

Nurturing, Resilience and Achievement for all!

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Friday, 23 April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### **RE: Newsletter No25**

Another glorious week – both for the weather and learning! Topics for this term are now well underway, with animals hatching, portals being discovered, writing being refined and numbers being crunched!

We continued to explore our **value theme of 'Compassion'**, which fits under our 'Love' value. My video this week focused on what we can learn from the way elephants live as a community – showing patience and compassion, caring for each other, working together for their common good and taking responsibility.

The children also considered the story of the 'Road to Emmaus' from the bible – when Jesus appeared alongside two of his disciples and walked with them. They didn't recognise him at first, and it was



only when he sat and ate with them they realised who had been talking to them. An opportunity to consider that even at times when we feel alone, as in the case of the disciples, Jesus is with us – we just don't always recognise it!

Mrs Perryman has sent out details by email to all parents for how to book on for our **After School clubs**, which ages the clubs are for and when they take place. The summary list is in the newsletter today, but please do refer to that email for details of how to book on. There is one change to times – the Cricket sports club on Wednesday and Thursday runs to 4.30pm, not 4.15pm. Sorry for any confusion!

Please could I also remind parents that the **office is closed to parents at Drop Off and Pick Up Times** (8.40-9am, and 2.55pm – 3.20pm). This is because the office staff are involved in welcoming the children into school and dismissing them at the end of the day, and also there would be too many people gathering in a small space. Messages can be emailed or telephoned to the school office. Please respect this, thank you.

#### **Writing Competition**

We have been considering the entries put forward by class teachers and will be announcing the results very soon! Watch this space...

#### **Star Learners & Merit Milestones**

Star Learner Shout Outs:	Merit Milesto	nes:		
Emma &Elsie (Rec) George & Katie (Yr1) Jaden & Rebeka (Yr2) Joh &Violet (Yr 3) Julia &Chloe (Yr 4) Daniel, Eve, Jacob & Georgia (Yr 5 Maths Challenge Team) Bronwyn (Yr 5) Jacob & Ivaylo (Yr6)	Merit Award: Max S Zarah Zac Ollie C Georgia W Freja Kaitlin	Millie R Isobel Josh S Evelyn Teodora Adrianna Fraser	Michael A Freddie C Mia George L Eliza K	<u>Silver:</u> Allyson Jacob

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# **COVID Symptoms:**

If your child or anyone in the household develops symptoms (high temperature, new/continuous cough, loss or change in sense of smell/taste), then you must isolate as a household and seek a PCR test (not a lateral flow/rapid test\*) through the gov.uk

website: Get a coronavirus test - GOV.UK (test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk).

#### During the week let us know through the school office:

Email: admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk Telephone: 01279 836006, Opt4

#### At the weekend or holidays:

Email: dsl@allsaints.herts.sch.uk

We will always inform the school community if there is a positive case in school, and any further actions they may need to take. We will not share any personal details when we need to do this, in line with data protection rules.

The County Council have also asked us to make sure all parents are aware they can claim a **Test & Trace Payment** if they have to self-isolate, are then unable to work and meet certain other income related criteria – you don't necessarily have to be in receipt of benefits to be eligible! Find out more here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment">https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment</a>

#### Thank you!

\*The Lateral Flow Tests (LFD/Rapid Tests) are for asymptomatic testing only (ie to check if you have Covid but aren't showing any symptoms). They are not designed to confirm if you have COVID while displaying symptoms, and the Government require PCR testing for this. You can find out more here: <a href="Get tested for coronavirus">Get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</a>

# After School Clubs This Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		8am – Hip Hop		
<b>3.15pm</b> Art	3.15pm	3.15pm Cricket	3.15pm Cricket	
Explorers	Computer	for Y4	for Y6	
	Xplorers			

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3.15pm Soccer		<b>3.15pm</b> Sewing	
Development		Club	

# Music Lessons This Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Guitar/Ukulele	Drum Truck	Recorders		Piano
Flute		Clarinet		

We offer music lessons in school as extra-curricular activities during the school day (please note children are taken out of class for these lessons). We have various providers, and most are direct book, so please contact the school office for details:

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- Guitar/Ukulele (Hertfordshire College of Music)
- Drums (Drum Truck)

Herts Music Service: Home - Hertfordshire Music Service (hertsmusicservice.org.uk)

- Recorders
- Flute
- Clarinet

- Piano
- Violin

# **PTA News:**

#### Second-Hand Uniform

We have a fair bit of stock available of good quality uniform. Not just 'logo' items! Trousers, t-shirts, dresses, etc. Please let us know if you need anything and we will do what we can.

# Support All Saints School PTA (search: 281869)

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Email: <a href="mailto:admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk">admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk</a> with your name, child's name, items you need and

sizes.

### **Happy School Bag**

We have secured another date in May for collections. If you're planning a clear-out, look out for details in the next week or so. Please don't bring anything in until the day itself – sorry, but we can't store anything at school at the moment!



Have you printing from home during lockdown?
Please do remember to keep collecting your empty ink cartridges from home for recycling. The lnk Bin pledge to recycle as much of the single-use plastic as possible and also send away some cartridges for refilling in order to reduce their carbon miles. For refillable cartridges, the company will give the school money which we can spend on exciting new equipment.
Please do check at home and at work to see if you have any old cartridges which can be brought into school- every cartridge makes a difference!

# The Big Ask A Survey by the Children's Commissioner

The Children's Commissioner has launched a nationwide survey of children. We will be taking part in this in school, but there's also a survey for parents/carers too.

Click the link here to find out more:

The Big Ask | Children's Commissioner for England (childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

## A Prayer for the Nation -

Lord Jesus Christ,

In these difficult days we turn our hearts to you.

Give wisdom to our leaders,

Strength to our NHS and frontline workers

And comfort to all who grieve or are alone.

Amen

CofE Website, Prayer for the Nation

Take care, keep safe, and remember to wash your hands!

Kind regards, Philip Asher, *Headteacher* 







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## **Additional Help for Families**

Below are a list of organisations and places you can find help and support if you need it:

- Aspects Family Support <a href="http://www.aspects.org.uk/">http://www.aspects.org.uk/</a> or telephone 01279 758134
- Citizens Advice Bureau 03444 111 444 or: <a href="https://citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk/">https://citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk/</a>
- Children's Centre https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/family-centres.aspx
- Bishops Stortford Food Bank <u>bsfoodbank.coordinator@gmail.com</u> or on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pg/bsfoodbank/about/?ref=page\_internal
- Hertfordshire Children's Services <a href="https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/childrens-social-care/childrens-social-care.aspx">https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/childrens-social-care/childrens-social-care.aspx</a> or 0300 123 4034
- Family Lives <a href="https://www.familylives.org.uk/">https://www.familylives.org.uk/</a> or telephone 0808 800 2222
- Action for Children <a href="https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/what-we-do/parents-and-families/">https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/what-we-do/parents-and-families/</a>
- NSPCC https://www.nspcc.org.uk/
- Childline <a href="https://www.childline.org.uk/">https://www.childline.org.uk/</a> or telephone 0800 1111
- School Nursing Team https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing/
- Stay Strong website: <u>www.staystrong.org.uk</u>

# We are recruiting!

We have two vacancies for Learning Support Assistants to join our school team. Please do share this with anyone you think may be interested!

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Details are available through the Teach in Herts Website:

#### Learning Support Assistant:

Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - Learning Support Assistant (teachinherts.com)

#### Learning Support Assistant (SEN):

Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - Learning Support Assistant (Sen) (teachinherts.com)

