



All Saints' CE Primary School

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Caring and Achieving

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful and extremely busy first half term we have had in school. The children have been working extremely hard in their lessons but have also taken part in a variety of extracurricular activities too, including; celebrating the Harvest Festival in All Saints' Church; Oak Class learning all about life as a Victorian child at Blists Hill Museum; our netball team flourishing in a local schools competition; groups of children in key stage two competing in a cross country competition with teams in year 5 and 6 qualifying for the regional finals (we are still awaiting the results for our year 3 and 4 teams); Chestnut Class have been visited by an artist, a zoo keeper, the fire service and an engineer; and Elm Class have been learning to swim and play cornets and trombones.

It has been a pleasure to walk around school this half term and the fabulous learning behaviours of the children have been complemented by many visitors over the last two months I am extremely proud to be the headteacher of such polite, kind and respectful children. Your children are all little superstars!

Toys in School

Can I remind all parents that children should not bring toys into school as they may get lost or broken. This includes fidget toys and key rings. Unfortunately, items do get broken or knocked accidentally when the children collect their bags and coats at breaktimes and the end of the day. If it is something that means something to your child – please leave it at home.

Diwali Day

On **Tuesday 7th November**, the whole school will be celebrating Diwali as a part of their RE learning. We are inviting all of the children to dress in either traditional Diwali clothing or to wear any other celebratory outfits. The children will take part in two (Indian dance and diva lamp making) workshops provided by an external company, both of which are being paid for in full by the Thomas Rudge Trust; we are extremely grateful for their support. The children will also take part in a variety of other activities throughout the day including tasting different Asian food items and having their hands painted with mehndi patterns. Please ensure that the office is up to date with any food allergies that your child may have or make sure that you inform the office if you **do not** want your child to taste the food or have mehndi patterns painted onto their hands.

New School Menu

The new menus for the rest of the autumn term and spring term 2024 are now available to view on the school website. School dinners are free for the children in reception, year 1 and year 2 and are priced at £2.50 per day for the rest of the school.

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.

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Illnesses

At this time of year, we see an increase in coughs and colds. Please ensure that you send your child to school if they are well enough to attend, even if they have a few sniffles. If your child is unwell, please inform the office with the reason for their absence by 9.00am via telephone or email.

Today we have been notified of a second confirmed case of scarlet fever in school. Please see this NHS link for details of symptoms and treatments <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/#:~:text=Check%20if%20you%20have%20scarlet,chest%20and%20tummy%2C%20then%20spreads>

PTFA Christmas Fair Poster Competition

The PTFA would like all of the children to design a poster advertising our school Christmas fair. The winner will receive a £20 gift voucher and will have their design displayed around the village. The children have until **Friday 10th November** to complete their artwork and bring their design into school. The Fair will be held on Tuesday 12th December from 3.30pm-5.30pm, in the Village Hall. Good luck everyone!

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 6th November – INSET day (School Closed)

Tuesday 7th November – Diwali Day

Wednesday 8th November & Thursday 9th November – Parent-Teacher meetings

Monday 13th November- Friday 1st December - School Readathon Event

Monday 13th November – Wear odd socks for Anti-bullying week

Wednesday 6th December – PTFA Christmas Film night, 3.30pm-5.15pm

Friday 8th December – Years 1-6 Pantomime at the Grand Theatre

Tuesday 12th December – PTFA Christmas Fair at The Church Hall

Wednesday 13th December – Chestnut Class Christmas trip to WILD Zoological Park

Tuesday 19th December, 2pm – Chestnut Nativity

Wednesday 20th December, 10am – Chestnut Nativity

Friday 22nd December, 9.30am – Christmas service at All Saints' Church

Friday 22nd December, 1.15pm – School closes for the Christmas holiday

Thank you for your continued support over the last half term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Louise de Graaff
Headteacher

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