



All Saints CE Primary School

Friday News



Friday 8th February 2019

COMING UP

Monday 11 th February	Interim Reports to parents for children in Years 1 - 6
Wednesday 13 th February	Stockland Cross Country – race 3

A message from Mr Giffard & Miss Porter:

Staff have been busy finalising the interim reports which are due to come home next week. These will give you a mid-year update on your child's attainment and progress. Due to the nature of the curriculum in Early Years, we only complete interim reports for those in Key Stages 1 and 2 (Years 1 - 6) however, Mr Ridge will ensure Reception parents have an opportunity for feedback – further information will be sent out next week.

Last week, snow was the anticipated event of the week with the children (and Miss Hopson) asking 'How many hours now until the snow comes?' on the Thursday! The decision to close was a tricky one as we hadn't had as much snow as we saw last March, however, after assessing the risks presented by the snow and ice around the region, we decided it would be advisable to close to avoid unnecessary travel and keep pupils, parents and staff safe. We always keep an eye on the Met Office forecast when adverse weather is due and any decisions made will always be based on the best available information at the time and with the safety of children and staff in mind.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Mr Giffard & Miss Porter

Thank You Certificates

Congratulations to the following children:

Class 1: Harley – friendship – for always showing friendship and humility and **Neave** – independence – for showing independence and creativity in her writing.

Class 2: Keziah – risk taking – for putting her hand up to answer maths questions during carpet time and **Spike** – courage – for working really hard all week even though he was not feeling well.

Class 3: Lola - Respect - for always being polite and respectful to everyone and **Darcy** - Courage - for always showing courage when faced with challenges x

Class 4: Bea – resilience – for trying hard and breaking through the understanding barrier with fractions and mixed numbers and **Ruben R** – courage – for being sensible and mature by moving himself away from distractions to concentrate on his learning.



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THE CHILDREN'S WEEK

Class 1: This week in Class 1 we remembered all the parts of the story 'The Monster and the Teddy Bear' and went on to write our own stories. We also read a story called 'Dogger', we talked about how the boy felt when he lost his special teddy and the children then drew their own teddy bears. In maths we have been looking at pattern and symmetry and spotting examples of symmetry around the school.

Class 2: In Class 2 we are still enjoying our learning about dinosaurs, fossils and Mary Anning. The children have continued to link their English work to our topic and class book The Enormous Egg. The focus this week has been to look at how we can improve our writing by using a wider choice of vocabulary. Synonyms has been the buzz word with the Yr2 children as they have challenged themselves to think of different words that mean the same thing. The children have realised that to become great writers they have to read lots of different books. In maths we have been learning about fractions (shapes and numbers). The focus has been on halving and quartering. We also found time to make some fantastic fossils using air dried clay.

Class 3: This week in English, Class 3 have been using powerful verbs to describe a volcanic eruption. We have also created a story map for Escape from Pompeii and created a drama performance to go with it. In Maths, we have been looking at measuring in mm, cm and m and finding equivalent lengths. We did this by using rulers, metre sticks and measuring tapes to measure objects in and outside of the classroom. In Science, we have undertaken experiments by investigating the properties of rocks and examining what soil is made of. In Topic, we learnt some Roman tactics and went outside in the playground with our shields to recreate some defensive and attacking formations. The shields are now on display outside our classroom - they look amazing! We are going to do more experiments with soil next week, so if you haven't brought in a jam jar of soil yet, please can you bring in one for Monday - thank you.

Class 4: In English we have had an emotional week looking at the symbolism and emotions in Little Freak and the children ended up writing some emotional and persuasive letters. In maths we looked at mixed numbers and improper fractions; how to convert between them and simplify. We also looked at old age in science and the reasons for Saxon and Viking migration.

Headlice!

We seem to have head lice again – please check your child's hair regularly and ensure long hair is tied back. Also ...

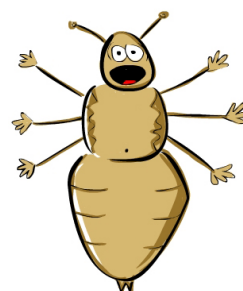
PLEASE CAN EVERYBODY RE-READ THE GUIDANCE AROUND HEADLICE PREVENTION – our letter can be viewed on our website and gives advice on how to destroy nits which is always a rewarding and pleasurable pastime!!

<http://www.all-saints-ce-primary.devon.sch.uk/files/Headlice-Letter-AS.pdf>

We've also printed copies and put them in the foyer if you'd rather read on paper!

Remember, we **ALL** need to be on board!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION ☺

We have purchased **Nitty Gritty Nit Combs** at a great discount price (just for schools) for



Attendance

We value high attendance and know you do too as it has a direct impact on attainment. To enable you to see how well your child is doing against our target of 96%, we will be sending out attendance certificates with the interim reports again this year. It only takes 4 days off to fall below 96% at this time of year. We know that may seem a little amount but 4 days off now only reduces to just below 98% attendance at the end of the year if they have no further time off. We also appreciate that we expect all parents to adhere to the 48-hour rule in the case of sickness and as a result, we do note the nature of absence so that we can share this with the Education Welfare Officer as necessary as sickness often results in a slightly longer absence.

Please also be clear with the office about the reason for absence – it is very unfair on children if we have been told something different as they find it a little uncomfortable at times when staff caringly enquire about their wellbeing when they haven't been poorly!

When a child is absent, please let the school office know each day as we are responsible for knowing the children are safe. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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Thank you for your continued support,
The All Saints Staff Team

Community Events & Notices

DM Coaching – February Half Term Holiday Football Camps – Cloakham Lawn Sports & Social Club, Axminster

Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd February 2019: Drop off: 8.15 – 9.00am. Football Camp Timings: 9.00am – 3.30pm. Movie Club: 3.30 – 5.15pm.

Children 5-13 years old are welcome. Cost = £12 per day (football camp) or £15 per day (Football & Movie). 2 day special price: £25. If you are interested, please contact Dan Murnane on 07845 498057 / dmcoaching2010@gmail.com

JUNIOR INDOOR TENNIS COACHING on FRIDAYS in January – March 2019 at Kilmington Village Hall, EX13 7RF.

4-5pm INFANTS. 4-7yrs

5-6pm JUNIORS 8-11yrs +

WITH parents, grandparents or carers!

Fridays 18 January; 15,22 Feb; 15,22 March
(also SATURDAYS 23 Feb and 23 March are free)

£2 per session. Coaching, Games, Quiz & Drinks available. Book in please. First 12 at each session.

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