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Caring and Achieving

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week was another great week in school with the visit from Olympic swimmer Joe Roebuck on Monday and the wonderful performances of your talented children in the Harvest Festival on Thursday. Children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have competed in local cross country competitions over the past couple of weeks and represented the school wonderfully by being supportive of one another and great ambassadors of All Saints'.

This week, we welcome back Miss Broad who will be teaching Chestnut class Monday to Thursday. Mrs Brown joins us from St Bartholomew's CE Primary to teach Chestnut Class every Friday. This Friday, we say goodbye to Mrs Young as she will be starting her maternity leave. I would like to thank Mrs Young for all of her hard work this half term; she has been a wonderful addition to the All Saints' team and we will be sad to see her leave but wish her all the best with her new family.

Dates

A reminder that Monday 31st October is an INSET day and so the school will be closed to the children. Also, school will finish at **1.15pm** when we break up for the Christmas and summer holidays this year.

School Photographs

The children will have individual and family photographs taken on Friday 4th November. Please can all children wear their uniform to school and bring their PE kit with them to change into if they have PE that day.

PTFA Film Night

Teachers will be hosting a film night for the children in Reception through to year 6 on Wednesday 2nd November. This year we are offering children the choice of watching Buzz Lightyear or Encanto as we will mix the year groups together so that the children have a choice. If your child would like a ticket, please pay for this on ParentPay. The children will need to be collected at 5.15pm from the orchard gate.

Bumped Heads

As I'm sure many of you will now be aware, if your child bumps their head at school, we have a duty of care to inform you. This will involve a phone call home and a red letter. On most occasions, children are absolutely fine, however if a child were to become unwell at some time later it is vital that as parents you were made aware that they had bumped their head earlier no matter how serious or minor the injury was.

Jewellery

A polite reminder that children should not wear jewellery to school and will be asked to remove unnecessary items. Children are only allowed to wear small stud earrings, a religious necklace or bracelet and a watch. Please support us to keep your children safe in school by only allowing your child to wear these essential items.

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ParentPay Arrears

There are a number of parents that have arrears on their ParentPay accounts. We cannot guarantee your child's place in breakfast and afterschool club if you do not keep your account in credit. Childcare vouchers need to be paid in advance and should not be paid once the childcare has taken place.

Attendance

The school's overall attendance continues to be lower than other schools with similar demographics to ours. I have received an unprecedented number of holiday request already this year. I cannot stress the importance of your child being at school every day and that it is detrimental to their learning and social development if they miss school.

I will not authorise holiday requests and the local authority will be notified of all occasions that children are taken out of school when the circumstances are not exceptional in line with school policy.

The school's position remains as follows:

The school's attendance policy makes it clear that absences in term time will not be authorised unless there are extenuating circumstance for the absence. I also have a duty to inform Staffordshire Local Authority who may issue a Penalty Notice if you take an unauthorised leave of absence.

The Penalty Notice is for £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days and £120 per parent, per child if paid after this date but within 28 days.

Please note that parents and carer's have a duty to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and failure to do so is an offence under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996.

October Safeguarding Update – Children's Well-being

Our children's well-being is so important and forms the basis of many of our PSHE lessons. It was World Mental Health Day on Monday 10th October and we have been discussing positive attitudes and taking care of our mental health in school. The Children's Society has published a blog on how to speak with children and young people about wellbeing. The blog includes young people's views about what wellbeing means to them, and how adults can best approach them about it.

You can read the blog here: <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/how-to-speak-with-young-people-about-well-being>

Dates for your Diary

Monday 17th October and Wednesday 19th October – Parent-teacher consultations

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October - Half term

Monday 31st October - INSET Day

Wednesday 2nd November – PTFA Film Night

Thursday 17th November, 5.00pm – E-safety Parent Workshop

Thursday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch

Friday 9th December, 2.45pm – EYFS and KS1 Christmas Fair

Monday 12th December, 2.45pm – KS2 Christmas Fair

Wednesday 14th December - Year 1 to 6 trip to the pantomime

Thursday 15th December, 9.30am – Christmas service (All Saints' Church)

Friday 16th December, 1.15pm - School closes for Christmas

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I look forward to seeing you all at the parent-teacher meetings this week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs de Graaff
Head of School

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