

## All Saints' CE Junior School Newsletter

February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our February newsletter! It's a relief for us all to come out of the wet and windy weather we had in January and see signs of spring emerging. It has been a short half term but with lots going on in school, as usual. You'll find some details further on in this newsletter and also on our website. We look forward to welcoming you into school after the holiday for your parents' evening appointments - please see later in this newsletter for details about how to book if you haven't yet done so.

Kind regards, Mrs Sutherland

Dates for the diary					
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All Day	Year 5 Viking Workshop	Children should dress up according to the info sheet sent.		
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30am	Cross Country Race at Myton Fields	Information has been sent to parents of those involved but please go and support our runners if you can		
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri16th Feb		Half Term Holiday			
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Children return to school			
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb		Young Voices Choir Trip	Mrs Hart has sent info to parents, please contact her if you do not have it.		
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	3.30- 6.30pm	Parents Evening	Invitations to book an appointment have been sent via text and email. Please contact the office if you have not received one.		
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.30- 6.30pm	Parents Evening			
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	World Book Day	Children can come dressed up as their favourite book character if they wish.		
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March	2.15- 3.15pm	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea	This event is now sold out.		
Mon11-22nd March		Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel	More info to follow		
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March		Red Nose Day	Do something funny for money! More info to follow		
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> March		Rocksteady Performance	More info to follow		

Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	Easter Service at All Saints' Church	Parents Welcome PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> March – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> April		Easter Holidays	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> April		Children return to school	
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April – Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May		Year 5 Bikeability Training	Please ensure consent forms are returned by Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb Please contact the office if you need a hard copy
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May		Bank Holiday	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATs week	Please try to avoid making appointments for Year 6 children in school time during this week
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May		May Half Term Holiday	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June		Inset Day	
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June		Children return to school	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> June	4-6pm	Aylesford Central Athletics Competition for years 5 & 6	If selected, parents will need to transport their children to this event after school
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June	4-6pm	Aylesford Central Athletics Competition for years 3 & 4	If selected, parents will need to transport their children to this event after school
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July		Choir Event at Royal Albert Hall	More info to follow
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July		Transition Day	Children spend the day in their new year groups/ schools
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July		Rocksteady Performance	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July		Break up for the Summer Holidays	

#### Parking and Drop off

Please be courteous and considerate to our neighbours when dropping off and picking up your children from school. Please do not use the staff car park to turn round or drop off children due to health and safety reasons, thank you.

#### Parents Evening

Invitations have been sent by text and email to book your parents' evening appointment. Please contact the office if you have not received one or if you need help to book. Appointments will be in person in school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

#### Visitors from Jeremy's Community Choir

Today, a community choir along with Jeremy Dibb from Warwick A Singing Town came to perform during assembly and the performance was greatly enjoyed by all staff and children. The children even had a chance to sing alongside the choir and perform together. It was also very interesting to learn about the different elements of a choir.



#### Year 4 Trip to the Sikh Gurdwara

Year 4 had a lovely visit to the Gurdwara to kickstart our RE topic of Sikhism. We learnt all about the history of Sikhism and the different Gurus. We had the opportunity to visit the prayer room and view the sacred book. Finally, we sampled some Indian sweets and completed some sketches of objects we had seen during our tour.





#### Year 6 Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Workshop

Year 6 were visited by Megan from the Warwickshire Children and Young People's drug and alcohol service. The children were taught about many topics such as drug use, alcohol and caffeine. We discussed reasons why certain drugs are illegal and classes used to identify different drugs.

As well as drugs and alcohol, we also considered the effects of tobacco and vaping. The children discussed the meaning of

# of tobacco and vaping. The children discussed the meaning of 'peer pressure' and 'peer influence'. The discussion was informative and insightful.

#### Arts Insight Drama Afterschool Club

We currently have spaces in the new 'Arts Insight' after school club Drama Club. To sign up please text Laura on 07540 874642, stating your child's interest. She will then send you a text with all details of how to sign your child up. Classes take place in the school hall from 3:15 - 4:15pm every Monday and cost £5 per child per week.

#### PG Sports Afterschool Football Clubs

Just a reminder that both Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 football clubs are both taking place on Mondays for the foreseeable future and will finish at 4.15pm.

#### **Big Garden / School Bird Watch**

Our Eco Reps along with Mrs King are organising the whole school to take part in the Big School Birdwatch next week. If you would like to join in at home please follow the link for more details <a href="https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/submission">https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/submission</a>





Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup> Feb) is Safer Internet Day. As part of this the NSPCC is putting on the Game Safe Festival has a section of their website dedicated to children engaging online. There are information sheets and a parents' workshop that you are able to register for access.

Please take the time to give the website a look.

Game Safe Festival | Esports tournament, workshops & more | NSPCC

The Safer Internet Day website also has lots of information for parents of children of all ages.

https://www.saferinternetday.org/

#### Pick up from After School Clubs

All after school clubs finish at 4.15pm, please ensure you are prompt to collect your children as members of staff have been waiting until 4.30pm for some parents.

#### Reminder - World Book Day

World Book Day is coming up on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and we're keen to use it to help encourage reading for pleasure amongst our children. We'd love all children to take part in one of the dressing up options on the day but **please do not go out and spend money on a fancy costume.** 

- Children can come dressed as their favourite book character, bringing their chosen book if possible
- Some children may prefer not to come fully dressed up but come with props which represent their favourite book
- Children who prefer non-fiction books may like to use tabards or T-shirts with top facts or illustrations
  or might dress up as the subject of the non-fiction book
- Those who don't like dressing up can come in non-uniform but preferably still bring a book of their choice

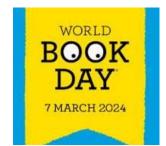
#### **Educaters School Lunch Costs**

We have been notified that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 the cost of school meals will increase to £2.65 per day or £13.25 per week.

#### Mr Gammon and the London Marathon

I have run a few marathons over the years, but never asked for sponsorship of any kind. However, this one seems to be turning out a little different. I have a dear friend, who ran the London marathon last year in aid of the charity missing people. Her brother is missing and the search continues. I listened to her story over a coffee one morning and was hugely touched by her strength, resilience and commitment to support the charity which goes to great to lengths to do all they can to reunite families with their loved ones.

I can't guarantee I would show the same strength if I had a missing loved one. What I can do though is turn myself inside out for 26.2 miles in her name and that of missing people. I am proud to be supporting Missing People and if you would like to donate to support them please <u>Click here</u>. Thank you, Mr Gammon



#### **PTA Vacancies**

The PTA are looking for volunteers for the positions of secretary and vice chair. If you are interested in either of these positions or would like more information before committing, please contact Mark Weller, Chair of the PTA at <a href="mailto:emscoteandallsaintspta@gmail.com">emscoteandallsaintspta@gmail.com</a>

#### Lillington Community Pantry

If you are a local resident in Lillington, or the surrounding area, struggling to make ends meet we can provide help with food and other essential items on Thursdays and Fridays from11am – 3pm. Our friendly and supportive team will also be on hand to help and signpost you to local support services, giving you the additional guidance required to overcome your individual situation.

You can request to join The Lillington Community Pantry by calling 01926 350 800 or emailing <u>lillington@thecommunitypantry.org.uk</u>

Visit their website for more information <a href="https://thecommunitypantry.org.uk/lillington.php">https://thecommunitypantry.org.uk/lillington.php</a>

#### Half Term at Market Hall Museum, Warwick

We are leaping back to Tudor times at Market Hall Museum, dress up, make Tudor crafts, learn how to juggle and party like it's 1559! For more information go to their website <u>https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/whats</u>

#### Arty Tots in the Museum – Dress like a Tudor King and Queen

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 10am - 1pm

Let's go back in time to the days of old and dress like Tudor royalty. Create a design for your shield, a crown that will shine and jewellery that will sparkle. Suitable for under 5's. £3 per child. No need to book just drop in.

#### Party like it's 1559!

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 10am – 2.30pm

Find out how Tudor Lords and Ladies celebrated with huge feasts and the entertainment they had. Learn the rules of some Tudor games, make decorations for elaborate pies and try on replica Tudor clothes. Join us for a beginner's juggling workshop to see if you could entertain the Tudor Lords and Ladies.

£5 per child, includes a 30 minute juggling workshop, pre booking required at <u>www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice</u> £3 per child, to drop in (does not included juggling workshop) Juggle workshops at 10.20am, 11am, 11.40am, 12.45pm and 1.30pm

> 'Working Together, Valuing Everyone, Learning for Life' Luke 10:25-37; The Parable of the Good Samaritan

This parable underpins our ethos of love, respect, acceptance, religious tolerance, attitudes towards people who are 'different', compassion, consideration of what makes a 'neighbour' (including our global neighbours) and how we should we treat others.



From the group that teaches performing arts at All Saints every Monday throughout the school year, Arts Insight would like to offer more children the opportunity to get involved in our theatrical sessions in Warwickshire.

So, if your child attends our classes in school or you're hearing about us for the first time, we have some exciting opportunities coming up over the next two weeks at The Loft Theatre in Leamington Spa, where we are based and run our youth theatre.

Firstly, we're offering an **Acting Masterclass in Comedic and Physical Theatre** delivered by a professional actor with 20 years of experience in the theatre, film and TV industry on:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February: 5 - 6pm for 7 - 11 year olds Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February: 6:10 - 7:10pm for 12 - 17 year olds Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February: 10 - 11am for 7 - 11 year olds Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February: 11:10am - 12:10pm for 12 - 17 year olds

The following week on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** we are running a **Half Term Musical Workshop** for 30 students aged 7 − 17-year-olds from 10am − 4pm

This will be run by a group from Warwick University called the Musical Improv Troupe and a professional Musical Director to guide the students through a morning of improvisational acting and singing skills, which will then be turned into a series of songs and sketches that they will perform to an audience (made up of friends and family) at the end of the session.

Places are limited for both and will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

To enquire or book please contact us at <a href="mailto:admin@arts-insight.com">admin@arts-insight.com</a>



### Saturday 2nd March, 7.30pm

St Paul's Church, Leamington

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Don't miss out!

Bring family and friends for a great night out

Early bird costs (when booked before Wednesday 31st January) Adult £10.00 Teenager/ Concession (over 65) £7.50 Child £5.00

Standard rate Adult £12.00 Teenager/ Concession (over 65) £9.50 Child £7.00

On the door Adult £15.00 Teenager/ Concession (over 65) £ 12.00 Child £9.50 Early bird tickets are available before Wednesday 31st January after which standard rates apply until the rates on the day.

Designed for all

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All proceeds go towards Thrive Youth Ministries to help bring Jesus to children and young people in the local area.



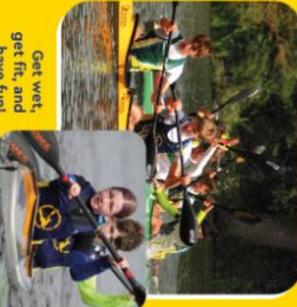


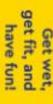
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