



All Saints CE Primary School & Nursery

Nurturing, Resilience and Achievement for all!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are keeping well and safe. It was very exciting this week to welcome back more children and see yet more smiling faces! School is gradually beginning to feel more like its usual self! We are now full in all our bubble groups, with 140 children returning across the week. We are therefore operating a waiting list for any new requests for places.

In the second half of the Summer Term we finalise our plans for the next academic year in September – of course this year everything is different! Although nothing is certain, it seems that in September we will be welcoming all the children back to school. For many this will be very exciting and make them happy, but for others it will be difficult to leave their main caregivers or feel safe to venture out in the wider world again.

I want to reassure you that our staff and I are prepared, however your child presents themselves to us; it is the job of a teacher to take the children from where they are and move them on, this happens in every class in every year. This year the range of needs might be slightly broader, but the basic principle of teaching remains the same: build a relationship with the children in your class, assess their emotional and learning needs, and start from where they are to meet these needs.

Transition to new year groups

To help your children get ready for their new class, we have prepared some activities for home-learning over the last couple of weeks, and they will also get chance to meet their new teachers through Google Meet sessions next week. Your child's new class will meet as below:

Year Group	Class Staff next year:	Google Meet - Day/Time
Nursery	Mrs McFarlane, Mrs Rogers, & Mrs Evans	Video sent out to new parents by email (and on website)
Reception	Mrs Wignall, Mrs Turner, Mrs Hills	Video sent out to new parents by email (and on website)
Year 1	Mrs Rutt, Mrs Holland, Mrs Sturgess	4.10pm Friday 10 th July
Year 2	Miss Farren, Mrs Gray	3.30pm Friday 10 th July
Year 3	Ms Brooks, Miss Brown, Mrs Carey	3.30pm Tuesday 7 th July
Year 4	Miss King, Mrs Sheppard	4.10pm Tuesday 7 th July
Year 5	Mrs Davidson, Mrs Francis, Mrs Grassi	4.10pm Wednesday 8 th July
Year 6	Mr Sanders, Mrs Croft	4.10pm Monday 6 th July

Children go to their current Google Classroom and join the meeting there – it will be with their new teacher for next year. For example a child in Y2 now should go to the Y2 classroom, then Ms Brooks and Miss Brown will be at the meeting.

Please see the information on the Google Meet page of the website for how to access the meeting:

http://www.allsaints.herts.sch.uk/website/google_meet/491657

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End of Year Reports

This year we will be sending out our end of year reports electronically because we can't send out physical reports. If all goes well, we will do this from now on in the future too. We will use the current email address we hold for you – please let us know if it has changed! We will also send a text/app message to alert you when they've been sent.

They will be sent on **Friday 3rd July** in stages (since we have to send each email separately).

Reading Books – please return any you have at home...

We know you probably have a few school reading books at home. We normally do a stock check at the end of the Summer Term and collect them all back in. Please do bring them in – if your child is in school, they can drop them in the box at the gate in the morning on their way in. If your child is at staying home, perhaps you could drop them in the main entrance (there's a box there too!) before the end of Term?

The books will stay in the box under quarantine for a few days before being sorted and replaced on the shelves.

Thank you!

Improving our Outside Spaces – we need your help!

We are continuing to work on our outside learning spaces and improving the boundaries for the school grounds.

Fences: This week saw the completion of our ongoing fencing project – the overgrown hedge along the Nursery path has now gone, and we have a lovely new fence. We have also removed the rotting picket fences and installed new ones in new places to create better outside space for the children in Nursery and Reception.

Saints' Spinney: We have also created a new Forest School area merged with the Nature Area. Mrs Wignall will be getting it ready for when we are able to return and use it properly again.

Nursery, Reception and Y1: We have also been working on improvements to our learning areas and resources. This has meant removing some very tired equipment, and beginning to replace it with new or better things we can use to inspire the children's learning.

We need your help! Please see the attached poster of things we're looking for – if you can help donate, make or provide any of the items on the list, please let us know: parent@allsaints.herts.sch.uk

Thank you!

Solar Panel Update

We continue to enjoy using the energy generated by our Solar Panels: 10.6MWh generated since they were installed, but we've only used 3.4MWh ourselves – exporting the rest to the Grid!

This is the equivalent of over 124 trees planted in terms of CO² saved!



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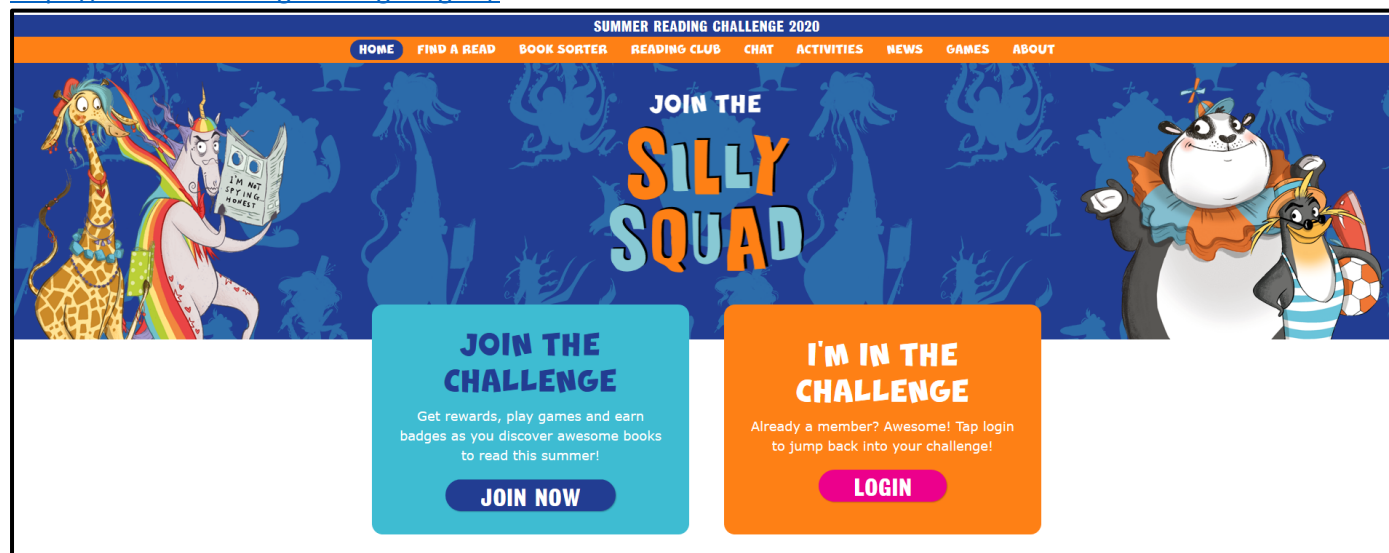
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Summer Reading: The Silly Squad!

Now more than ever, it is important to keep children reading over the summer. This year, although libraries are closed, we are still encouraging all children to join in with the Reading Agency's virtual challenge. It launched this month and will continue through to September. Visit the website for more information:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Summer

After a very different three terms, our school will be closing for all pupils at **the usual time on Thursday 16th July** (each bubble has a different end time!) for the end of the Summer Term. We will next open at **8.40am Monday 7th September** for the start of the new school year. We are taking a break from our home learning over the summer holidays, but we will have some activity packs that parents can use to keep their children busy.

And finally...

As one academic year ends, we often reflect on the job done and achievements made. Perhaps this year we may feel that we have not achieved very much at all – that everything has been on hold. But I would argue we have achieved so much. We have all had to relearn a way of living and working as families and communities. The time has not been easy, but certainly not wasted!

Our children have missed many days of school, but not learning. Learning is a non-stop process. They will have learned skills and knowledge that will help them in future life – life skills – alongside their home-learning from school, and just as important. Friday will mark 60 school days since lockdown began; a third (32%) of the total days of school children typically experience in a school year (190). It sounds a lot – and it is! If taken just on its own.

But in context: 60 days is a mere 2% of the total number of days a child spends in school from Reception to Y13 (2660 days). There's still another 2600 at school to enjoy and learn and grow and develop and play. Plus all the others that are not school days...

Take care, keep safe. Wash your hands!

Yours sincerely,

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