



Newsletter

JULY 2017



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

Wow! How quickly another year at All Saints Academy has passed!

We have had a brilliant year and achieved many memorable moments.

We were graded as Outstanding by SIAMS before Christmas and finished the year with wonderful SAT's results where we came out

higher than the National Averages in Reading Writing and Maths!!

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who had fantastic Sats results putting us in the TOP 12 schools in Barnsley and the surrounding area!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff in school for their hard work and commitment this year. Their hard work and dedication makes the school a much richer place. A **MASSIVE** thank you goes to: all the teaching staff, support staff, lunchtime and kitchen staff. Also the wonderful ladies who work behind the scenes to keep our school clean and tidy (it's not just down to the cleaning fairies!) A special thank you also to our Caretaker Mr England.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please visit our school website or follow us on twitter to be kept up to date with all our school news.

Website:

<http://www.stmarysacademytrust.co.uk/Asa-News>

Twitter: @ASADarfield

SUMMER FAYRE

What an amazing day! The staff and children had a wonderful time. Thank you so much to everyone who came along and supported our Fayre. We raised a massive £1,115.00!!!





This is partly due to so many children having had Chicken Pox at the beginning of the year but also the amount of Holidays taken in term time has been a big factor in our Attendance not being at the set target this year as 42 children have taken holidays in term time!

All these families may incur a fine from the local authority.

May I please remind you once again that the Government have stated that there will be **no authorised holidays**. This is a nationwide initiative where "leave of absence" may be granted in exceptional circumstances only.

Good attendance is a priority as it leads to high achievement.

Any pupil who's Attendance fell below the national requirement this year will be monitored very closely from the start of the new school year in September.

Here is a table showing each class attendance at the end of this school year.

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
RECEPTION	93.66%
YEAR 1	93.4%
YEAR 2	96%
YEAR 3	95.7%
YEAR 4	96.2%
YEAR 5	96.5%
YEAR 6	95.7%

Our school target is for each class to be 96%.

Well done to Year 2 Year 4 and Year 5 who are the only classes who are above the target. Year 5 have also had the best Attendance all year!!

TERM TIME and SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

Attached to the Newsletter is a copy of next year's term times and school holiday dates for your information.

ATTENDANCE

Our overall Attendance for the year is **95.6%** which is much better than last year. However, we have still fallen below the target of 96.5% which the Local Authority set for us.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



We have been very impressed with how smart the children have looked again for most of this year in their school uniforms. However, just recently many children are not wearing the correct uniform especially ties.

From September ALL children must be wearing full school uniform. Here is a reminder of uniform items **all** children must have:

- Grey trousers/pinafore/skirt (please make sure length of skirt is appropriate for school)
- White school shirt
- Navy vneck sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan
- School tie

- **Black school shoes(not trainers)**

***Only plain Gold or Silver studs allowed**

P.E Year 1 to Year 6

- Plain white T Shirt
- Plain Black shorts
- Black pumps or Trainers

Please make sure your child has a spill proof water bottle in school with their name clearly visible.

SCHOOL MEALS

In September there will be an increase to the cost of school dinners for the Junior children. Dinners will increase to **£2.00** (£10.00 for the week).

This increase is in line with all other schools Nationally.

May I please remind parents that if your child is leaving Year 2 and you **are not** entitled to free school meals, you now have to

pay for school meals as they enter Year 3.

Please pay any dinner arrears via Parent Pay.

Copies of the Menus are attached to this newsletter and they are also on the school website.

Please note the menus run as: WEEK 1A, WEEK 2, WEEK 3 then WEEK 1B then WEEK 2, WEEK 3 THEN BACK TO THE BEGINNING (dates are on the top of the sheets).

On our return on Wednesday 6th September school dinner will be Roast Pork and mashed potato.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club will be open as usual from the first day back.

Charges are as follows:

£2 per child per day

£8 per child per week

£30 per child per month

All children including Nursery are very welcome to attend breakfast Club.



We are pleased to announce that we have now taken up membership with Magic Breakfast which means we are able to continue to offer Playground Bagels to all the children in school every morning from 8.30-8.45.

READING PARTY

We have had a massive promotion this year on encouraging the children to read at home.

As a reward for the children who have gained Bronze Silver and Gold awards in reading the children all received a gift during a special assembly and had a fantastic "Reading Party" last Friday.

FABULOUS FINISH

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the Fabulous Finish in classes from Reception to Year 6.



GOODBYE and GOOD LUCK

I would like to wish our Year 6 children all the very best as they move onto the next stage in their education.

It has been a real pleasure to teach and to get to know them all and I wish them luck in everything they do.

VALUE of the MONTH



A massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our non uniform day in aid of the Bradley Lowery trust. Thanks to you all we raised £180!

SCHOOL TRIPS

The children have enjoyed being part of a number of exciting school trips recently:

Year 1 & 2 visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Year 3 visited Wigfield Farm

Year 4 were Kings and Queens of the high wire at Altitude in Sheffield and

Year 5 & 6 had a wonderful trip to the East Coast

HEAD LICE

Could **all** parents please check and treat their child if necessary so that they are all clear for our return in September.

Headlice treatment is available **free of charge** from Garland House Pharmacy (see attached sheet).

SOCIAL MEDIA

We have recently had an issue with some parents discussing concerns on Facebook.

If you do have any concerns or issues about school please make an appointment to discuss them with me rather than share them on Social Media. Thank you.

PHARMACY FIRST

MINOR-AILMENTS SCHEME

Attached to the Newsletter is a list of items which are offered **FREE** of charge for children.

CARRIER BAGS

Could parents please send their child into school either tomorrow or Friday with a carrier bag to bring their belongings home (including PE kits) for the holidays as all cloakrooms and classrooms will be cleared and any items left will be disposed of.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR

**SCHOOL CLOSSES ON FRIDAY
THE CHILDREN WILL RETURN
TO SCHOOL ON:**

WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

On behalf of myself and all the staff in school I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a safe and peaceful break.



See you all in September.

Happy Holidays!

Courtenay Walls