



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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## Reasons to Celebrate!

### Merit Awards:

Elm (Y2): Violet, Isobel, Max, Amelia, Fraser, Adrianna, Anna, Oliver, Ella, Finley, Rosa, Evelyn, Eliza, Joshua, Kaitlin, Leo, Freja, Mia, Georgina, Zarah

Y4: Lola, Xanna, Benjamin, Simona

### House Points:

*The totals will be updated in the next edition!*

174

St Nicholas

192

St Francis

150

St Alban

166

St Hilda

### Value this half term:



“My God is my strength in whom I trust.”

*(Psalm 18.2)*

Dear Parents/Carers,

“Keep your eyes open to your mercies. The person who forgets to be thankful has fallen asleep in life.”

**Robert Louis Stephenson**

This term we have focussed on our value of **trust**. This encourages us all to do what builds trust and confidence in each other and is a fundamental part of friendship. We have used examples of trust from the bible, such as the story of Jesus calming the storm in the Gospel of Mark. We also talked about other examples, such as the tightrope walker Blondini – who took wheelbarrows across the Niagra Falls, then asked if anyone wanted to sit in the wheelbarrow...

### **PTA Christmas Fayre**

The fayre is only a week away! Please do sign up to help, we still need parent helpers to support the class stalls and a few other stalls to make the event a success. Sign-up sheets are on the class doors.

Thank you for your donations today – another chance to donate sweets and other items for the stalls is on Monday, and of course bring in cakes for the cake stall on Friday next week. Last year the event raised around £3000.

### **Golden Ticket Fridays**

It's been great to see so many parents taking up the offer of a delicious school lunch and spending time with their children at lunch. Do contact the office to book your ticket at the next available slot.

If you'd like to feedback your thoughts about the food or experience, please do email Mrs Perryman – the caterers would love to know what you think of the meals. They're not like they used to be!

### **Christmas Events**

Do look through the Diary Dates – we have lots of Christmas events coming up. It would be great to see you at the events!

Philip Asher, *Headteacher*

## Looking for a school place for Reception in September 2020?

### Tour dates now available for places at All Saints.

Reception Tour Dates now added to the calendar (next page).

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

Applications for Hertfordshire Primary Schools CLOSE on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Visit: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk) for more information, or contact the school office.

# Diary Dates

*New dates are in bold.*

## December 2019

2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coram Education Life-Ed Tent in school (all classes)</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1.30pm Reception Tour (for parents applying for September 2020)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>9.30am Reception Tour (for parents applying for September 2020)</b></li> <li><b>PTA Christmas Fayre 3.15pm – 6pm</b></li> </ul>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>9.30am Reception Tour (for parents applying for September 2020)</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11am EYFS Nativity Performance</li> <li>2pm KS1 (Y1 &amp; Y2) Nativity Performance</li> </ul>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>9.30am Reception Tour (for parents applying for September 2020)</b></li> <li>2pm KS1 (Y1 &amp; Y2) Nativity Performance</li> </ul>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EYFS/KS1 Christmas Parties (afternoon)</li> <li>2.45pm KS1 and KS2 Achievement Assembly</li> </ul>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS2 Christmas Parties (afternoon)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>2.00pm Christmas Service – in Church (Parents invited)</b>  <i>Please park at Hockerill College (available from 1.30pm)!</i>  <i>We will dismiss from church. Any children not collected will be walked back to school. Mince pies, teas and coffee (possibly even mulled wine!) served after the service in church.</i></li> </ul>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Lunch for all children</li> </ul>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole School Panto Trip (Rec – Y6, Rhodes Centre)  <u>Collection is from the Rhodes Centre at 4pm – please see letter</u></li> </ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.15pm End of the Autumn Term – school closes for Christmas Holiday</li> </ul>

## January 2019

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>School Closed to pupils for Inset Day</b></li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Spring Term Starts – welcome back!</b></li> </ul>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Y6 Bikeability Course</b></li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reception Applications Deadline (online through Hertfordshire)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Nursery Applications for September 2020 open</b></li> <li><b>9.30am Nursery Tour (for parents applying for September 2020)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>9.30am Nursery Tour (for parents applying for September 2020)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>9.30am Nursery Tour (for parents applying for September 2020)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PTA Bring and Buy Sale (Details TBC)</b></li> </ul>

## February 2019

<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>9.30am Nursery Tour (for parents applying for September 2020)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>9.30am Nursery Tour (for parents applying for September 2020)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BMX Mindfulness – KS2</b></li> </ul>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Half Term Holiday (school closed)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ash Wednesday Service</b></li> </ul>



## 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!

## School and Eco Council Elections



Joining in with Election Fever, we held our School and Eco Council elections earlier this term. Both councils have now held their first meetings, and already plans are afoot to put their manifestos into action!

The election fair for the officer positions was an excellent demonstration of democratic persuasion in action! Well done to all the candidates for doing a sterling job of trying to persuade the children to vote for them.

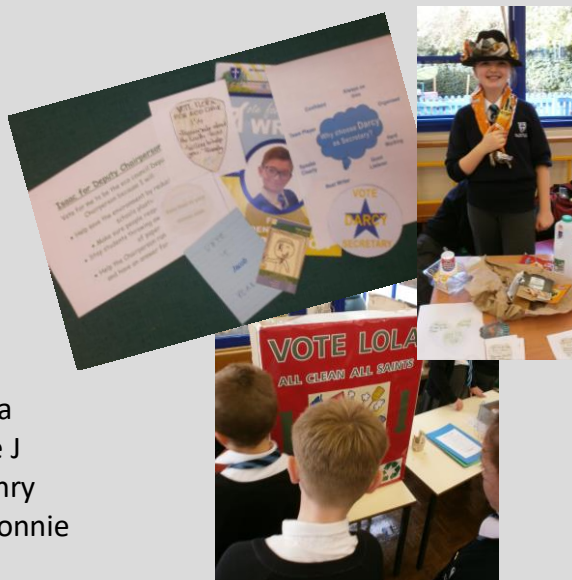
The full list of councillors for this year:

### School Council

Chair: Imogen  
Vice Chair: Benny  
Secretary: Darcy  
Treasurer: Arianna  
Y3 Reps: Ananya & Oliver  
Y4 Reps: Samuel & Eve  
Y5 Reps: Anelia & Elliot  
Y6 Reps: George M & Indigo

### Eco Council

Chair: Flora  
Vice Chair: Isaac  
Secretary: Lois  
Treasurer: Dolly  
Y3 Reps: Zara & Rafaela  
Y4 Reps: Lola & Charlie J  
Y5 Reps: Kristina & Henry  
Y6 Reps: George B & Connie



## School Car Park

**Please note the car park is not available to parents between 8am and 5pm when it is reserved for staff and visitors only.** For safety of our children, the gates are closed for access each morning at drop off time and again at collection time. Please ensure children do not play/run amongst the parked cars or swing on the tree in the roundabout at any time. Thank you for your support.



## Remembrance Day

The whole school gathered to join in with the Act of Remembrance on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately, the weather prevented us from holding it outside, but the poppies were planted later in the day when the rain dried off. It was lovely to have so many parents joining us for the service, and Fr Simon led us through the prayers. Many thanks to Sam in Y4 for playing the Last Post so beautifully on the trumpet.



## Year 2: Planets!

Year 2 enjoyed their space theme before half term and some of the children came to show Mr Asher their work. They had used papier maché to create their own planets, then painted them.





## Reception: Pumpkin Soup

Reception enjoyed investigating a range of autumnal vegetables, including a Pumpkin, and made pumpkin soup! They had to cut up the vegetables and prepare them for the soup maker. Everyone had a taste – even Mr Asher came to try some! Most of the children enjoyed it – some thought it was a bit too sweet!



## All Saints Day

At the end of last half term we celebrated All Saints Day (which was actually during the half term break). Each house came together for the morning to complete activities linked to their Saint and Value. The day ended with a sharing service of readings and songs, and Fr Simon gave us some food for thought from the example set by each saint. The panels we made are going up in the hall later this term.



#JUSTTALK

## Just Talk

Over the last week, schools across Hertfordshire have been participating in a campaign to support pupil wellbeing called Just Talk. It's about helping pupils (and parents) to get help when things are getting a bit too much.

You can visit the website: [www.justtalkherts.org](http://www.justtalkherts.org) or watch this video to find out more: <https://youtu.be/gkg0-wMjISM>

## 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!

**Can I buy a pound from you for a pound?**

# Term Dates 2019-20

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

## Autumn Term 2<sup>nd</sup> September – 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Inset Day:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (School closed to pupils)

**Pupils in school:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Inset Day:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November (School closed to pupils)

**Pupils in school:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

## Spring Term: 6<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Inset Day:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January (School closed to pupils)

**Pupils in school:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Pupils in school:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

## Summer Term: 20<sup>th</sup> April – 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Pupils in school:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

*Updated Early May Bank Holiday: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – School Closed (NOT Monday 4<sup>th</sup>!!)*

Half Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Inset Day:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June (School closed to pupils)

**Pupils in school:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**Inset Day:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July (School closed to pupils)

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

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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>

# Newly published:

## Term Dates 2020-21

### Autumn Term: 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Inset Days:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September (School closed to pupils)

**Pupils in school:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Pupils in school:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### Spring Term: 4<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

**Inset Day:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January (School closed to pupils)

**Pupils in school:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Pupils in school:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

### Summer Term: 12<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

**Inset Day:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April (School closed to pupils)

**Pupils in school:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

**Bank Holiday:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (School closed)

Half Term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Inset Day:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June (School closed to pupils)

**Pupils in school:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

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

- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July