



## Newsletter Spring 2 2021

To all of our lovely families,

We are so happy to be back together, and it has been an absolute joy to see the children running into school with smiles on their faces. All Saints' is a happy school. Our children have returned with energy to learn and have really enjoyed the fun activities we have been able to provide such as our Silly Science day, Victorian day (Year 1), My Voice matters project, Roman (Year 4) and Egyptian (Year 3) History workshops, Hand to Mouth experience along with bringing together our Easter Worship and a fabulous send off for Mr Stuttard.

We have been using some of our new resources in school which has added excitement. The new laptops and iPads are in full use and a visit from the famous MR P ICT has inspired our teachers to incorporate even more purposeful IT.

The reception outdoor area has had a facelift and there are lots of new pieces of equipment to support learning.



Our new discovery suite workspace is also now in full use with music lessons, after school clubs and a group space. This space has been adapted so that it links to our upstairs library so that a full class can use this space for computing, humanities research, reading activities etc.



We hope all of our families have a lovely Easter. Enjoy our Easter production (please see Seesaw)  
Take care and keep safe.

Mrs Lauren Watson  
Headteacher



Today we say goodbye to our fabulous Deputy Head, Mr Stuttard, who has been recruited as the next Principal at Bowling Green Primary School. We are absolutely thrilled for him. He

unquestionably deserves this opportunity and will make a fabulous Principal. **Good luck Mr Stuttard!**

## Attendance

We have decided not to issue 100% attendance awards this term due to school closure.



## Staffing News



We welcome Mr Conway our new Assistant Headteacher after the Spring Bank holiday. Mr Conway will be our new SENDCo within school. He will spend his time in the summer term getting to know All Saints', our pupils especially our SEND children and he will also be supporting with our catch-up strategy.



Mrs Summerscales will also step into her role as Assistant Headteacher in September.

Please see an introduction to Mr Conway and Mrs Summerscales below.  
Miss Hanson is also leaving at the end of this academic year to pursue her teacher training.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> April. If your child has attended school this week and has a positive test between school closing on Thursday 1st and 4pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>, please email us at [admin@allsaints.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@allsaints.calderdale.sch.uk)

We will monitor this email address until 4pm Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April. We will contact identified children 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 4<sup>th</sup> April to the start of the new half term on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 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.

## Homework



Following our homework review with families and our SHINE team last week I would like to confirm that homework at All Saints' will remain the same. A huge majority of parents feel that reading, spelling and maths (Key stage 1 Numbots and Key Stage 2 Timetable Rockstars) is an adequate amount and families feel that should more homework be set this will impact on wellbeing and family time. The children within our SHINE team have also suggested this too.

Should you feel that you would like your child to do more work at home there are many revision and workbooks available to buy e.g. CGP



*Ephesians 4:32 'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'*

*Our value next half term is Endurance.*

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### **Uniform**

We understand that from time-to-time children do grow out of their uniform and for instance they may need to wear alternative shoes until a new pair can be found for a short period.

Please can we remind parents that trainers are not part of the uniform policy and children should wear black school shoes. Please can children only wear sensible hair accessories in school colours. Thank you for your support.

### **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



### **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)



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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 or Mrs Dumbreck. Email: [admin@allsaints.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@allsaints.calderdale.sch.uk)



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

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





I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as your new Assistant Head at All Saints'. I am really looking forward to this new challenge and cannot wait to meet both you and your children in the coming weeks.



I have been teaching for 7 years and in this time have always had innovation at the heart of everything I do. My classroom is a safe, supportive, and fun learning environment that encourages children to thrive and meet their full potential in all areas.



Throughout the time at my current school, I have undertaken many different leadership roles, including leading maths and English. I have worked closely with parents to help ensure all children are fully supported and love playing my guitar in class, assemblies, and church services.



Hello from Mr Conway

3 fun facts:

- My favourite colour is blue.
- My favourite sweets are all sweets!
- I started playing guitar when I was 8 years old.

On a personal level, family, sport, and music are very important to me. I play for a local football team, have previously played guitar in a band, and recently became an uncle for the fourth time! I am passionate about supporting charities and have completed a number of endurance challenges, my most recent being 100km of running in November for Unmasked Mental Health and Movement. I am an avid supporter of Leeds United and I'm known for having a really sweet tooth.

At home, I live with my wife Hester, who is also a teacher in Halifax, and our cute cat Dorothy. New Year's Eve is a special date for me as it is when we got married.



I am very much looking forward to meeting you all and working with you for the benefit of the school.

If you ever have any queries, concerns or would like to speak to me about your child's learning or special educational needs, I am a person that will always put children first and do everything I can to support the parents of All Saints'.



## Hello from Mrs Summerscales...

I am delighted to become Assistant Headteacher at this wonderful school and I am very excited to be part of such an exciting vision for the future. Some of you may already know me, but for those who do not, here is a little bit of information.



I have been married for nearly eleven years now! My husband is called Jamie and we have two little girls, Ava who is seven years old and Ivy who is three years old. Ava goes to Bolton Brow School and Ivy will hopefully start there in September.



I am a big football fan. I support Manchester City and have had a season ticket with my Dad, for many years.



I graduated from Liverpool John Moores University and have been teaching for fourteen years. I started my career at Stubbings Infant School in Hebden Bridge before I moved to All Saints' nearly three years ago.

I have always worked in either Early Years or Key Stage One and I am currently a Year Two teacher at All Saints.

I have a real passion for ensuring that all learners reach their full potential and have the opportunity to flourish. As a result of this, I am the 'Growth Mindset' and Pupil Premium lead here at All Saints and have also developed a keen interest in the mental health and well-being of our children. As we say here at All Saints, we should ALL be given the opportunity to 'let it shine!'

I enjoy keeping fit and when the Gym is open, I attend classes at Sowerby Bridge Swimming Pool and HT Fitness in Ripponden. During lockdown I have been trying to stay motivated by running and doing some classes via Zoom, but I must admit it does not feel the same!

I also enjoy going on holiday (I cannot wait to be able to do this again!) My parents have a caravan that we enjoy visiting in North Wales and we usually try and get a holiday abroad in the summer. I love the sun!

# 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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What a fabulous half term.  
Here's a little glimpse of what  
we've been up to!

# YEAR 1'S CLASS ON A PAGE SPRING 2



We planted our own vegetables.

We learnt how to count in  
10s, 5s and 2s.



We also looked at shadow and  
tone in Art.



We looked at the artist Abbey Wright  
and used her for inspiration to make  
our own sock puppets!

We had lots of fun in our Silly  
Science workshop.



We wrote our own stories based on Beatrix  
Potter!

## Year 2 Spring 2



We made it! Another half term has flown by and it has been such a relief to have all the children back in school. The children have settled well and slotted back into the normal routines we have in Year 2.  
The Great Fire of London has been a great topic for them to return to school with and we can see it has re-ignited their thirst for learning. Long may it continue!



We have enjoyed finding out about the timeline of events in the Great Fire of London. In Art we have looked at how artists mix and use colour to create different hues. We then created our own dramatic Great Fire scenes.



Our class texts this half term have been Fire Cat & Vlad. Through these we have learned about the features of a diary genre, story writing and have explored emotions of the time through role play.



### National Day of Reflection

In school we observed a minute's silence to remember those we have lost during the pandemic but also to look forward to 'new beginnings'. We then created some daffodils for our whole school display.



We have enjoyed learning about materials in Science. We created some super posters about Recycling which linked nicely to our new school project on Recycling.



### World Book Day

What fabulous entries we had for this competition! It was so difficult to choose our winning two. Great efforts Year 2.





### Becoming Archaeologists!

We became archaeologists for the morning when our visitor Jeffery Andrews came in. We looked at where the Romans fit in to history on a timeline, we looked at fossils, Roman artefacts then we used a trowel, sieve and toothbrush to dig for items in our sand boxes.



### Science

Our science topic this half term has been forces and magnets. We looked at how magnets react with each other and how friction causes items to move on different surfaces.



### Silly Science!

We had so much fun during our Silly Science workshop! We saw explosions, fire and a big hair dryer!



### Throwback!

As you will all know, Mr Stullard will be leaving us at Easter, so I thought this was the perfect opportunity to post this throwback picture! Year 3 have created a card for Mr Stullard with some lovely messages and memories inside. One of them being 'I remember superhero day in Reception. You are my superhero.'

Good Luck Mr Stullard! We will miss you!



### Paper Clothes!

We became designers for the afternoon! We worked in groups to design and create clothes using paper. We showed the class our work by performing on a catwalk!

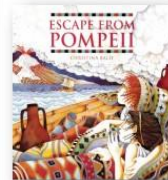


### Gardening!

We planted some seeds that will hopefully grow to be some delicious carrots!

### English

Our topic this half term has been Romans so we HAD to read 'Escape from Pompeii'. The children looked into lots of different things to include in their writing such as: onomatopoeia, alliteration, similes, senses and so much more! They then used all of these in their descriptive setting piece that told us what it was like in Pompeii when Mount Vesuvius erupted.





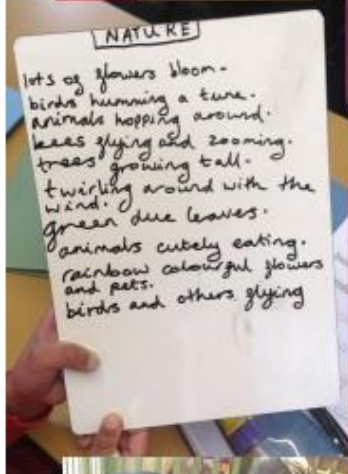
## Year 4 - Spring 2

### Ancient Egyptians!

*With only 4 weeks in school, it has been a hectic journey trying to fit in everything this half term. For the most, we have been successful and done lots of fantastic work!*

*Our literacy this term has been split writing about the adventures of Howard Carter and looking at the poem, Jabberwacky, before creating our own nonsense poems. In maths we have worked hard on decimals whilst also revisiting fractions. We have created Egyptian masks in art, looked at the Good Samaritan in RE, the importance of the River Nile in history and conducted experiments on states of matter in science!*

*Whilst working incredibly hard within our normal lessons, we have been lucky enough to take part in a number of additional sessions. We have had forest school sessions, science workshops as well as a poet and musician visit us as part of the 'Our Voice Matters' sessions. We have also had an Egyptian afternoon where the children became archaeologists just like Howard Carter!*



# Year 5 Spring 2

*The half-term where we were reunited once again! It has been an absolute whirlwind. After spending the first two weeks at home, we returned to the classroom for an action-packed, chaotic four weeks focused around our Early Islamic Civilisation topic in History.*

*We have explored the impact that the Early Islamic Civilisation had on our society today compared to other civilisations we have studied before. We've created adverts for the House of Wisdom and experienced the Silk Road through our class trading game. Our Art lessons allowed us to research, explore and create our very own geometric patterns. We found this tricky at first but used our knowledge of measurements and drawing compasses to help us.*

*In English, we have followed our class text 'The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad' with enthusiasm. Inspired by Jabir's crafts, we used our persuasive skills to create a poster before rewriting one of the most riveting chapters completely.*

*After dedicating our Mathematical brains to fractions for a few weeks, we were ready to move onto decimals and percentages for the first time. We've looked in depth at converting between the three; comparing them; rounding decimals; finding the equivalents.*

*Science Week meant we were able to experience a COVID-19 safe, Silly Science workshop where we got to witness explosions, chemical reactions and forces in action. In our science lessons, we created and conducted different experiments to explore air and water resistance.*

*We have worked really hard over the past four weeks. Pushed and challenged ourselves at every opportunity, despite having so much time away from the classroom.*

*Well done, Year 5!*







For Science Day, we spent some time getting to grips with reactions and energy. We participated in some experiments and got to deepen our understanding. Tilly

During our topic lessons, we have completed a range of activities centered around the Vikings. We learnt about their homelife, their beliefs and gods, and their travels and invasions. Millie

In mathematics, we learnt about the topics the 'Algebra', 'Converting Units of Measurement' and 'Measurement: Area and Perimeter'. Algebra was very fun, despite it being a bit tricky sometimes! Erin

To commemorate a whole year in lockdown, the class drew daffodils and reflected upon the year – both the sadder times and the happier times. It is important that we remember. Olivia



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

In Art, we have created our own printing design and relief printed a decorative shield. It was so interesting learning a new skill and having to be careful with our technique for carving our design. The finished result is great! Katie B



## The Vikings Spring 2 Year Six

In PSHE, we spent some time focusing on 'Rights and Responsibilities'. We learnt about laws and restrictions and how to keep ourselves safe. Amber

For Easter, we retold and acted out the last part of the Easter story. It was great to create something as a class and use technology. Don

In English, we have read a book filled with Norse myths. We started the half-term with a setting and character description based on a Viking video. We then created a detailed booklet on some of the Norse gods. Zdzislaw



Our topic in Science was Light. We learnt about shadows, how light travels and we also took a closer look at some of the fascinating workings of the eye! Megan

In RE, we looked at the question – 'People of God: How can following God bring Freedom and Justice?'. We learnt about some of the covenants and promises that have happened in the Bible and why they are important. Etienne

