



Parent/Carer Newsletter

Wednesday 24th April 2024



### Well done is better than well said

Benjamin Franklin

## **Key dates for Parent/Carers**

Monday 6th May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 22nd May Class Photos

Friday 24th May Sports Day

Friday 24th May End of Term

Monday 3rd June Staff Training Day

Saturday 15th June Save the date for the

Summer Fete

Thursday 27th June Music Festival

Years 4 & 5

**Tuesday 2nd July** Year 6 Transition Day

## **Priority Messages**

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, we would like to welcome you all back to the summer term! We hope you had a lovely break with friends and family. Amazingly, we are now two thirds of the way through the academic year with our final term set out in front of us. The summer term is always a busy time in the school calendar and, as always, please do keep a close eye on key dates throughout the term. We have put into the diary our Sports Day, which will be on Friday 24th May (final day of term). More details will come out closer to the time regarding Sports Day, our community picnic and of course the timings for the day. Also, a key date to put into the diary is our Summer Fete - organised by our superb PTA for **Saturday 15th June.** 

As we move into the final term, each year group begin new topics within the subjects studied. In year 3 the children will be designing and constructing castles in design technology. Whilst studying the Anglo-Saxons and answering the question 'Why was it hard to invade and settle in Britain?'

In year 4 the children will be studying animals including humans in science and reading the novel 'Song for a Whale'. A story of a deaf girl's connection to a whale whose song can't be heard by his species, and the journey she takes to help him. From fixing the class computer to repairing old radios, twelve-year-old Iris is a tech genius. But she's the only deaf person in her school, so people often treat her like she's not very smart. If you've ever felt like no one was listening to you, then you know how hard that can be. A story which will really open the minds of our young pupils.

In year 5 the children will be reading classic Shakespeare plays and getting the opportunity to really explore the different storylines and meanings of these plays during this term. Will they compare these to a summer's day? Let's wait and see! In design technology, the children will be exploring healthier food options and even getting the opportunity to make their own bolognaise sauce!

In year 6, they are obviously working hard in all core subjects to prepare for SATs to give themselves the best chance to achieve as well as they possibly can! In science they are progressing their learning regarding 'animals including humans', building on from the knowledge gained in year 4. In art, the children will be practicing drawing still life images. In RE the children will explore Humanism and in particular the question: How do human beings understand the world and what are their ethics?

So we have lots to look forward to this term!

Finally, we wanted to celebrate and recognise an amazing achievement by Mr Thomas this weekend! After applying for nearly ten years, Mr Thomas finally got the chance to run the London Marathon on Sunday! We are pleased to say he made it round in one piece and simply loved the experience. If you watched some or all of the coverage on Sunday, I think you'll agree it was truly inspirational seeing so many people run for so many brilliant causes. We are incredibly proud of Mr Thomas and we hope it inspires some of our pupils to one day follow his lead and enter the Marathon! Mr Thomas was running to raise money for Oxfam and if you would like to donate to this wonderful charity, please follow the link below and donate whatever you can! Once again, Well done Mr T!!!

https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/jordan-thomas

Hope you all have a wonderful week

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 - Class Shelley**



**History** 

Class Shelley had an excellent Spring term and covered some really fascinating topics in various subjects! Probably the most memorable topic was our study of the Romans in Britain during Spring term 1. The children really enjoyed learning about this period of British history, especially after realising that this followed on from the Iron Age over 2000 years ago. Once we established the timeline we discovered the many changes to Britain during Roman rule such as, development of villages to towns, organised trade, government and of course its fierce army! The topic was finished with a Roman Day and the children really immersed themselves into this world! We experienced the way of life during Roman times, studied some primary sources, played Roman games and learnt how to be a Roman soldier!





















#### **English**

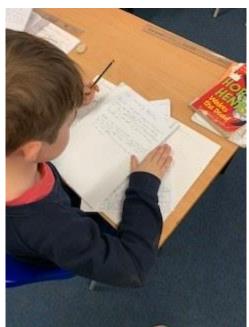
In English the children developed their writing for both fiction and non-fiction. In our fiction unit, the children learnt the techniques to create a suspense story and the understanding that they were trying to make the reader feel scared or nervous. After working through the toolkit, the children were able to plan and write their own suspense stories independently, creating some excellent tense paragraphs! For non-fiction, the children learnt how to write a persuasive advert using Rhetorical questions, pattern of 3, slogan, imperative verbs, alliteration and positive adjectives. Again, once the children were guided through this, they were able to plan and write their own persuasive advert.

#### Science, Geography and PE

In other subjects the children have studied the science behind light, learning about the key vocabulary and what a primary or secondary light source is. In Geography the children have studied the Antarctic region, looking at tourism, wildlife and mapping out the world. Both in the previous term and this term the children have had coaches come for PE lessons. Last term was a focus on invasion games (football) and this term the focus will be athletics.

Finally, we get to formally welcome Class Shelley's new teacher, Mrs Englebrecht! She has just started with us full time after the Easter holidays and we are thrilled to have her join our team at All Saints. She has settled really well and the children have loved having her in their class full time since returning from the holidays!











## **PE and Sport Update**



### **Feedback**

As part of the School Games Mark, we need evidence from the children about the sports events we hold. If your child has taken part in any of the following events this academic year, we would be grateful if you could complete the form with them. Thank you.

https://forms.office.com/e/x3KU1PZmLJ



Please note the Year 5/6 Boys Friday lunchtime football will be moving to Thursday lunchtimes. Children who are currently attend the lunchtime clubs can continue to attend and any others are welcome to join in. Children can wear PE kit to school and bring clean clothes to change into. If they have PE on the same day a change of PE bottoms is adequate. If they do not have PE, then school uniform MUST be changed into. They MUST also bring a raincoat and a change of shoes in a plastic bag, or they will not be able attend the lunchtime football club. See the Club information table to check times.

There are some new clubs starting up and children will be invited to particular ones with the aim to give more children opportunities to participate. The free clubs will be limited to one per child (unless there is space) so it's fair for others to have a go and get active!

Please do ask your child if they have a letter and return permission slips to the office promptly as numbers are limited.

Thanks for supporting your child to be more active.

Mrs Thompson

### **Parent Helpers**

This year we've had a parent helper at netball club which really opens up the opportunity for children to attend. In the summer term we would like to invite Year 4 to netball club. Similarly, if you have any other skills to share we would love to hear from you.

Lets get everyone active!

#### **Afterschool Sports Club Routine**

If your child is unable to attend a club after school, please inform the school office so your child can be accounted for.

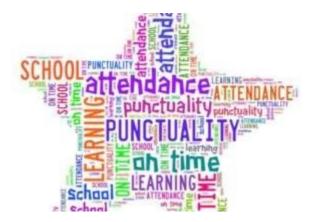
Registers are taken at the beginning of an afterschool club so anyone absent can be accounted for.

If your child misses 2 consecutive weeks without explanation, their place can be offered to someone else. (This is only applicable to free clubs).

Many thanks.

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 Shelley 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

### Week ending 12th April

Class	Attendance	Rank		
Class Hadid	95.83%	1		
Class Hawking	95.42%	2		
Class Lovelace	95.11%	3		
Class Attenborough	94.58%	4		
Class Lindgren	94.40%	5		
Class Owens	94.17%	6		
Class Shelley	93.00%	7		
Class Aquino	87.08%	8		

## Week ending 19th April

Class	Attendance	Rank		
Class Shelley	96.88%	1		
Class Hawking	95.86%	2		
Class Lovelace	95.83%	3		
Class Aquino	94.00%	4		
Class Owens	93.01%	5		
Class Attenborough	92.33%	6		
Class Hadid	92.00%	7		
Class Lindgren	84.83%	8		

# Yearly Attendance Table

## Week ending 12th April

Class	Attendance	Rank		
Class Hadid	96.96%	1		
Class Lovelace	96.15%	2		
Class Shelley	95.98%	3		
Class Hawking	95.23%	4		
Class Attenborough	94.38%	5		
Class Lindgren	94.11%	6		
Class Owens	93.96%	7		
Class Aquino	93.51%	8		

## Week ending 19th April

Class	Attendance	Rank		
Class Hadid	96.77%	1		
Class Lovelace	96.14%	2		
Class Shelley	96.02%	3		
Class Hawking	95.25%	4		
Class Attenborough	94.30%	5		
Class Owens	93.92%	6		
Class Lindgren	93.73%	7		
Class Aquino	93.53%	8		



Back next week!

# **Messages and Reminders**

Bags2Schools

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Bags2Schools collection this morning. The PTA received a cheque for an amazing £84.40!

### **Lost Property**



Lost property can now be found under the shelter out side Year 3.

### **Summer Clubs 2024**

		ALL SAINTS	S JUNIOR SCH	OOL CLUB INFORM	NATION - SUMMER	R TERM 2024			
CLUB	DAY	TIME	YEAR	DATES	CLUB LEADER	COST	VENUE	DURATION	COLLECT
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 side gate
Gymnastics	Mon	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	15th April - 15th July 2024	uSports	£78.00	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Multisports	Mon	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6 by invitation	22 <sup>nd</sup> April – 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	MNR Coaching	No Charge	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Science Club	Mon	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Years 3-6	22nd April – 15th July 2024	Fizz Pop Science	£80.00	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Netball	Tues	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Years 5 & 6	23 <sup>rd</sup> April – 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Mrs Thompson	No charge	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Netball	Tues	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Year 4	30 <sup>th</sup> April – 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Mrs Thompson	No charge	Playground	1 hour	Reception
Football	Wed	12.15 – 12.45 pm 12.45 – 1.15 pm	Years 3-6 girls Years 3 & 4 boys	24th April – 17th July 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	No charge	Playground	30-minute sessions	N/A
Football	Wed	3.30 - 4.30	Years 3-6	24th April - 17th July 2024	Maidenhead Magpies	Contact supplier	Muga	1 hour	Reception
Music	Thurs	1.00 - 3.00 pm	Years 3-6	твс	iRock	Contact supplier	Small Hall	2 hours	N/A
Sewing	Thurs	3.30 - 4.40 pm	Years 3-6	25th April - 11th July 2024	Dhaaga Creative Sewing	£93.50	Classroom	1 hour	Reception
Athletics	Thurs	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Y 3& 4 By invitation	2 <sup>rd</sup> May - 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Mrs Thompson	No Charge	Field/Hall	1 hour	Reception
Athletics	Thurs	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Y 5 & 6 By invitation	25th April – 18th July 2024	Mrs Thompson	No Charge	Field/Hall	1 hour	Reception
Growing Club	Thurs	3.30 – 4.30 pm	By invitation	TBC	Ms Nowaczyk	No Charge	Outside Lindgren	1 hour	Reception
Football	Thurs	12.15-1.15 pm	Years 5 & 6	26 <sup>th</sup> April – 19 <sup>th</sup> July2024	Maidenhead Magpies	No charge	Playground	30-minute sessions	N/A
Dodgeball	Fri	3.30 pm - 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	19th April – 19th July 2024	uSport	£84.50	Hall	1 hour	Reception
Cricket	Fri	3.30 pm - 4.30 pm	Years 3 - 6	19th April - 17th May 2024	Berkshire Cricket	No Charge	Field	1 hour	Reception

## Feedback Form:

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