



All Saints' CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic first couple of weeks we have had in school. The children are all working hard and their behaviour has been exceptional. I am so proud of the way that everyone has welcomed our new children and shown our Christian Value for September of 'Friendship'.

I have some exciting events that are taking place this term to tell you all about along with a couple of reminders.

Reading

One of our priorities for this year is to encourage more children to read for pleasure so that all pupils develop a love of reading and enjoy reading a range of different texts and genres. Therefore, we will be introducing some new initiatives to promote a love of reading across the school. From next week, all children that read five times a week, and have their reading diary signed by a parent or carer, will receive a raffle ticket. Each week, we will draw two raffle tickets - one child from EYFS/KS1 and one child from KS2 – who will be able to choose a book from our mini 'bookshop' to keep and take home. We hope that you will support your child's reading and this new initiative by hearing your child read five times every week.

Phonics workshops

We will be hosting two workshops to give parents an opportunity to come and learn how we teach phonics in school and how best to support your child with early reading at home. The session for reception parents will be held on **Tuesday 10th October** and the session for year 1 parents will be held on **Thursday 12th October**, at 5pm. All parents are welcome to attend these sessions, especially if you have children in nursery or that you hope will be joining the school in the next few years.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

There will be a chance for you to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and the progress they have made so far this year on **Wednesday 8th November** or **Thursday 9th November**. Look out for emails from the office regarding how to book your appointment nearer the time.

Uniform Reminder

Legislation has recently changed regarding parents no longer needing to purchase uniform with the school's logo on thus making uniform more affordable. We are very happy to embrace this rule and so I would like to clarify our expectations.

Children should wear:

- A white shirt or polo-shirt (with or without the school's logo on)
- School tie if wearing a shirt
- Smart grey trousers/skirt/pinafore (shorts between Easter and October half term)
- Blue/white striped or checked dress (between Easter and October half term)

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- A royal blue pullover or cardigan (with or without the school's logo on)
- Smart black shoes
- Grey socks or tights

For PE:

- Royal blue jogging bottoms/leggings (shorts in the summer)
- A pale blue t-shirt (with or without the school's logo on)
- A royal blue sweatshirt (with or without the school's logo on)
- Trainers

By wearing the correct uniform, children feel proud to be a part of their school community. We are already seeing a number of children not wearing the correct uniform or PE kit – please can this be rectified by next week. If you are experiencing any financial difficulty and finding acquiring the correct uniform too expensive, please come and speak to me. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

Parking

If you park at the front of the school when dropping off children at breakfast club, please ensure that you only park in one space. There have been a number of mornings this term where staff have had to wait to park their cars because parents have parked over two or three spaces.

Punctuality

Please ensure that you bring your child to school on time every day. All children start learning as soon as they enter their classrooms and valuable time is being lost due poor punctuality. Children will be marked as late if they are **not sat in their seats when the bell goes at 8.55am**. If your child is persistently late the Educational Welfare Officer will be contacted.

Individual Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **Monday 9th October** to take individual and family group shots of the children. If you would like your child to have a photograph with a younger sibling that is not in school, please come to the school office at 8.30am so that they can have a photograph together.

Harvest Festival

Reverend Richard will be leading the school's Harvest Festival in All Saint's Church on **Monday 9th October, at 11am**. Family members are welcome to attend the service.

Important Dates

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term. Details of these experiences will follow but please make sure that you regularly check the 'important dates' part of newsletters for upcoming events.

Monday 9th October – Individual photographs

Monday 9th October, 11am – Harvest Festival at All Saints' Church

Tuesday 10th October, 5pm – Reception Phonics Workshop

Thursday 12th October, 5pm – Year 1 Phonics Workshop

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Wednesday 25th October – Year 5/6 at Blists Hill

Monday 6th November – INSET day (School Closed)

Tuesday 7th November – Diwali Day

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

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

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

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

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

I hope that you all have a relaxing weekend. If you would like to discuss any element of your child's education or school life, please speak to me in person on the gate or contact me through ClassDojo or via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Louise de Graaff
Headteacher

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