



Friday 24th January 2020

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Reasons to Celebrate!

Merit Awards (from before Christmas Holidays):

Oak (YR): Freddie, Henry, Darcy

Ash (Y1): Aroa, Amelia, Lacey, Thomas, James, Ollie

House Points:

119

St Nicholas

132

St Francis

136

St Alban

125

St Hilda

Value this half term:



"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."
(Philippians 4.13)

Dear Parents/Carers,

"Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you've already done."

Newt Gingrich

We have continued to explore our value of Perseverance, particularly looking at the story of a family of refugees in the book 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna. The atmospheric illustrations and child's viewpoint help us as readers to understand the challenges faced by families displaced by war and civil unrest. We also explored the story of Jeremiah with Fr Simon. He was tasked with a very difficult job and stuck to it, despite many setbacks – including being thrown into a well!

In classes, the children have been stretching their limits with challenging learning. It isn't easy, but the learning conversations I've overheard have been excellent – "I'll help you with that." "You're doing a great job, keep going!", and "Can I have another go?"

Yes, you can!

Communication with Home

Following some feedback from parents, we have taken the decision to combine our systems for emails/texts, parents' evenings and payments. This will mean parents only need one app for receiving messages and making payments. Please look out for a letter/email in the next few weeks explaining the changes and any action you may need to take. We're confident it will make things easier for everyone!

Library Big Sort

Thank you to those who helped out this week, and especially to Mrs Rutt for organising the day. We had a very productive day and managed to remove a large number of books that are past their best. Now we will work on restocking!

Boiler Update – we're warm again!

This week was quite eventful – a boiler developed a leak and whilst warm enough to stay open, it was a bit chilly! Thankfully we have two boilers and so we are once again back to our usual warmth. However, the Governors and I will be working to replace our boilers entirely so that they are more reliable and efficient in the future.

Philip Asher, *Headteacher*

Looking for a school place for Nursery in September 2020?

Contact the school office to book your place to visit, or ask for more details.

Applications are now open on our website: [CLICK HERE](#)

Diary Dates

New dates since last Newsletter are in bold.

January 2020

Tuesday 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am Nursery Tour (for parents applying for September 2020) Balance Bike Experience session for Y1 and Y2
Friday 31 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Bring and Buy Sale (Details TBC) KS2 Celebration Praise- 2.45pm

February 2020

Tuesday 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance Bike Experience session for Y1 and Y2
Thursday 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am Nursery Tour (for parents applying for September 2020)
Friday 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 Celebration Praise- 2.45pm
Monday 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am Nursery Tour (for parents applying for September 2020) Library Bus visit to school
Tuesday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safer Internet Day – themed activities this week! Balance Bike Experience session for Y1 and Y2
Wednesday 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BMX Mindfulness Workshops – KS2
Friday 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 Class Assembly 2.45pm – Parents invited!
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half Term Holiday (school closed)
Wednesday 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ash Wednesday Service (in school)
Thursday 27th – Tuesday 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Fair in school (look out for posters for opening times!)

March 2020

Tuesday 3 rd & Wednesday 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruit Workshops – Reception to Y6
Friday 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Clothing Collection KS1 Celebration Praise- 2.45pm
Sunday 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saints Choir at the Royal Albert Hall gala!
Wednesday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Consultations – Late session 3.30 – 7pm
Thursday 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Consultations – Earlier session 3.30 – 5.30pm
Friday 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Nursery Application Deadline for September 2020</u> KS2 Celebration Praise- 2.45pm
Tuesday 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3/4 Production: Afternoon Performance
Wednesday 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3/4 Production: Evening Performance
Friday 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y2 Class Assembly 2.45pm – Parents invited!

April 2020

Wednesday 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am Easter Service with Mass- in school, parents invited
Friday 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of Spring Term – school closes at 1.15pm



Golden Ticket Fridays!

Parents/carers can join their child(ren) on a Friday in school. A two course lunch for £3.55! Only 5 available each Friday, and strictly first come, first served.

Book in advance to secure your ticket!

Bikeability



Y6 had a fantastic week developing their cycling skills and knowledge. The tutors commented on the focus and determination of the groups, and were delighted to share everyone did very well with achieving the benchmarks for Level 1 and Level 2.

More photos on the [website](#).
Thank you for your support!

Y2 Chinese Cooking!

The children loved making their Spring Rolls earlier this week. They are focussing their learning on China term. Thank you to Michael from The Cork House in Stansted, who came to teach the children about how Spring Rolls are made, and the traditional ingredients used. All the children tried them, and most enjoyed the taste! A few are yet to be convinced, but at least they tried them!

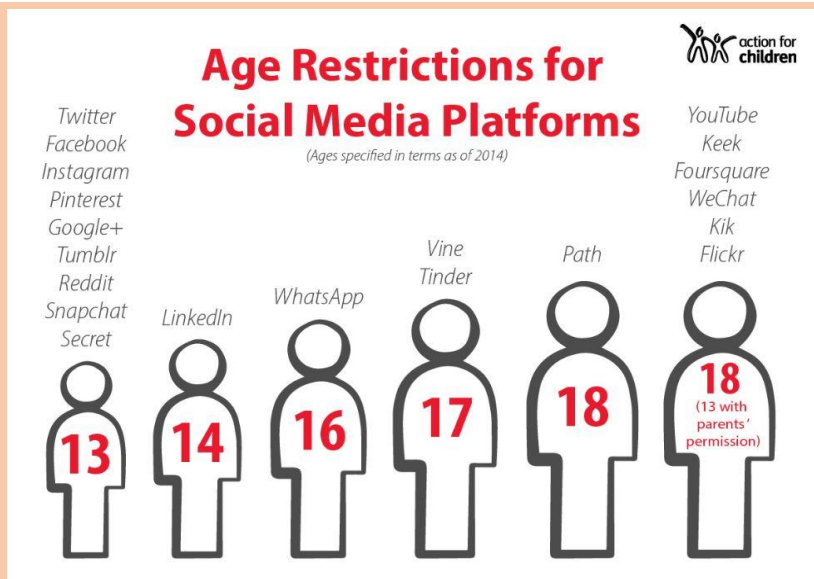


Sharing Safeguarding: Social Media

Please be reminded of the age restrictions for social media platforms, as specified in their terms.

Primary age children with their own accounts on these platforms breaks the terms and conditions of usage.

Remember: If you have any concerns about a child, please speak to one of the school's Designated Senior Persons: Mr Asher, Miss Brooks or Mrs Moore.
Alternatively, telephone **0300 123 4043**.



THUNK...

At home, find some time to have a 'Thunk' moment – A beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light. Have fun thinking/talking about them!

Is a broken-down car parked?

Term Dates 2019-20

Please note the May Bank Holiday has changed (the Government moved the day for 2020).

Spring Term: 6th January – 3rd April

Inset Day: Monday 6th January (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February

Half Term: Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

Pupils in school: Monday 24th February – Friday 3rd April

Summer Term: 20th April – 20th July

Pupils in school: Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May

Updated Early May Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May – School Closed (NOT Monday 4th!!)

Half Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Inset Day: Monday 1st June (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 2nd June – Friday 17th July

Inset Day: Monday 20th July (School closed to pupils)

School closes at 1.15pm on the last day of each FULL term:

- Friday 20th December
- Friday 3rd April
- Friday 17th July

Please note all family holiday should be taken during school holidays or weekends.

If you need to take your child out of school for medical appointments, these should normally be appointments that are not routine, and please provide an appointment letter or similar to support your request for a Leave of Absence.

You can find out more on the school website:

<http://www.allsaints.herts.sch.uk/website/absence/148596>

Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term: 3rd September – 18th December 2020

Inset Days: Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Monday 7th September – Friday 23rd October

Half Term: Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Pupils in school: Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Spring Term: 4th January – 26th March 2021

Inset Day: Monday 4th January (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February

Half Term: Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

Pupils in school: Monday 22nd February – Friday 26th March

Summer Term: 12th April – 22nd July 2021

Inset Day: Monday 12th April (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 13th April – Friday 28th May

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May (School closed)

Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Inset Day: Monday 7th June (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 8th June – Thursday 22nd July

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