great summer break and fingers crossed the sun shines for six weeks!



Term Dates 2019/2020

Autumn 2019

School reopens – Tuesday 3rd September

School closes for half term – Friday 25th October

School reopens – Monday 4th November

School closes for end of term – Friday 20th December

Spring 2020

School reopens – Tuesday 7th January

School closes for half term – Friday 14th February

School reopens – Monday 24th February

School closes for end of term – Wednesday 8th April

Summer 2020

School reopens – Monday 20th April

May Day (VE Day) – Friday 8th May

School closes for half term – Friday 22nd May

School reopens – Monday 8th June

School closes for end of term – Friday 17th July



All Saints' CE VA
Junior And Infant School
Let it Shine

Our priority is that ALL children and adults feel safe and happy in our school.

If you do not feel safe or you are worried about someone else, speak to an adult you trust.



NSPCC
HELPLINE
0800 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

Mr Stuttard and Mrs Dumbreck are responsible for keeping everyone safe in our school.



Please speak to them if you have any worries or concerns.



Keeping Our Children Safe

If you have any concerns or worries about the safety or well-being of a child, do not hesitate to contact Mrs Dumbreck, Mr Stuttard or Mrs Whitley on 01422 367140 or email: head@allsaints.calderdale.sch.uk



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Council



Celebrating Our Woodland Heritage

Learn the skills
of an
archaeologist
and help us to
explore the
First World War
trenches in
Long Wood,
Copley,
Calderdale.



Join us between
16 and 29 July
10am-4pm

To take part in this **FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY** event contact:

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