



Newsletter Autumn 2 2020

To all our lovely families,

Merry Christmas!

This has certainly not been the term we were expecting this time last year. However, despite the daily challenges we strive to safely overcome, we have had a really successful term. Children continue to be happy and are thriving in school and we have managed to do everything we would usually do at this time of year and throughout the term – just slightly differently. Our outdoor Christmas production was spectacular (thank you for your feedback), everybody enjoyed it and staff and children loved taking part. I hope you have had chance to watch this.

This term we have continued to support the charities that are close to our hearts – Kart, Alder Hey, Alopecia UK, Genes for Jeans, Smart Move and the Reindeer run for Overgate Hospice. Anti-bullying week was a great success. We completed a series of activities in class and showed a united front by wearing odd socks. This will continue to be supported through our behaviour strategy both in school and in the playground. We have never seen so many crazy socks!

Thank you to all our parents who sent in a thank you to our staff – this meant so much to them and was greatly appreciated. If you would like to share your views further via Ofsted Parent View the link is below.



I would also like to thank everybody for an amazing term. Our supportive families, our amazing children and the staff that create a nurturing, warm learning environment despite the number of things we have needed to overcome for optimum safety. We have not had to close any of our bubbles or had any partial closures and this is a testament to the cumulative work from our school community. You have helped us to stay open every day!

I hope you have the most wonderful Christmas. Wishing you all a happy, fun-filled new year.

Mrs Lauren Watson
Headteacher

Corona Virus Symptoms During the Holidays

As part of our COVID responsibilities, we will be continuing to support Public Health with contact tracing until 4pm on Sunday 20th December. If your child presents with COVID symptoms or has a positive test between school closing on Friday 18th and 4pm on Sunday 20th, please email us at admin@allsaints.calderdale.sch.uk

We will monitor this email address until 4pm Sunday 20th December. We will contact identified class and social contacts by email should there be a positive case and ask that you follow the Public Health advice on any periods of self-isolation.



If your child starts with symptoms or receives a positive test result from 4pm, Sunday 20th December to the start of the new term on Monday 4th January 2021, please contact NHS Test and Trace either through the app or by ringing 119.

If your child will be self-isolating at the beginning of the new term, please follow the normal absence procedures.

Respect

Romans 12:10

Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves.



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Click here to share:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

Attendance

Attendance has been fantastic again this half term. We have achieved **99% attendance**. A huge thank you to all our families, this really helps with making up for lost time and helping our children recover well from school closure.



Mini-bus

Governors have decided that it was an appropriate time to let one of our mini-buses go as we are not using them due to the current situation and subsequently as they are stood they are deteriorating. This will not stop us from resuming external visits once it is safe to do so and we will continue to endeavour to make this affordable to parents or fundraise for these events.

Opportunity: We are looking for a corporate sponsor for our remaining school mini bus. Please do contact school if you are interested.

Class Newsletter

Don't forget to check out your child's class newsletter on their class page on the website along with lots of other fabulous things they have been doing in school. They are also attached below the newsletter.

<https://www.allsaintsschoolhalifax.co.uk/learning/year-groups>

Year Groups

Transition

Reception

Y1

Y2

Y3

Y4

Y5

Y6



Reindeer Run for Overgate Hospice

Friends of All Saints'

Christmas could not have been a success at All Saints' without the wonderful Friends of All Saints' team. They have considerably continued to fund raise by providing magical Christmas experiences for the children including the Secret Shop, Movie Night, Treat boxes, Raffle and Reindeer food

Before they remove any costs for resources they have raised an amazing total of-

£1740.00

Thank you so much everybody

Communcation about learning

Please download BOTH the Seesaw Class app and Seesaw Family app

below to ensure you keep upto date with your childs learning. This is also the platform we use if you child should isolate or their bubble closes.

Seesaw Family app
(learning in school will be shared here)

Seesaw Class app
(Remote learning will be shared here)



Keep up to date with the latest news



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Keeping Our Children Safe

If you have any concerns If you have any concerns or worries about the safety or well-being of a child, do not hesitate to contact Mrs Watson, Mrs Dumbreck, Mr Stuttard. email:

admin@allsaints.calderdale.sch.uk



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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

Mrs Watson, 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.

Please see some of the wonderful things we have
been doing below.

This can also be found on the year group page on the website.

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This half term we have been learning about Superheroes! We have all thought carefully about which superpower we would like and why, using some great superhero books to help us make up our minds. We have been writing some superhero words, like 'bat', 'cat' and more!

When we read 'Supertato', we made shopping lists and our teachers bought the ingredients. We made delicious Superhero Soup with lots of vegetables for Big Cook Week (we also made gingerbread superheroes as a treat, too!). We made and designed superhero hotels, as well as fabric capes to help us fly. On one day, we all dressed up as superheroes and recreated our favourite stories – it was so much fun! We learned that superheroes can save the world but, excitingly, that children working together can change the world for good as well!



Reception Autumn 2

Elsewhere, we also celebrated the Hindu festival of Diwali, learning the story of Rama and Sita. We learned about Hannukah too, as well as Christmas. We heard different versions of the Nativity story and performed our part for our whole-school Nativity production.



We also raised money for a local hospice by taking part in a Reindeer Run – can you see our antlers?



What a fabulous Autumn term, here's a few things that we've done.

We made Apple Puffins for our DT



We carried out experiments to test our 5 senses.



We practised for our Christmas Nativity; Lights, Camel, Action!



We even made our own 'dream' classroom!



We put our antlers on to support Overgate Hospice!



YEAR 1'S CLASS ON A PAGE AUTUMN 2



Year 2 Autumn 2

'What a Wonderful World'



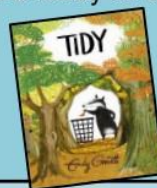
We made it! We cannot believe how quickly this half term has gone. It has been such a lovely half term in school and the children have been fantastic. We are all now ready for a lovely Christmas break.



We took part in a lovely worship with 'Hand to Mouth' where the children learnt more about 'respect'. They then created their own scrolls to remind us of who or what we should respect.



We have enjoyed lots of special fundraising days – Children in Need, Odd Socks Day, Pyjama Day to name a few!
We also had great fun during our DT 'Big Cook'



This half term we have enjoyed three main texts in English. 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett, 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts and 'What We'll Build' by Oliver Jeffers. All three texts linked nicely to our topic and helped us to think about lots of environmental issues. Using the texts as a stimulus we created newspaper articles, persuasive arguments and wrote some creative descriptions.

This half term the children have worked extremely hard in maths. We have learnt lots of new strategies for addition and subtraction. We have now mastered 'exchanging'!
In phonics we have done lots of recapping of our phase 5 sounds are we are making some great progress now.
In Science we have learnt about some famous scientists and in RE we have learnt about the 'Creation'.
Our topic has been learning about the world we live in, our continents and oceans and hot and cold places on earth.



In English, we read about the adventures of Flat Stanley in two books! We created a newspaper report and a persuasive letter.



In our DT topic, we did an experiment to see how yeast reacts in warm water.



We were movie stars for the day while we filmed our nativity.



We took part in our reindeer run to raise money for Overgate Hospice.



In our Science topic, we learnt about light, shadows, and darkness! We carried out an experiment to see what happens to a shadow when we move the light closer to the object.



YEAR 3 Autumn 2

Well done Year 3 for another fabulous half term! You are becoming more confident and independent in your learning. Keep it up!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

Thank you all for your gifts and cards – you have truly spoiled us!

See you in January!

Miss Holt, Mrs Bloem and Miss Hanson



We had our very first poetry recital over zoom with the rest of the school! We performed 'The Penguin Who Didn't Like Snow'.



Santa came to visit us at our Christmas party! He was very generous and brought us chocolate coins!



Teamwork makes the dream work!

Year 4 – Autumn 2

Biking around the world!

In geography this term we have been biking around the world! The children have learnt about key terms such as the Equator and used these to create their own maps from scratch which look phenomenal!

In science we have been conducting experiments relating to sound. We have explored how sound changes around school and created our own instruments.

Our reading this term has focused primarily on the adventures of Tom in the book 'The Boy Who Biked the World' which the children have really enjoyed. We have also looked at Around the World in 80 Days for some of our VIPERS sessions.

Forest School has been a highlight of this half term. The children explored the graveyard before creating a pirate ship and giving all the local worms headaches!

Another highlight has been our food DT week. We planned, made, ate and evaluated some stunning vegetable kebabs!





Year 5 Autumn 2



This half term we have focused on Rainforests around the world. We have produced some absolutely incredible work in Geography and English, as well as our project in Design and Technology.

From locating different countries with rainforests on the maps, to finding out about the climate, different layers and all of the life that exists because of the rainforests, I'm sure we can all agree (me included!) that we have learnt lots of new interesting facts this half term. To consolidate our learning, we had a class debate about the impact deforestation is having on the world, using our reasoning skills to really explain our answers and opinions.

The novel we have been following from the start of the term is called *The Explorer*, an adventure story with four main children left stranded in the rainforest. This has sparked our interest and led us to some fantastic writing opportunities, including non-fiction survival guides and holiday brochures. We then looked at a short picture story called *the Great Kapok Tree* which highlighted even further the dangers of deforestation. It even prompted us to write a non-chronological report on rainforests, letting the audience know everything we have learnt over these 7 weeks.

In Maths, we have covered statistics, looking at how to read and understand line graphs, two-way tables and time tables - we have especially enjoyed linking them to real life scenarios by considering our weekly class timetable. We've moved onto our new multiplication and division unit now which has involved us studying in depth multiples, factors, prime numbers, as well as squared and cubed numbers. We have really made progress with our understanding of this key language and can answer reasoning questions accordingly!

Our Design and Technology work has been a consistent highlight of Miss McDonnell's week. We have been creating Rainforest Diorama's and it has been a proud moment watching how hard each child has been working each week. From planning and designing how their box was going to look, to painting and gluing, even to the odd worm or spider that may have 'accidentally' found its new home in the box - the finished product is definitely something they should all be proud of!





We participated in the Reindeer Run to raise money for Overgate Hospice. It was a very fun way to raise money, and enjoy the fresh air! Grace

Our Christian Value was Respect. We filled a whole worship diary with everything we learnt!



During our topic lessons, we have completed a range of activities centered around the Americas. My favourite part was being able to learn about the Wonders of the World. I thought the Amazon Rainforest deserves to be a new Wonder of the World. Amber

For DT Week, we made South American food. We got to design different variations of the biscuit – my favourite was the original recipe that included

In English, we have read the book 'Holes'. We created a few different extended pieces of writing around it. I enjoyed retelling the ending from the Warden's perspective. It was enjoyable to create the piece with her humour and personality. We also deepened our understanding through the use of Vipers questions. Etienne

Our topic in Science was Living Things and Their Habitats. We learnt about taxonomy and how they are sorted. We created our own dichotomous key and found out about the Linnaeus classification system. Don

In mathematics, we learnt about the topics the 'Four Operations' and 'Fractions'. It was interesting to be able to develop our understanding of the relationship between numbers. Millie



In DT, we have designed our own totem poles, in a Native American style. Part of our planning was to research the different animals for our totem poles. I found it really interesting to discover what characteristics each animal symbolises. I chose a raven to sit at the top of mine. Zdzislaw

In PSHE, we spent some time focusing on the differences between everybody. We learnt about bystander behaviour and prejudice. We also created an acrostic poem. Erin

In RE, we looked at the question – 'Religion and Science: Conflicting or Complementary?'. We looked at a range of different sources, including Psalm 8. We reached varying conclusions, based on our personal viewpoint and the sources we had studied. Tilly

The Americas Autumn 2 Year Six



We started the half term with UK Parliament Week. It was fun to actively vote with our feet, during debates. We also learnt some more about the process of voting. Lucy H



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