Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of another great term. Somehow we are already in the second half of the school year – we must have blinked and missed the first half, or so it would appear.

There is lots to look forward to in the term that lies ahead. We have World Book Day to dress up as book characters, an LKS2 trip to see the moon in Rochester Cathedral, School Values Day to fulfil more fun work on our curriculum pledge cards, Voice In A Million to go and sing at the O2 arena, the Y4 residential trip to Kingswood in Ashford and of course the LKS2 performance in the latter part of the term. I am sure you can see, from reading this list, that the staff at All Saints are strongly committed to making learning experiences for your children both memorable and fun.

We would officially like to welcome some new staff to The All Saints family. Two Teaching Assistants; Miss White and Miss Heath who will be working in The Hive room. One Teaching Assistant; Miss Din who will be working in St Mary’s and one Early Years Practitioner; Miss Roder who will be based up at our nursery. Please feel free to say ‘hello’ and introduce yourselves if you should meet them.

I would like to thank all of the parents and carers who have asked me to pass on messages for a speedy recovery to St Augustine’s Miss Ammah. Doctors are pleased with the progress she is making and we all hope that she will be back with us soon. Until she returns to school full time this class will be taught Mon–Wed by Miss Hogben and Thurs/Fri by Miss Nijjar They are both very experienced supply teachers and we will arrange a ‘meet the teacher’ session for the parents of the children in this class soon.

The Easter Church service is due to take place on the last day of term — Friday 3rd April with a start time of 9.30 am. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how much myself and all the staff appreciate your continued support in our drive towards further improvement and to express our thanks for your partnership work in enabling each and every child in our school family to ARISE.

Achieve Respect Include Support Enjoy

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Term dates for this academic year to keep in mind when booking family holidays.

Please also note that SATS tests will be taking place for Y2 and Y6 during the month of May and the Y1 phonics screening test will be happening in June. Children in these year groups must be in school at these times.

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Staff development days remaining this academic year include:
- Monday 1st June
- Monday 20th July

Dates for the diary in term 4

24th Feb — start of term 4
25th Feb — LKS2 super starter day
27th Feb — UKS2 trip to Rochester Cathedral and KS1 super starter day
5th March — World Book Day; children dress as a book character
6th March — School Values Day
19th March — Voice In A Million trip for choir
23-25th March — Y4 residential trip to Kingswood Activity Centre
31st March — LKS2 perform to parents at 2pm
2nd April — Book Look for parents 3.15-3.45pm and LKS2 perform to parents at 6.00pm

Starting the day on time.

Please can I urge parents to get their children to school for 8.50am when the gates open. The register is taken at 9 o’clock and the first lesson starts promptly at 9.05.

If children are late to class they miss out on the first part of their learning which the teacher will not have time to repeat for latecomers. This can affect their attainment, their progress, their wellbeing and their stability for the rest of the day.
Curriculum Challenge Winners

A huge well done to our challenge winners who were chosen at the end of Term 3. Photographs of them and their work will soon be found in our school entrance hall on the curriculum challenge display board by the hall. Their efforts were amazing and well done to all those who took part.

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Cultural Challenge Family Project

Look out for our new Term 4 Cultural Challenge which will be sent home with the children at the end of week one. This is a collaborative family project for everyone in the household to take part in. Work towards this cultural challenge will be celebrated with a cultural coffee morning later towards the end of term.

I can’t wait to see what you produce and bring in from home to teach others about your family heritage. Our Cultural Christmas Day was a roaring success in term 2 and I love the fact that we can all learn a lot from each other.

Respectful Reminders about Parking around the School

Can I PLEASE urge you not to park in the Doctors Surgery at any time or in any disabled bays in Salisbury Road (unless you have a Blue badge on display.) MHS housing residents have been into school reporting that many of you are parking in their residents bays. Please avoid doing this at all costs. They will take photographs of your car and report you.

Remember to park and drive carefully when you drop off and collect your children. Do not park on the yellow zig zag lines as this is endangering children’s lives and their safety is a priority that we should all share.

Parking around the school is an ongoing problem for all staff and parents. I encourage you to park further up the hill and then walk down to collect your children. This is safer for everybody concerned and it also looks better on your Fibit!

Volunteers are needed in school

If you are a mum/dad/nan or grandadd and you have any spare time that you are willing to donate to the school please come in and pick up one of our volunteer application forms from the school office.

Fill the form in to let us know which times you have got available on which days and return it to the school office when complete.

Miss Akrill receives all of the volunteers’ details and she will get back in touch with you as soon as something matching your days/times/skills crops up.

At the moment we need volunteers to help us with the following: hearing children read and then writing comments in children’s reading contact books, helping out in classrooms supervised by the teacher, doing gardening in the school grounds whilst the children are in class, helping to run the new Accelerated Reader Book Bubble space and assisting with any school trips/local excursions out of school as and when they occur.

We are very grateful for any time that you can give us during your day. Your assistance helps us to strengthen home school partnerships and helps to enable every child in need of support to succeed.

Thoughts from the Governors for Term 4 2020

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope you have enjoyed a good half term break, in spite of the wet and windy weather. Hopefully we should soon see welcome signs of spring with warmer weather and longer days to look forward to.

This term we are hoping to make a start on a project to improve the outside playground space, starting with the faded, outdated mural along the wall. I’m sure you will agree that it is much in need of a revamp.

To improve our mural wall, we will need lots of help with ideas for fundraising and lots of hands for painting over the old mural in readiness for a beautiful and inspiring new backdrop to brighten up the playground. With a determined effort I’m convinced that we can get all of this work done.

If you have any ideas on how we can raise funds so we can complete this project or are willing to help by whitewashing over the old mural in preparation for the new, please write a note to tell me your ideas/availability and post it in the red letter box on the school office wall and I will be in contact with you soon.

With every blessing for the new term.

Jan Harsent. Chair of Governors.