



## All Saints' CE Primary School

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy few weeks in school with all of the children showing great enthusiasm for their learning. I am always delighted with the children's behaviour in school, but I have been particularly impressed with how calm, polite and hardworking all the children have been since the start of term. I am very proud of them all.

It was lovely to celebrate the Harvest Festival together in church on Monday and to see so many parents and carers joining the children to give thanks to God. I would like to thank the parents that attended the two phonic workshops this week; it was great to see parents wanting to learn more about the way in which we teach phonics and how to support children with their reading at home.

### **Ironbridge Museum Tickets**

A reminder that if you would like to take your family (up to 6 places) to any one of the amazing museums in Ironbridge, that we have a school ticket available. We ask for a voluntary donation to the PTFA fund of £25 which can be paid through ParentPay if you would like to use the ticket.

### **Parent-Teacher Meetings**

Autumn term parent-teacher meetings will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. An email regarding how to book your appointment will be sent from the office on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. The booking system will be available for you to make your appointment on the 'Teacher to Parents' website from **5pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**.

### **Travelling Bookfair**

The Scholastic Travelling Book Fair will be in school during both parent evenings. Scholastic give the school money to spend on books every time a purchase is made by a parent. The more books that are purchased, the higher the contribution given to the school by Scholastic. The children will browse the books available and bring home their wish list before Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. This year, you will be able to buy books directly from the fair using cash or a debit/credit card.

### **Clothing**

We are having an ever increasing number of uniform items getting lost and not being returned to children because they are not named. I cannot stress enough how important it is to name all of your child's items of clothing so that misplaced jumpers, cardigans and coats can be reunited with their owners. Also, can you ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day. If it is raining a little, we will still take the children outside to get much needed fresh air at breaktime and lunchtime.

### **Afterschool Club**

We are happy to be as accommodating as possible regarding children attending breakfast and after school clubs. However, in order to ensure the safety and well-being of the children, we need to ensure that we have enough food for all and the correct ratio of staff to children. Therefore, we ask that unless an emergency has occurred, can you please book your child into wrap-around care giving at least 24 hours' notice.

If you have booked a place online or notified the school that your child needs a place in either breakfast or afterschool club, and your child does not attend, you will still be charged for the session because food will

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have been purchased and a place that could have been given to another child will have been taken. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with these matters.

### ParentPay Arrears

Please could everyone ensure that your ParentPay account is always in credit. Any balances that are in debit need to be cleared as soon as possible.

### Photographs

If place an order for photographs by **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**, your photographs will be delivered to school free of charge. Orders can be still be placed after this date but your photographs will then be delivered to your home and a charge will be added to your order.

### Gmail Problems

We have been experiencing emailing problems with parents who have Gmail accounts not receiving correspondence from school. Our IT technicians are currently looking into it this for us. However, if you haven't received this letter via email from either the office or Mrs Jones directly, and are only viewing it on Classdojo, please can you contact the office straight away.

### Readathon

For the next phase of improving the children's reading opportunities and instilling a love of books across the school, we would like to transform our library. This will take a large investment of money and so we are launching a sponsored reading event after half term to raise money to buy new books and soft furnishings to create a wonderful setting for our children to enjoy a range of books. Full details of the event and sponsorship forms will be sent to you all before the half term holiday, so please look out for this important letter.

### Important dates for your diary:

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 5/6 at Blists Hill

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET day (School Closed)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Diwali Day

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent-Teacher meetings

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - School Readathon Event

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Wear odd socks for Anti-bullying week

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – PTFA Christmas Film night, 3.30pm-5.15pm

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 1-6 Pantomime at the Grand Theatre

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – PTFA Christmas Fair at The Church Hall

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Chestnut Class Christmas trip to WILD Zoological Park

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 9.30am** – Christmas service at All Saints' Church

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 1.15pm** – School closes for the Christmas holiday

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend. As always, should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Louise de Graaff - Headteacher

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