



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

On behalf of everyone in school I thank you all for the cards and gifts that you have sent in for us, it is very kind of you and much appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our All Saints Family a Peaceful and Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PTA THANK YOU

On behalf of all the children in school we would like to say a big thank you to all members of the PTA who have worked so hard this term to organise and run so many events to raise money to enable the children to enjoy lots of extra activities that some children would not normally be able to access such as going to the pantomime. We really appreciate all that they do and all the time and effort that goes in to making a difference to the experiences the children have.

STAFF

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff in school who have worked so hard this term to ensure that the children in school have a good educational experience. For many reasons it has not been an easy term and despite this staff have continued to work positively together as a team. I am proud of all the staff in school and the work that they do for your children. I hope they all have a good rest over the break and return fit, healthy and enthusiastic in the New Year.

BRITISH LEGION

We would like to thank the British Legion for their generous gift of £50 for our outdoor learning shed. This was given to us in response to the article in the local newspaper as a thank you to the choir for their fantastic singing at the War Memorial on Armistice Day.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to come and read with the children in school. This is greatly appreciated and makes a real difference to the progress children make with their learning and also helps them to develop a love of books. If anyone else would like to volunteer, even for a short period of time at the beginning or end of the school day then please give your name to the office or speak to Mrs Keaveny who will work with you to liaise between yourselves and the class teachers.

GROWTH MINDSET ATTITUDE

We have noticed a real difference this term in the children's attitude to learning. We have been working hard in school to encourage children to develop a growth mindset attitude and this is now beginning to have an impact both on attitude and pupils' achievement. These are the areas that we have been developing with the children

- accepting and embracing challenges
- seeing mistakes as learning opportunities
- seeking and listening to feedback
- persevering with difficult tasks
- practicing and using strategies to improve
- asking questions to drive learning forward
- taking risks and trying new things

To find out more about growth mindset you might like to watch these short video clips on class dojo

<https://ideas.classdojo.com/b/growth-mindset>

RETURN DATE

Spring term starts on

Wednesday 4th January 2017.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back.

CHOIR

The school choir have been very busy this term and have performed at a variety of different events. They have worked extremely hard to ensure that not only has their singing been of a high standard but also their behaviour and attitude. They are a credit to the school. We would like to thank Mrs Thomas for all the extra hours work that she has put in this term to enable the choir to be so successful and we wish them all the best with their Young Voices next term.

ATTENDANCE

KS1 attendance award- The class with the best attendance was Swifts. Well done!
KS2 attendance award- The class with the best attendance this week for a record amount of times was Hawks
Both classes will be looking after the attendance Yeti for the week.

CHRISTINGLE CANDLE COLLECTION

Mrs Cox would like to thank the 4+ children who returned the Christingle candles. A total of £20 was raised.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

2016 saw a great start to our Outdoor Learning Program. The children involved have developed new skills and have shown increased confidence and social skills. The sessions will continue in 2017 and lessons will be planned around the changing seasons.

The team would like to say a big thank you for supporting them in their quest to buy a shed and resources. An amazing £167 was raised from the Christmas jumper day and £65 at the school fair (which the PTA kindly matched). The year ended with an Outdoor Learning Christmas party and treasure hunt.

Mrs Williamson and Miss Holmes would like to say well done to all the children involved who behaved impeccably and were up for every challenge

CHRISTMAS READING CHALLENGE

This Christmas we would like to encourage children to take part in the Christmas reading challenge.

The link to sign up is:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/join-the-christmas-mini-challenge>

The challenge is to read 3 books over the Christmas holidays.

Any children who take part can bring their certificates into school and will be given bonus Dojo points.

Words of the week

Eagles	ghostly
Hawks	fossilise
Finches	Christmas, except
Swifts	vow, vacation
Wrens	glistening
Swans	impertinent, apprehensive
Hérons	rapturous





A huge thank you to our fabulous choir!

You have worked so hard this term and I am so proud of you all and am looking forward to an exciting start to the New Year with our preparations for Young Voices.

*Merry Christmas from,
Mrs Thomas*

