



Parent/Carer Newsletter

15th December 2023





"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

Albert Einstein

Key dates for Parent/Carers

Friday 15th December

Last day of term

Finishing at 1.30pm

Thursday 4th January

Pupils return to school

Monday 22nd January

Clubs return to 4.30pm finish

Priority Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our final newsletter of 2023 has come round very quickly and gives us all a chance to stop (very briefly!) and reflect on the year that has passed. Again, we continue to make great progress as a school and are very excited about the future of All Saints. We have seen new staff arrive who have settled so well and added a great deal to the experiences of the children here. We have formed new partnerships with other schools and leaders within ODST Trust which continues to open doors for our

staff to develop and ultimately provide a better education for the children. In 2024, we will continue to work even harder to give our children the best possible education - exciting times!

The past week has seen our children take part in a number of activities from the year 3 Nativity to Christmas disco last night! But looking back into last week, we had a number of children who take part in 'iRock' perform a wonderful concert for the school and parents. We saw the children perform in their bands with children playing a number of different instruments and even singing solos! For those that were there, I think you will agree that we were all blown away by the high standard and the courage to stand up and perform the way they did!



On Wednesday, the children all came in wearing their Christmas jumpers to sing a few Christmas songs with Mrs Morton and, of course, enjoy the Christmas lunch. It really was a lovely atmosphere with the children getting into the festive spirit. Some made place mats, some made hats and some made table decorations but they all came together to enjoy the meal and sing along to some classic Christmas pop songs!!





Last night, the PTA very kindly put on a free Christmas disco for all the children to enjoy. This was a huge success and (despite a few tired little faces this morning!) the children a brilliant time. They danced, played games and took part in some great dance routines! A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA who wanted to put this on for the children free of charge and volunteered their time to help supervise for the entire evening. We are really lucky to have such a dedicated team of parents who have already raised so much money and helped the school fund many different types of resources for the children. If you are interested in joining the PTA, please do contact the office who can help with the formalities!





Today in our reward assembly the teachers recognised two pupils per class who have demonstrated outstanding work, attitude, behaviour and progress for this Autumn Term. It was a lovely assembly and the very worthy winners of this award are:

Class Shelley - Sam and Atheena

Class Lovelace - Anastasia and William

Class Owens - Henry and Emi

Class Lindgren - Eshaal and Zach

Class Aquino - Eli. L and Maizy

Class Attenborough - Amy and Sahib

Class Hawking - Kobe and Jenaye

Class Hadid - Hana and Louis

A huge well done to these pupils who were described as determined, excellent, polite, clever, role model, resilient and focused. A great achievement and we look forward to seeing what they can achieve for the rest of the academic year.

And finally, we want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mrs Parkash who will be moving on to an exciting role in another school. We know this was a really difficult decision as she has loved teaching our wonderful children. Mrs Parkash trained here and went on to lead our phonics programme brilliantly which has been a catalyst for our improvement journey. We can't thank you enough for all your hard work and we wish you all the very best for the future!

Which leaves me to finally say - have a very Merry Christmas and I do hope you enjoy the holidays with friends and family. We will see you all in January 2024!

Mr Mckrell

Deputy Head

And I will always guide you and satisfy you with good things. I will keep you strong and well.

You will be like a garden that has plenty of water, like a spring of water that never goes dry.

(GNT Isaiah 58:11)



Class Spotlight - Year 3 Nativity

On Monday our year 3's put on a beautiful Nativity service at All Saints Church. After plenty of singing practice and rehearsals this past week, the children really delivered a lovely service! It was full of joy, great acting and a touching prayer written by the pupils at the end. The songs were sung so well that the rest of the school joined in during the afternoon performance! In the evening the children performed for parents brilliantly to cap off a lovely day at the church. Father Jeremy spoke at the end as he made links with the Christmas story to the Christmas cracker and gave everyone a moment to reflect at this special time off year. A big thank you to Mrs Parkash, Mrs Tucker, Mrs Hallahan and Mrs Palmer for all the work they put in to preparing the children. A lot of time is spent planning and sorting outside of school hours which gave the children the best opportunity to perform as well as they did - so a big thank you!

Well Done!

Seth has received his karate belt grading of purple belt white stripe. His Karate Sensei has graded him up 2 belts because of his hard work and dedication. Amazing news, well done!



PTA Message

PTA donations on Scopay

The PTA has opened a voluntary school donation option on Scopay for parents. The PTA's goal is to raise funds throughout the year to help benefit the children at All Saints Junior School. All donations received are invested directly into the PTA school fund and are used for various activities and initiatives e.g. purchasing materials for school projects, new playground equipment, class amenities, books, or school renovations. The PTA works closely with the school staff to determine what the school's priorities are and will ensure the donations are put to the best use for the children. We welcome parents to make donations voluntarily of any amount that can help make a difference in our school community.

To make a donation, you can simply login to your Scopay account and choose the "PTA School donations" option.

PE & Sports Update

PE Curriculum

Year 4 have now finished their school swimming lessons at Braywick Leisure Centre. All the children have progressed and their achievements will be shared with their parents.

PLEASE continue your child's swimming development by taking them swimming regularly or giving them swimming lessons. It takes lots of regular practice to maintain the progress they have made in school swimming. We're taking swimming lessons seriously, are you?

Learn a skill for life and enjoy the benefits of swimming.

In the Spring term Aquino and Attenborough will have school swimming at Braywick. Please see your emails to complete the form and return it.

Year 3 plan to be swimming in the summer so if your child has not yet visited the swimming pool please consider taking them, they love it and it's a great family activity to share!

Extra-curricular activities

See below for our clubs plus watch this space for running club! This will be weather dependent and we will let the children know about it next term.

Lunchtime activities are already expanding. The sports leaders are monitoring the active Mile. Football clubs are continuing on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes.

If there are any parents who possess any skills to help a member of staff run a club we would love to hear from you too.

Friday Newlands swimming – Unfortunately for a number of reasons we are unable to provide this opportunity next term but hope to repeat it in the summer term.

Here's hoping you have a Merry Active Christmas and wishing you a happy, healthy New Year!

Mrs Thompson

Attendance



As we all know, good attendance is vital for our children to ensure their learning journey is not disrupted and there is a nationwide push to raise attendance in schools. Congratulations to Class Hawking for winning our attendance award this week, can you keep the crown for next week? We will see!

Going forward, our school's attendance coordinator will be Mr Mckrell who will be monitoring our school's attendance and any individual attendance cases that arise through the year. If you have any queries, please do contact Mr Mckrell via the office.

Weekly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Hawking	97.00%	1
Class Hadid	94.67%	2
Class Lindgren	93.70%	3
Class Owens	92.76%	4
Class Lovelace	92.61%	5
Class Aquino	92.33%	6
Class Attenborough	90.33%	7
Class Shelley	89.57%	8

Yearly Attendance Table

Class	Attendance	Rank
Class Hadid	97.37%	1
Class Lovelace	96.76%	2
Class Shelley	96.20%	3
Class Lindgren	95.93%	4
Class Hawking	95.40%	5
Class Owens	95.27%	6
Class Attenborough	94.91%	7
Class Aquino	94.68%	8



STAR OF THE WEEK	
3.1 - Shelly	Hoorain for her effort this week. Despite being ill last week she has picked up our text may, Sandy Cove, really well. Well done for putting 100% effort in this week, keep it up!
3.2 - Lovelace	Anoop for her excellent attitude in class. She continues to work so hard and loves to challenge herself. Keep up the good work!
4.1 - Owens	Malaika is really enjoying the class book, Holes. She is answering lots of questions and showing excellent comprehension. Well Done!
4.2 - Lindgren	Josiah has consistently demonstrated an exemplary attitude to learning in all subjects and made impressive progress in Reading and Maths.
5.1 - Aquino	Alfie has been trying his hardest all week to make great choices. He has proved that when you put your mind to something you can succeed! He has really impressed with his writing this week. Along with the effort he has put into both his poem and his explanation text.
5.2 - Attenborough	Dhruv for his ability to ask thought provoking questions. He is always willing to learn more and improve. Well done Dhruv!
6.1 - Hawking	Arianna has impressed us all with her newspaper report in Talk 4 Writing. She used the features and presented her work very neatly. Arianna always impresses us with her attention to detail in her artwork. Well Done!
6.2 - Hadid	Sam for his increased confidence in his own abilities and taking part in class discussions more readily! Well done and keep it up!

Messages and Reminders

Lost Property



There is a lot of lost property items in school. We will be moving the containers to under the shelter outside Year 3, so please take a look in case something belongs to your child.

Lunch Menu

On Thursday 4th January we will be using week 2 on the lunch menu. A copy of the menu is in the classroom and was emailed home on the 11th December. You can also find a copy on Classdojo.

PTA Children's Christmas School Disco



Thursday the 14th December

Years 3 & 4 - 4.30 - 6pm

Years 5 & 6 - 6.30 - 8pm

Watch out for more details

All Saints PTA

Afterschool Clubs - January 2024 (Confirmed)

There are still places available in the clubs below. Details on how to book a place are at the end of this newsletter.

Monday - uSport will be running a Gymnastic Club

Wednesday - Maidenhead Magpies football Club

Thursday - Sewing Club

Friday - uSport will be running Indoor Cricket

Current Clubs at All Saints Junior School

Spring Clubs 2024

ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATION – AUTUMN TERM 2023									
CLUB	DAY	TIME	YEAR	DATES	CLUB LEADER	COST	VENUE	DURATION	COLLECT FROM
Breakfast Club	Mon-Fri	7.45 – 8.30 am	Years 3-6	Mon-Fri	All Saints Junior School	£4.00 long session £3.50 short session	Hall	45 mins	N/A
Afterschool Club	Mon-Fri	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Years 3-6	Mon-Fri	Sports4kids	Contact supplier	Small Hall	2hrs 30 mins	Small green slide gate
Gymnastics	Mon	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	8 th Jan – 18 th March	uSports	£65.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Netball	Tues	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 5 & 6	16 th Jan – 26 th March	Mrs Thompson	No charge	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Football	Wed	12.00 – 1.00 pm	Years 3-6	10 th Jan – 20 th March 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	TBC	Playground	30-minute sessions	N/A
Football	Wed	3.30 – 4.30	Years 3-6	10 th Jan – 20 th March 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	Contact supplier	Muga	1 hour	Reception
Music	Thurs	1.00 – 3.00 pm	Years 3-6		iRock	Contact supplier	Small Hall	2 hours	N/A
Sewing	Thurs	3.30 – 4.40 pm	Years 3-6	11 th Jan – 21 st March 2024	Dhaaga Creative Sewing	£85.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Badminton Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 4	25 th Jan – 7 th March 2024	Mrs Thompson	No Charge	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Growing Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Year 4 by invitation	11 th Jan – 18 th July 2024	Ms Nowaczyk	No Charge	Outside Lindgren	1 hour	Reception
Indoor Cricket	Fri	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	12 th Jan – 22 nd March 2024	uSport	TBA	Hall	1 hour	Reception

iRock

Dear Parent / Guardian,

September bookings are now open for rock and pop band lessons at your child's school! This letter will tell you how your child could experience being in their own iRock band every week.

Our band lessons are not only fun but they can massively help develop your child's life skills: boosting confidence, supporting wellbeing, developing social skills and even helping to improve their academic performance.

How it works:

There is no experience necessary to join and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.

Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their band mates in 30 minute weekly lessons.

Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches who will guide your child through every session.

Lessons are available from Reception to Year 6 with children grouped by age. Children choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.

The band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, a great way to show you just how far they have come.

NEW Your child can achieve a brand new music qualification, regulated by RSL awards. More information about our new qualification coming soon!

NEW Access the iRock parent portal to see your child's band memories, song choice, manage your subscription and much more!

The highlight of your child's week for £38.95 per month (no payment in August). Our iRock subscription is designed to give parents full flexibility rather than having to commit to an entire year or term. The subscription guarantees a minimum lesson quota of 33 lessons in each academic year.

You can register your child's interest today by visiting www.irockschool.com, email info@irockschool.com or call **0330 174 2655**. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

Sewing Club



After school Sewing Club

Open for yr. 3, 4,5 & 6

Starting: Thursday, 11th January 2024

Hello children! Let's have some sewing fun! I am very excited to announce the sewing club for the Spring term. Children will be doing creative sewing using different techniques and various types of fabrics.

This term, children will be making:

Apron, wall hanging for Mother's Day and Bag charm for Easter.

Course Details:

Duration: 10 weeks (Starting 11th Jan to 21st March)

Time: 3.30 to 4.40pm

Fee: £85 (All materials included), you can also pay by following childcare vouchers

- ***Edenred***
- ***Sodexo***

- **Care4**
- **Fidelity**
- **Computershare**

Places are limited and will be allotted on a first come first serve basis. If your child would like to join, please text/WhatsApp me to book the place.

Thank you.

Anita Kulkarni Mobile -07782253565 Email: anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk Follow us on
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uSport - Gymnastics & Indoor Cricket

Spring 2024

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All Saints Juniors School

B O O K N O W

<https://eastberkshire-termtime.classforkids.io/term/564>

Dear Parents and Guardians,

uSports are pleased to announce that we will be delivering the following after-school clubs at All Saints Juniors School in the Spring Term.

Gymnastics

Year 3-6 | Monday | 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Indoor Cricket

Year 3-6 | Friday | 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Prices | £6.50 per session Best Wishes,

Charlie Hiscox

uSports

How To Book

1. Click the 'Book Now' button or type in the link underneath
2. Scroll to find the right club and click 'Join Waiting List'
3. Add your child's details
4. Book your child's place
5. Pay for your session once we have confirmed and booked you on

Maidenhead Magpies - Football

**ALL SAINTS
FOOTBALL AFTER
SCHOOL CLUBS**





After School Clubs @ All Saints

Years 3-6	Every Wednesday	3.30– 4.30pm
Girls Years 3-6	Every Wednesday	3.30– 4.30pm

Starting W/C 8th January –Finishing W/C 18th March

Maidenhead in the Community, who are the community arm of Maidenhead United Football Club, are running weekly boys & girls Football sessions at All Saints These sessions will run after school from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. The club will be focused on developing ability, confidence and skill level in a fun environment. The session are run by coaches who have experience and are FA qualified.

CONTACT - MARK.NISBET@MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG
PLEASE BOOK THROUGH OUR WEBSITE
WWW.MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG

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Feedback Form:

To help continue our school improvement we would really appreciate any feedback regarding school life whether it is something for us to improve or anything positive that we are doing right now. If you could fill out the form below, your feedback will be important for us moving forward.

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From all the staff here at All Saints Junior School, we hope you have a great week ahead!
