

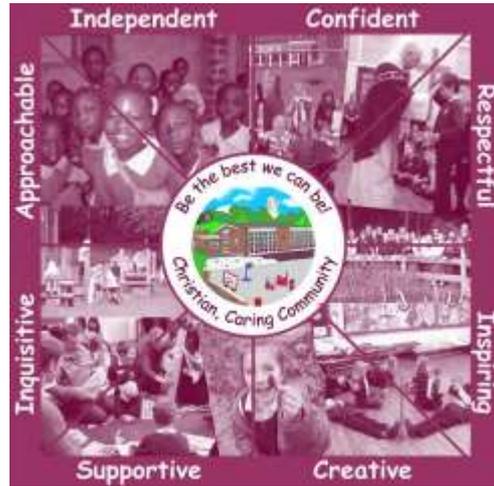
# ALL SAINTS' NEWSLETTER

April 2018

## A Message from Mrs Allbutt...

Dear Parents,

There is lots going on during the Summer term. We are incredibly busy trying to fit everything in, and your children are also very busy— a full curriculum, EYFS SHINE Days, the May Fayre, KS1 SATS and Year 1 phonics, KS2 play rehearsals, beginning to think about transition, practising for Sport's Day, end of year assessments, etc.



I would like to update you on some news regarding our school staff. I am pleased to say that Mrs Woolley has started her maternity leave. Mr Chatterton will be teaching Indigo Class whilst Mrs Woolley is on maternity leave.

We are also beginning to think about classes for next year. This is a long process, and your child will know which class they will be in before our school transition day in July. Please return your child's friendship letter this week, if you have not already done so. There is more general information regarding transition later in this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

### MUSIC TUITION

If your child is interested in learning to play the piano, violin or guitar in September they have the opportunity to do so in school.

We have two qualified music teachers, who visit school each week to teach children on a 1:1 basis.

If you are interested in your child having lessons in September, or would like to know more, please contact the school office.

### Can you help us....?

Do you have an hour or two to help us in September? Would you like to come in and listen to readers? If so, please let us know. We would be very grateful if you could spare a morning or afternoon once a week.

## **Dates for this Term...**

### **APRIL**

- 20th—Non uniform day (Jars, bottles, toiletries)
- 25th—TEMPEST Class Photos
- 27th—Non uniform day (Children's Toys/ Prizes)

### **MAY**

- 2nd-4th— Year 4 at Standon Bowers
- 4th May—Non uniform Day (Chocolate )
- 7th May—May Bank Holiday
- 11th—Non uniform day (cakes)
- 12th— May Fayre (11am-2pm)
- 17th—Q&A session for St Edward's Y4 parents 9am
- 28th May-1st June—Half term

### **JUNE**

- 12th—New Nursery Parents Evening 6pm

- 13th—Nursery SHINE Day 9am
- 14th Red Class SHINE Day 9am
- 26th—PTFA meeting 6pm

### **JULY**

- 2nd—KS2 Play 6pm
- 3rd—KS2 Play 6pm
- 4th—KS2 Play 2pm
- 10th—Reception New Parents Meeting 6pm
- 10th,11th,12th—Year 4 Transition Days
- 12th—Transition Day in school
- 13th—Nursery Graduation 11am
- 16th—Sports' Day EY 9.15am KS1 10.45am, KS2 1.30pm
- 19th—Summer Sizzler 6pm

## **Quick Notices...**

- ☞ We would be grateful if you would stop your children from running between the cars on the staff car park at the start and end of the school day.
- ☞ Annual School Reports will be out in July this year.
- ☞ PLEASE do not bring dogs onto the school site.
- ☞ We are a nut—free school! We do have children with severe allergies.
- ☞ PLEASE can you label everything that you send into school with your child— clothes, shoes, lunchboxes, water bottles, sunhats, coats, wellies, etc. If items are labelled we have a far better chance of returning them to their owner. If your child has lost something, please come and look in lost property. Thank you.
- ☞ Hopefully, the summer term will be sunny! Please read our Sun Policy summary overleaf.

## SUN POLICY SUMMARY

Now the summer term has started, we would like to remind you about our sun protection policy.

The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, as the weather has been dreadful, but at times it is a serious issue for the children.

Too much sun exposure can lead to skin cancer in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we:

- Have provided more shade in the playground, and encourage them to use the shade of the trees and structures during outside activities.
- Encourage children to wear hats when outside.
- Encourage children to use a high factor children's sunscreen in summer months.

More details of these and other sun protection procedures can be found in our sun protection policy which is on our school website.

Your support is very important if our new policies are going to work. You can help by:

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home, and teaching them to apply sun cream carefully.
- Sending your child to school with a hat (named and preferable wide-brimmed).
- Applying sun cream to your child before school in the summer months, even if the day starts out dull.
- Sending your child to school with additional sun cream in a named container.
- Sending your child into school with a named water bottle. Please understand that it is simply not possible for 1 teacher to apply sun cream at breaks and lunch to 30 children. Even if application took one minute per child, break would be over before half the class had left the classroom. It is for this reason it is vital that your child comes with waterproof sun cream already applied.

We will of course supervise children who wish to top up their sun cream, and encourage them to do so carefully. We will also remind the children to drink plenty of water, stay in shady areas and wear their hats.

Together I hope we can have a very happy and safe term to come!

## Transition...

### Year 4

Year 4 will be spending 3 days in their new school from Tuesday 10th July to Thursday 12th July. Children going to **St Edward's Academy will need to come into school as normal on Monday. They will be going to St Edward's with our staff, and you will be able to pick them up from All Saints' at home time on Monday. On the other days, the children will need to make their own way to and from middle school.**

**Children going to Churnet View Middle will need to make their own arrangements to get to and from middle school on all four days.**

### Nursery—Year 3

We will be having a transition day in school on Thursday 12th July. This will give your child a chance to spend time with their new teacher and new class. This will not affect morning and home time routines, which will remain as normal.

## Morning and Afternoon Routine...

Please can you ensure that your child is accompanied to school every morning, and supervised by an adult until the doors open at 8.50am.

It is of concern that some children appear to be left on the playground without supervision before 8.50am. At this time, school staff are either in a meeting or are preparing resources for the day, and are not able to supervise children who arrive early.

At the end of the school day, please can we ask parent to come forward to collect children when you can see your child is being dismissed by their teacher, particularly in Red and Orange Class. We need to be absolutely sure that your child goes with the correct person, and that they have been collected safely.

Children who are not collected will be taken to kids club. There may well be a charge if parents are significantly late. We hope that you understand that these arrangements are for your child's safety.

## FREE UNIFORM VOUCHER

...IF you have never claimed for Free School Meals before, and if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits.

- ☞ Income support
- ☞ Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- ☞ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ☞ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- ☞ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ☞ Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



**£50 uniform voucher**

If you think that you may qualify for the funding, please ask at the school Office. If you are eligible, you will qualify for a £50 uniform voucher.

If your child has a Universal Free School Meal (in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2) you can still claim the voucher if you are in receipt of one of the benefits and you have not registered for Free School Meals before.