



All Saints News

13th November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

The second half-term started successfully with our annual All Saints Day celebrations. Thank you to Mother Su who led a wonderful mass reminding us all how we can be everyday saints. The children then spent the day in mixed aged house groups completing a range of 'saintly' activities. It is great to see how much the children look forward to All Saints Day and how they enjoyed the celebrations.

Our value this half-term is 'Peace'. Jesus said: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 9:9) Peace-making actions can range from helping to resolve conflict to creating space for stillness. Peace, in the sense of total well-being, is God's intention for the whole creation, and is a promise that awaits ultimate fulfilment. This half-term we are looking for children who demonstrate an ability to solve conflict situations peacefully and those who appreciate opportunities for calm reflection. We will award this with our special 'peaceling' awards which will be given out in our weekly Key Stage Collective Worship. Please take some time to study the Home School Value resource attached with this newsletter. It includes fun activities for your family to do together alongside topics to stimulate discussion and reflection. You will need to use discretion when deciding which parts of each issue of Home School Values are most appropriate to the age of your child. Please also remember that you are warmly welcomed to attend our whole school Collective Worship on Monday mornings (10:20am - 10:40am) to learn more about our values education and to see it in action. Please just inform the School Office and let them know you would like to join us.

Finally I would like to share the congratulations All Saints received this week from Nick Gibb (MP). In his letter he expressed his delight by our Year 1 phonics screening check result: 97% of the children reached or exceeded the pass mark in the test taken by Year 1 children in June 2015. Our result places All Saints in the top 5% of all primary schools in the country! I am sure you will join me in congratulating the staff for all their hard work in developing firm foundation in reading.

I wish you a relaxing weekend.

Heidi Otranen
Headteacher

All Saints House Prayers

written by the House Captains

Dear Father God,

*Thank you for St Francis of Assisi,
born in 1181;
During his life St Francis sacrificed
his welfare to become a monk
and dedicated his life to God and
God's creation.
St Francis is remembered around
the world on 4th October,
celebrated as the patron saint of
many things, including nature.
Please help us to be more like St
Francis and save our environment.*

Amen

Dear God,

*Thank you for St Hilda's wisdom
and her teachings of God.
Please help us to remember her
and think about
how we can use her wisdom and
teachings on other people.*

Amen

Dear God,

*Thank you for St Nicholas who
looked after our poor and sick
neighbours and thank you
for the wisdom he brought to the
world.
Please help us to think more like
him by being thankful
and reliable.
And help us to be there for those in
need, right by their side.*

Amen

Dear God,

*Thank you for St Alban, the patron
saint of converts and refugees
who stood up for what he believed,
even though he was killed.
Please help us to show the courage
and perseverance he did
and let us remember what he did
for others.*

Amen



Our Choir is back in action after the summer break and began rehearsals last week by attending a special music workshop at Hockerill College. We are very fortunate to have staff from Hockerill Music Department to help us with our choir this year. We are looking forward to the children's performances in the near future.

Thank you all for your generous donations towards the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal.
We raised £274.50!



Life Education Essex returns to All Saints

We are very pleased to welcome Life Education Essex back to All Saints. Nancy and Harold will be visiting the school next Wednesday and Thursday (18th and 19th November), working with children from Nursery to Year 6. Each class will be able to experience an age appropriate teaching session which explores different health issues, helping children to make healthy choices.

The Life Education Essex workshops are designed to:

- increase a child's sense of personal self-worth;
- encourage positive attitudes to health;
- recognise the risks associated with all drugs, including tobacco and alcohol;
- develop life skills necessary to put healthy choices into practice and manage peer influence which can be a factor in encouraging drug use.

Parents also have an opportunity to visit the Life Education bus (which will be located on the playground) on Thursday, when Nancy will hold a drop-in session between 3pm and 3:15pm.

Autumn Term 2015 Dates

Date	Event
Mon 16th November	Friendship Week commences (Anti-bullying Week)
• Wed 18th November	PTA Non-uniform Day in exchange for Christmas Fayre donations
	• Life Education Workshops
• Thurs 19th November	• Life Education Workshops, including a parent drop in session between 3pm and 3:15pm
Sat 21st November	PTA Christmas Fayre, 12-3pm
Fri 27th November	Year 6 Class Assembly
• Tues 1st December	• Year 4 Greek Day
Fri 4th December	Christmas Design Technology Day
Tues 8th December	Nursery & Reception Nativity performance to parents at 9:30am Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Show dress rehearsal at 11am
Wed 9th December	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Show performance at 2pm
Thurs 10th December	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Show performance at 2pm
Mon 14th December	Infant Christmas Parties (pm)
Tues 15th December	Junior Christmas Parties (pm)
• Wed 16th December	• Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Church at 6:30pm
Thurs 17th December	Pantomime at the Rhodes Centre (Reception to Year 6)
Fri 18th December	Autumn Term finishes at 1:30pm

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Please note more dates will be added accordingly.