



All Saints CE Primary School

Friday News



Friday 25th January 2019

Executive Headteacher: Miss Rebecca Porter

Chair of Governors: Mr Clive Robertson

COMING UP

Tuesday 29th January

Class 4 Swimming

A message from Mr Giffard & Miss Porter

Unfortunately, we have been unable to get out on the running track this week because of the weather but we will continue to check it and get the children on it as soon as we can. With running in mind, it seems a good time to provide some details about this year's Grizzly as that is only a matter of weeks away now. Grizzly 2019 Entry is now open for the Grizfest junior races on Saturday 9 March. The races are: 2K Junior Cub (2.15pm) which is for primary school children aged 8 and over, the 4K Junior Grizzly (2.45pm) for secondary school age children and the 2K Fun Run (3.15pm) which is aimed at under 8s and all others. There are also mementoes for all entrants. It was great to see children participating last year with friends, parents and their sports club and it is always such a popular event that attracts a great crowd.

We are looking to this afternoon's pending visit from the fire service who are coming to talk to children in KS2 about the importance of fire safety. It's always good to raise children's awareness of this and we are grateful to the fire service for the time they set aside for visiting schools to provide this necessary education.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Mr Giffard & Miss Porter

Thank You Certificates

Congratulations to the following children:

Class 1: Cayden – independence & resilience – on his reading and **Duane** – thankfulness – when writing his prayer in RE.

Class 2: Anya – independence – for always making sure her handwriting and books are following the schools handwriting policy and **Charlie R** – humility – for always quietly getting on with his work and always doing more than he has been asked.

Class 3: Sammy - friendship - for always looking after others and **Hazel** - creativity - for working very hard on her character description

Class 4: Alec – community – for having a caring, sensible and mature attitude with his class 1 assembly buddy and **Beatrice** – friendship – for being helpful & going above and beyond with KS1 children during huff and puff.



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THE CHILDREN'S WEEK

Class 1: This week in Class 1 we have been looking at old toys and writing facts about them. The Year 1s read out their facts to the class and we all had to match them to the toy they were about. We have learned about the properties of different 2D shapes in maths, learning to sort things according to different properties. We wrote our own prayers and added them to our reflection area and we looked at what made a healthy lunchbox, completing a computer program which scored out choices.

Class 2: In class 2 this week there has been lots of excitement as we found a large egg and nest in our class. The children have been coming up with some great ideas on where it came from and what might be inside such a large egg. The children have been recording their ideas and predicting what will happen with the egg. Luckily this incident links nicely to our new class book "The Ginormous Egg" by Oliver Butterworth. Our maths focus has been data handling and how to present data/information in a simple and easy to understand format. The children have been learning about tally charts, pictograms and Block Graphs. In our topic we are currently running an experiment to demonstrate the process in which a fossil is formed and how we can accurately record our findings. Please ask your children to explain our ongoing experiment to you.

Class 3: In English this week Class 3 have been learning about the past and present progressive tense – see if they can explain to you what it means! They have been writing interesting character descriptions to describe one of the Roman gods and are trying to use noun phrases, prepositional phrases and interesting sentence openers whilst also creating sentences that make sense and that are punctuated correctly – it is quite a challenge! In Maths, we have been continuing our work on adding and subtracting numbers by estimating and using inverse operations as well as attempting reasoning and problem solving activities. In Topic, the children have researched the Roman army and found out lots of facts. They have listened to Holst's 'The Planets' and tried to match the music to which Roman god it represented by discussing the timbre, dynamics, tempo and the instruments that they heard. They were brilliant at this! They also began to design their shields, ready for making them next week.

Class 4: We finally finished all our WW1 inspired work when the children wrote some excellent dialogue, punctuated correctly using inference to describe the trenches. We then looked at a short film and used this as inspiration to again use inference to write complex sentences to describe a setting. In maths we completed our division block by exploring multiples, factors and the order of operations. We linked science to last week's homework and explored baby development and ways to present the data on height and weight.

School Funding – Worthless Campaign

- School funding remains in the spotlight with the national 'Worth Less?' campaign conducting a survey in conjunction with ITN to hopefully ensure good local and national coverage. Despite government publicity to the contrary, the autumn budget did not increase money into schools and they remain under funded in comparison to previous years.
- Recent analysis produced by the National Education Union shows 4,819 schools across the UK will see a cut in funding or no spending rise – resulting in an overall fall in their budget – for 2018/19
- Thankfully, we were able to balance our budget this year unlike many other schools in Devon and beyond. We will keep you informed of future years' budgets and continue to let you know (when appropriate) about things parents can do to help with the national 'Worth Less?' campaign as it is always good to have parental voices in support of what schools are telling MPs!
- **Parent Governor Plea!** We still have a vacancy for a parent governor representative from All Saints on our governing body. If you would like to find out more, please do come and talk to the school office. The role of governors is vital in schools as they bring a wide skill set to the table to support school improvement. In the interim, don't forget that our other federation parent governor, Ernie Stobbs, can be contacted if you have any questions of feedback on parentgovernor@arkstcmat.org

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

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Community Events & Notices

Axminster Drama Club Youth – The Addams Family

Axminster Drama Club are presenting The Addams Family which is a musical comedy! The performances are on Friday 25th January 7:30 pm and Saturday 26th January 2:30pm and 7:30pm. Tickets can be purchased on www.ticketsource.co.uk/axminster-drama-club or through the Archway Bookshop.

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

Thelma Hulbert Gallery (Elmfield House, Dowell St, Honiton EX14 1LX) – February Family Workshops

Comic Book Drawing Workshop – Saturday 2nd Feb, 11am – 12.30pm with SWAc artist Jed Falby. Create your very own comic book to take home. Booking essential as places are limited. £8 per participant, suitable for ages 7 and up.

Big Messy Drawing! Saturday 2nd February – drop in anytime between 2pm and 3.30pm. The walls will be covered in paper so come and see what fun big expressive drawing can be! Donations welcome. Suitable for any age.

Paint with Felt – Wednesday 20th February. Book onto one of four 45 minute sessions: 11am, 12noon, 1pm, 2pm with accomplished textile artist Gill Burbidge. Each slot will offer the opportunity to create a felted picture using finest coloured Merino and local hand dyed fleece, embellishing with silk and cotton fibres and threads. The effect is almost as though you are painting with the textiles. Suitable for all ages and abilities. £4 per participant – booking essential.

Contact Thelma Hulbert Gallery on – 01404 45006; info@thelmahulbert.com or visit their website - thelmahulbert.com