



# All Saints' CE Primary School

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Dear All Saints' Families,

WOW! What a wonderful couple of weeks I've had settling in to life at All Saints'. The staff, children and families have made me feel so welcome and I have absolutely loved getting to know all of you. This is a fantastic school and I cannot wait to see what's in store for us all in the upcoming weeks and terms!

This is a very busy half term, so I am writing to update you on a few events:

## **Haven Donations**

Elodie, Lottie and Esme are asking for donations to support the essential work being done by the Haven. The first request is for advent calendars. The deadline is: **Friday 22nd November**. The second request is TBC – a text to follow - and this will be needed by: **Friday 13th December**. Please hand any donations in to school for us to pass on. As always, we appreciate anything you are able to donate to those in need. Well done girls for being so thoughtful and for showing such kindness.

## **Christingle Service**

Reverend Fisher will be leading the service at the church on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible to join us in celebrating such an important time of year.

## **Christmas Jumper/Dinner Day (12<sup>th</sup> Dec)**

Children will be having their photos taken throughout the morning by Anna Parr, ready to be sold at the Christmas Fayre. Single and sibling options will be available. Order slips will be sent out soon, so you can order the required prints. Letters about Christmas Dinner have already been sent out.

## **Class Parties**

**On the 19<sup>th</sup> December**, all children will be having their class parties to celebrate the end of a great term whilst also celebrating Christmas. Please send children to school in their party clothes (making sure they have appropriate shoes/coats for being outdoors at playtime and lunchtime). Your child may bring in a small plate of food to eat at their party. Please ensure that the plate is clearly labelled with your child's name and does not contain food that needs to be refrigerated or contains nuts of any kind.

## **Christmas Fayre**

Our Christmas Fayre is to be held on the **19<sup>th</sup> December at 3:30**, in the Village Hall. The PTFA work exceptionally hard to organise everything and the event raises much needed funds for us to

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spend in school on resources for the children. Thank you to the PTFA for everything they do and we hope to see lots of you there so that we can raise as much money as possible. We are currently working towards purchasing more Science resources.

### **Christmas Church Service**

Parents or carers are warmly welcome to join us at All Saints' Church on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am** for a special Christmas service led by Reverend Richard Fisher.

### **Last Day**

The last day of term is half day and the children need to be collected at **1.15pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** from their usual places. There will be no afterschool club on this day.

### **Behaviour**

We have been talking to our children in detail about behaviour and behaviour for learning this week. We have reminded them in detail of our expectations and what this looks like around school. A particular focus is being ready to learn (listening, looking and thinking). Alongside this, we have discussed rewards and consequences and how these will be delivered. We will be focusing on this across school, throughout the day to ensure that we are fully utilising all learning time available to us. A copy of our Behaviour Curriculum will be sent out in due course.

### **Dojo**

Following our work on the Behaviour Curriculum, staff have agreed a set of school-wide skills that we will be specifically looking for from children during lessons and around the communal areas. We have modified these within the app so you can see exactly what your child has been awarded points for. We will also be awarding the top scorers in our Celebration Worships each week. Rewards will also be given for 'milestone' achievements. Watch this space!

### **School Environment**

As you'll see next time you're in school, staff have been working really hard on the environment to make it look amazing. They have been working away, updating all of the displays and it looks beautiful – showcasing our curriculum and displaying childrens' work. Thank you to the staff who have worked so hard.

### **Safeguarding**

A reminder that if your child is bringing a mobile phone in to school, in order to keep everyone safe, it needs to be handed in to a member of staff upon their arrival and returned at 3:30pm. Please either hand the phone to myself on the gate or the Class Teacher.

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### **Homework**

We have updated our homework expectations across the school – please see the homework letter I've recently sent out for further details. Further information will be provided in due course.

As always, if you have any questions, or you wish to discuss anything with me, my door is always open. Thank you once again for being so welcoming to me and making my first few days so enjoyable.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Davies".

Miss K Davies

Acting Head of School

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