

Dates for your Diary - more dates maybe added during the term so please keep checking your child's book bag and our class notice board.

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| Week beginning 19th February | Pancake Day We will be looking at the history of Shrove Tuesday and Lent and making our own pancakes as well as having a special sponsored pancake adventure morning on Tuesday 20th February |
| 26th February | World book Day We will be concentrating on reading and stories this week culminating in World Book Day on Friday when the children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite character |
| 5th March | Mothering Sunday We will be looking at all the wonderful things our mummies do for us and would like to invite all Mummies or special ladies to a tea party on Friday 9th March |
| Tuesday 6th March and Wednesday 7th March | Parent's Evening |
| 12th March | Spring time We will be looking at all the signs of spring around our school and thinking about how we can look after the creatures that are starting to show themselves |
| 18th and 25th March | Easter We will be celebrating Easter with a visit from Mother Su and Easter activities School breaks up for Easter Holiday on Thursday 29th March |
| More information on all events to follow. | |

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Spring 2nd half Term

Spring Time Celebrations



All Saints CE School and Nursery,
Bishop's Stortford

Welcome back!

The children have returned this term full of enthusiasm and joy for learning and we hope they will enjoy our activities this half-term. Although quite short, this is a very busy half-term with lots of events that link with the curriculum area Understanding of the World. With this in mind our main focus will be important festivals in the church - Lent and Easter -as well as Mothering Sunday. Alongside this we will look at the changes in season and grow plants, using our senses to explore the physical world and investigating how we can change and protect it.

Literacy

We will continue to focus on Literacy skills this term - especially reading. We will use World Book Day and our character dress up parade on Friday 9th March to explore characters and their feelings. We will be looking at how stories are structured, suggesting possible endings, as well as using clues in the text and illustrations to predict what will happen next. Our Tuesday book sharing and library session to which grown ups are invited to is continuing and we look forward to seeing as many grown ups as possible at 11.40am on Tuesdays.

The children really enjoy our daily phonics sessions. They are fantastic at remembering our phonic songs and recognising the letter shapes. We are already starting to put the sounds together and 'read' simple words which is amazing.

We will still have a weekly sound that we learn and ask children to bring in objects starting with that sound for our Friday 'show and tell' session.

We will be practising our listening and speaking skills with small group circle times and providing lots of discussion stimulus with science investigations which will be continuing this term - look out

Maths

Our maths focus this term is counting and number recognition up to 10. We will also be looking at mathematical terms such as more/less and most/least. We will be exploring shape and using positional language to describe and make repeating patterns.

The wider curriculum

We will continue to get changed for of our PE sessions on a Tuesday this term. Please can you ensure your child's PE kit is in school (T-shirt, shorts, plimsolls). We will be focusing on large movement and using our bodies safely, including being able to avoid obstacles and stopping carefully.

Now we are able to recognise our names, we will have lots of opportunities to practise writing our names and holding our pencils to draw and copy effectively.

During our creative activities, we will be inspired by Spring. We will look at different colours and how they make us feel. We will use our creative skills to make lovely cards and secret presents for our families! We will listen to different types of music and explore how it can change how we feel and make up movements to go with it.

Each Thursday we will focus on 'Understanding the World' and changes. We will be cooking and trying different foods; exploring the natural world with investigations in the classroom and outside and making changes to our outside areas to improve them. Mr Heffer has been very busy getting our new digging area ready and we are just waiting for the weather to improve before we can plant bulbs and seeds. Unfortunately the resources and ingredients for these activities add up so we do ask for a **voluntary contribution of £3 a half term**.

We hope you and your child have a great half term with us. Please feel free to come and speak to us about any questions you have.