



Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2017



We are already into our second half term and autumn is well and truly with us...we can feel the nip in the air!

The children spend a great deal of time outside during playtimes and lunchtimes therefore, they now need to be fetching a warm coat to school.

We have had a very busy and enjoyable half term.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



We held our Harvest Festival in school a couple of weeks ago and lots of parents came along to join in our celebrations. The children really enjoyed the morning and especially those who visited the elderly residents to deliver produce donated to school. Thank you for being so generous.

I thought your Harvest Festival was Amazing! Thankyou for inviting me to share it with you.



The children had a fantastic time and they were a credit to the school.

Y2 Puppet Show

The children of Y2 entertained their parents/carers with a wonderful puppet show. They had made their own puppets, wrote their scripts and performed with panache! Wonderful.

Year 4,5,6 Business Enterprise

Working alongside Louder than Life our children competed to design, cost and present an outdoor musical instrument challenge. The winners will go forward to Regional and SMAT finals.



Y1 Theme Day

Y1 have been studying The Great Fire of London and had a fantastic theme day.

Fortunately they managed to put out the fire before it spread further!



WEAR IT PINK DAY



researching the cure

I would like to thank you all for your support today as we all wore Pink to raise money for Cancer Research. Well Done! We raised just over £500.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



Thank you to all who attended our Remembrance Service and to Kay Valentine, Rev David and Mr Clifton for their part in the service.



PASSCHENDAELE 100

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Passchendaele, our School Ambassadors, and Y6, laid a wreath at the grave of Passchendaele soldier Pte J. Wigley in All Saints church yard.



PUNCTUALITY and APPOINTMENTS

Attendance is very encouraging. However, Punctuality is an issue for some children.

We will shortly be holding an Attendance sweep followed by internal panel meetings alongside the Education Welfare Department with some parents whose children have fallen into this category.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT CHILDREN SHOULD ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AT 8.40 (8.30 OR 12.30 FOR NURSERY CHILDREN).

We have changed the times of our morning assemblies now therefore learning begins immediately in all classes. If your child is late for school they are missing out on this valuable additional learning time.

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS
Every Minute in School Counts



Well done to all Parents of children who have 96.5% Attendance. It was lovely to award so many children with Attendance certificates recently.



PARKING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Thank you to all those parents who are parking responsibly outside school – it is much appreciated.

However, there are still a few that are potentially endangering children's lives.

Please park responsibly.

It is illegal (AS WELL AS BEING IRRESPONSIBLE) to park so close to the school entrance on the Yellow markings and you could receive a fine from the police who have been informed and will be carrying out some spot checks.

We have also had some complaints about parking on the grass verge across from school and on corners.

It is your child's safety at risk!



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

As you are aware the Breakfast Bagels are very popular with the children and parents and I would like to express a "BIG THANKYOU" to the wonderful ladies who hand them out every morning.

However we do need more volunteers to help run our Breakfast Club. If you are able to help us it would be greatly appreciated.

If you can spare us a little of your time please let the office know.

WE  **VOLUNTEERS**

HEAD LICE

It would be very helpful if **ALL** parents could check their children over the half term to check for Head lice and treat them if need be.

If you need further advice please contact our school nurse Fiona on **08006126221** or your GP or local pharmacist.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please find attached to the newsletter new information regarding Free School Meals and Pupil Premium. Even if your child is in Reception to Year 2 classes please apply as the school is allocated Pupil Premium.



Children in Need

This year we are raising money once again for Pudsey Bear and Children in Need on Friday 17th November and this year we are going to be "SPOTACULAR". We would like all children and staff to wear something Spotty for the day and bring £1 for Children In Need.

More details will follow nearer the time.

VALUES

Each month we will be focussing on a particular VALUE with the children.

This month our focus is on **PEACE**.



“Peace begins with a smile.”

Mother Teresa

CHALLENGE

Can you write an Acrostic poem for the word Peace?

Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th November

Y6 visit to Crucial Crew

Friday 17th November

Children in Need

Christmas Dates are currently being finalised and you will be notified closer to the date.

Please keep up to date with all that is happening in school through the school and class twitter pages and through the website.

Twitter @ASADarfield

<https://twitter.com/ASADarfield>

Website:

<http://allsaints.stmarysacademytrust.co.uk/>

As always, thank you so much for all your support. It is very much appreciated.

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