



All Saints CE Primary School & Nursery

Nurturing, Resilience and Achievement for all!

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Friday, 16 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Newsletter No36

The end of the summer term always feels like we should be winding down, but it never ends up being that way – and this week was no exception! We have had – Y1 Victorian seaside day, Y5 activity week (including water sports day, visit to the beach, and a camp out on the field!), EYFS Teddy Bear Picnic, all on top of normal learning activities too! It really has been a whirlwind.

Next week, several classes have other activity days planned to celebrate the end of the year and the topics they've been learning about.

We have finally managed to sort out **Sports Day photos**! The link to your child's class will be sent out today in a separate email.

Last week of term – if you are planning to take your child away from school in the last few days of term, please let the school office know. You can use the 'Leave of Absence' form to do this, or email the school office directly (include name, dates, and reason). This will help the class teachers plan their farewells to the children, and ensure we maintain our statutory duty for safeguarding (by knowing where the children are if not in school!). We would rather not have to call to check on your child when you're halfway up a mountain or going for a swim in the North Sea! Thank you.

Changes to Guidance – from Monday 19th July

We have reviewed the guidance and checked it for any changes that we need to make. Please see the summary on p2 of this newsletter.

Reasons to Celebrate!!

Star Learner Shout Outs:	Merit Milestones:	Personal Achievements:
Everyone – for a fantastic week! (Rec) Everyone – for a brilliant seaside day! (Yr1) Archie & Dylan (Yr2) Ollie, Finlay & Rosa (Yr 3) Noah & Chloe (both voted by the class!) (Yr 4) Everyone – for outstanding achievements, resilience and attitude to the activities! (Yr 5) Elliot & Kayla (Yr6 at home!)	<u>Red</u> : Antonio R, Ava S, Emma N, Charlie B, Oliver H, Elsie M (all in Reception)	Noah (Y1) – for achieving a medal in Cricket George C (Y1) – for achieving a medal in Golf Chris R (Y2) – for levelling up in Trampolining, swimming and being accepted into a football team this week! Ruby P (Y1) – Achieving L8 in gymnastics Sam C (Y5) – achieving Grade 7 Merit on the trumpet
PTA 50/50 club draw for July and August was made today. Look out for the results on the PTA Facebook page!		

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Summary changes to Guidance – from Monday 19th July (Step 4)

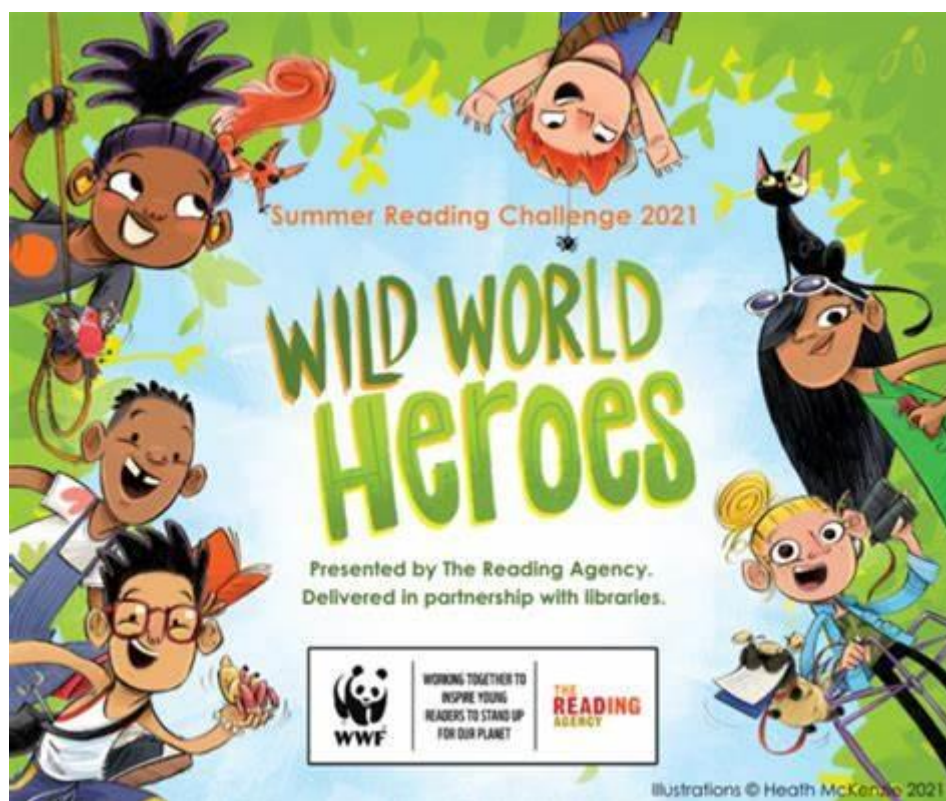
We've summarised the key changes to the guidance for schools.

Please remember – lots of families and staff have lovely summer plans, and we do not want to see these interrupted by positive cases or a requirement to self-isolate. Please continue to be vigilant and take personal responsibility for limiting the spread of COVID in our community.

Please read this carefully to know what you may need to ensure next week:

- **Attendance** – remains mandatory for all pupils, as currently.
- **COVID Symptoms/Positive Test** – pupils must NOT come to school if they or any member of the household display any symptoms or test positive for COVID (as currently).
- **Bubbles** – we will continue to operate our current bubble structure until the end of term since self-isolation and contact rules will still apply even though bubble rules are officially changing. The logistics of changing for one week are too much to overcome. We are not planning to use bubbles in September and will revert to a more normal school experience (including collective worship in the hall and more mixing at playtimes).
- **Staggered times** – will continue until the end of term. We are working on the timetable for September and will update parents near the start of term (we have learned not to plan too far in advance!).
- **Face Masks** – will only be required indoors on the school site. Parents may choose to wear them when outside while on school site, but it won't be required. Staff/visitors will still be required to wear them in communal areas, as currently, though not in their own bubble rooms. This will then be reviewed again ready for the start of the new term.
- **Social Distancing** – please do keep your distance wherever possible on site – this will prevent you from being a close contact.
- **Self-Isolation** – the rules for self-isolation & contacts remain law until August 16th so are unchanged. However, school will no longer be part of the Test & Trace system, which means that whole bubbles may not be required to isolate. We are uncertain how this will work in practice, but it is likely to involve children and families identifying others within their bubble who they have been in close contact with. The decision to close a bubble will be made on a case by case basis rather than mandated by regulation.
- **Cleaning & ventilation** – the enhanced cleaning regime and ventilation procedures will continue.

Thank you for your ongoing support and vigilance with our response to the COVID pandemic.



Summer Reading Challenge

We're joining in with the Summer Reading Challenge!

Find out more here: [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

It starts on Saturday and runs throughout the summer.

Upcoming Events... all being well!!	
20 th July	Due to the Bubble Closure, we've POSTPONED the Production to Thursday to allow the children time to rehearse together – thank you for understanding!
22 nd July	<p>Staggered times from 1.15pm: END OF TERM - school closes for all (Ice Cream Van will be available on the school car park for those wanting an end of term treat. Apologies for any confusion last week: the PTA are <u>not</u> buying the Ice Creams for everyone, sorry! Parents will still need to pay for Ice Creams for their children! Only Y6 will have a free Ice Cream as part of their leavers celebrations).</p> <p>1.45pm: Y6 Production & Leavers Awards Ceremony – after school, outside (Weather Dependent!) – parents invited – maximum 2 per child, sitting in household groups (we will provide chairs!). Siblings can join if needed.</p>

Please note that we will be adhering to COVID measures as required by either regulation or the school's risk assessments. Some events are dependent on restrictions being lifted.

PTA News:

Sunflower Competition

How's yours coming along? Don't forget to share your progress and measurements with us through our Facebook page, and final measurements need to be submitted by 3rd September!

Second-Hand Uniform

Getting ready for next year? Please let us know if you need anything and we will do what we can. Email: admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk with your name, child's name, items you need and sizes.

Amazon Smile – smile.amazon.co.uk

Please do sign up to our Amazon Smile page – when you buy from Amazon through smile.amazon.co.uk, Amazon give a small percentage of the sale (at NO COST TO YOU!!!) to our PTA!! If everyone did this, we'd raise enough to support an activity workshop in school for all the children. Please do consider doing it if you haven't already! Thank you.



Y5 Camping at school:



Good morning from Y5!



Nursery & Reception Teddy Bears' Picnic



Checking for COVID:

Please do not use Lateral Flow home tests to check for COVID when you or your child has any suspected symptoms (including a temperature, cough, loss of taste/smell).

The Government guidance states if someone has suspected symptoms, **they should use a PCR test to confirm if it is COVID**. A Lateral Flow home test is for routine asymptomatic (no symptoms) testing only.

[Get a coronavirus test - GOV.UK \(test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk).

If anyone in your household has suspected symptoms, the household must self-isolate for 10 days and seek a PCR test for the symptomatic person.

Suspected Case or Positive Test Result?

During the week let us know through the school office:

Email: admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk

Telephone: 01279 836006, Opt4

This weekend:

Email: dsl@allsaints.herts.sch.uk

Please do tell us if there is a positive case so we can take appropriate actions to inform others and protect the community as a whole. Thank you.

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: <https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment>

Thank you!

End of Year Reports – comments?

A reminder to use the online form to share any feedback or comments from your child's report this year.

The online form is on our website here:

[Assessment Info for Parents - allsaints.herts.sch.uk](https://allsaints.herts.sch.uk)

Our School Prayer –

Thank you Jesus, for our school.
Thank you for all that we learn and
for all the people who teach us.
Please help us to make our school
a happy place by being thoughtful
and kind to others.
Amen.

All Saints School Prayer

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

Kind regards,
Philip Asher, *Headteacher*

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 - <http://www.aspects.org.uk/> or telephone 01279 758134
- School Nursing Team - <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing/>
- Family Lives - <https://www.familylives.org.uk/> or telephone 0808 800 2222
- Action for Children - <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/what-we-do/parents-and-families/>
- NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
- Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/> or telephone 0800 1111
- Stay Strong website: www.staystrong.org.uk
- Citizens Advice Bureau - 03444 111 444 or: <https://citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk/>
- Children's Centre - <https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/family-centres.aspx>
- Bishops Stortford Food Bank – bsfoodbank.coordinator@gmail.com or on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pg/bsfoodbank/about/?ref=page_internal
- Hertfordshire Children's Services – <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/childrens-social-care/childrens-social-care.aspx> or telephone 0300 123 4043
- Essex Children's Services (if you live in Essex) – telephone 0345 6037627