

Newsletter

END OF THE YEAR

We have now come to the end of my first full year here and what a year it has been. We had a very unsettled start to the beginning of the year with the building work not being completed for the start of the term so that classes were unable to go into their new classrooms, indeed right up until the day the children came back we were not even sure which rooms we were able to use! Once in, staff had to try to do all the setting up that they would normally do during the summer holidays when the term had already started and the children were in. Thank you all for your patience and support during this much disrupted start. We also began the year with the majority of the teaching staff being new to the school and still without one permanent member of teaching staff for one of the year 5/6 classes. Now we have a settled staff who are all fully committed to providing the best education they can for the children at All Saints C E Primary School. Despite many members of staff suffering personal difficulties this year, their commitment and dedication and professionalism have been exemplary. I consider myself fortunate to be able to work with such a wonderful group of people. I pray that they are all able to find time to rest and recuperate during the summer break as they all need to recharge the batteries after this year.

Inevitably at the end of the year there are always people who move on to pastures new. This year we say goodbye to Mrs Elena Chambers who leaves us to join the police force. We wish her all the best in her new career and hope that she returns to visit us in her new role. We also say goodbye to Miss Kelly Martin, who has been a school direct student with us working in Herons class. We wish her all the best as she begins her full time teaching career in her new school. Our other school direct student, Miss Charlotte Harcourt, we are very pleased to say is staying with us next year as she begins her teaching career here at All Saints. We also say goodbye to our year 6 pupils as they move into their new High Schools. We hope that they will soon settle in and enjoy the next phase of their education. We look forward to hearing from them in the future.

Finally I would like to thank all the children in our school for making this such a good place. I have shown a number of people around this year and always the comments that are made to me are about the calm friendly atmosphere of the school and how well behaved the children are. So well done to all the children and thank you to all the parents, carers and family members, without all that you do for your children and the school we would not be the school that we are. Without a doubt you are the most important and influential people in your children's lives. Your children are in our care for only 1235 hours a year which is only 14% of the 8760 hours there are in a year so thank you for all you do with them in the other 86% of the year – they are a credit to you.

I would like to wish everyone a really good summer break and I look forward to working with you all next year.

WEDDING

Thank you to everyone for your cards and kind words for our wedding. We had a great day and were blessed by the many friends and family members who came to share the day with us.

NEW GOVERNORS

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed two new parent governors. Mrs Vicki Toma, mum to Ceylan and Sureyya in Year 4 and Mr Phil Barrington, dad to Blake in Year 5 and Luis in Year 1. We look forward to working with them.

HERONS AND SWANS

On Tuesday afternoon Herons and Swans invited their parents and carers to share what they had been learning about in their Saving the World topic.

During the afternoon the children performed a body percussion rendition of a tropical storm and sang the Rainforest song. They also shared the Rainforest Smoothies they had prepared during the morning with their visitors. These received mixed reviews from the testers - some delicious, others not so popular! A highlight of the afternoon was the Rainforest creatures that Mrs Toma brought in to show the children. These ranged from tarantula spiders and a praying mantis to snakes.

Thank you Mrs Toma (and her assistant Mrs Kirkland) for bringing extra excitement to the proceedings!

The children worked with their visitors to make a Rainmaker, which they used to accompany the Rainforest song. To finish the afternoon everyone competed in teams in the Who Wants to be a Millionaire Rainforest Quiz, with 5 groups getting full marks. As usual there was a lot of competition during the quiz!

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we would like to thank parents and carers for your support and help this year.



PTA

On behalf of all the children I would like to say a huge thank you to all the members of the PTA for everything that they have done this year. There have been some fantastic events organised and efficiently run during the year which the children have enjoyed participating in. When these have been fund raising events all of the money raised has been for the benefit of all the children in school and many of the activities that the children have enjoyed could not have taken place without the work of the PTA members. So a huge thank you for everything.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As a school we are keen to provide as many additional opportunities as possible for pupils. We are aware that the cost of these additional activities can sometimes seem a lot. We are trying to reduce costs for parents through a variety of ways including the generous support we get from our PTA.

Additional to this we are able to reduce the cost of trips for pupils who receive free school meals. Any pupil on free school meals is only required to pay half the cost of a trip. We are able to do this as a result of the pupil premium funding we receive for pupils on free school meals. If you think that your child may be eligible for free school meals please collect a form from the school office to complete.

OLYMPIAN VISIT

On Wednesday we had 2 Olympians, Dominick Cunningham and Sarah Holt come in to school. All the children took part in a fitness circuit carrying out 4 exercises for 1 minute each. They were very enthusiastic and tried really hard, with Jayden Watkins, Ethan Smith and Katelyn Stevenson being picked out for their exceptional effort. Afterwards the children were shown some of Dominick's gymnastic skills and were amazed by his balance and agility, before asking him questions about his career and his gymnastics. Dominick also brought in an Olympic torch, with which 4 year 6 pupils re-enacted the Olympic torch relay. The children are raising money through their sponsorship for some sporting charities and also for school, so please support your child.



YEAR 5 TASTER DAY AT NEWBRIDGE

On Tuesday 5th July Year 5 went to Newbridge High School to take part in some activities. Here are a few of their accounts of the day;

First we did Science and learnt about the PH levels, acids and alkalis. Did you know acids are ph1, alkalis ph14 and water is neutral at ph7? Did you know sparkling drinks are acidic?

Later in the afternoon some of us made butterscotch cookies. We followed the recipe and used grown up equipment such as electric ovens. The cookies were amazing!

I made an I-phone case and a picture and 3 bookmarks to take home. It was very fun!

We made a key ring. I made two, one was for my Dad and one was for me. We used a 3D printer to do this.

We designed it on paper and then on computer.

By Danny, Ed & Precious

