



All Saints'

family, faith, flourish

"God gave you that gift... Now let it flourish, as a small flame grows into a fire" (2 Timothy 1:6 – 1CB)

Monday 23rd September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back after a couple of happy and rather mild weeks, the children are really getting into the swing of school life and enjoying settling into their new classroom routines. There's nothing like new books, sharp pencils and shiny shoes that signal the start of a new school year.

We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and have enjoyed some time together as a family. We would like to extend our thanks to all our families for such wonderful attendance and punctuality in these first few weeks, it is a pleasure to greet them all at the gate and see them ready to start their morning work with their class.

We would also like to extend a warm and special welcome to all of our new families who have joined us at All Saints' this September. We are so pleased that you have chosen to join our All Saints' family and hope you have been made to feel welcome.

Compassion

This term, our value for reflection is compassion. The children will be learning about how to show compassion and how this fits into our school vision of 'family, faith and flourish'. We have read the parable of *The Good Samaritan* and talked about how compassion means to show kindness to everyone; including those we may not know. *You may like to talk to your child about compassion and how it works in your family, your community or the world.*

This term is also a chance to celebrate and give thanks for the **Harvest** as well as learn about influential and inspiring individuals both today and historically through Black History Month.

Communication with home

As you know, we have many ways in which you can follow what happens at our school as well as the traditional letters that come home.

- ❖ The best way to stay in touch and find out what is happening is through reading our **Friday Flyer** and checking out our school website and Facebook page. We also print a copy of our **Friday Flyers** and display them on the School Noticeboards and in the entrance hall at both schools.
- ❖ Our **year group blogs** are a wonderful way to see what the children in each year group have been getting up to. You can find a link for the blogs on the [All Saints' website](#). Look out for regular updates!

- ❖ Our blogs and website also feed through to our Facebook page.
- ❖ You can find our page at [@allsaintsfedmatlock](#)
- ❖ Class teachers prepare half termly newsletters to keep families up to date with what the children are learning. You will have received your first one, for the Autumn term, already. Like all newsletters, they are sent via ParentMail with a link to our website where they can be downloaded.
- ❖ **Talk to us.** If parents contact the school, we always make time to talk. We are very lucky to have such a talented group of teachers, TA's, Office Staff, phase leaders and senior leaders across both schools who are happy to work directly with you. The Office Team will be able to direct your call appropriately and ensure that you get to speak to the right person.
- ❖ Phase leaders and class teachers are also often available for brief conversations at the end of the school day via telephone. Please be aware that we have our weekly staff meetings after school on a Wednesday, so staff are unfortunately not available on that day.

Volunteers: are you able to help?

We are delighted to say that last year we had a wonderful set of volunteers supporting us at both schools. Our children and staff really benefitted from the help, support and expertise of all involved. We really hope that all our volunteers will continue to support the school again this year; if you would like to join our amazing team then please email the school office at info@allsaintsfed.derbyshire.sch.uk. There will be an introduction to and training for the role on Thursday 5th October at 10am at All Saints' Infant School.

Uniform

Thank you to all our families for providing your children with the correct school uniform for the beginning of our new school year. The children look very smart and proud to be part of our school. We have a large range of uniform available on our pre-loved rails in the entrance to both the Infant and Junior Schools.

School uniform comprises of:

- All Saints' or plain Royal Blue Sweatshirt or Cardigan
- White or Blue Polo Shirt
- Grey Trousers, Skirt or Pinafore
- Grey or Black Socks or Tights
- Black Shoes.

What have we been up to so far?



Year 1 have been on a Bear Hunt

- ❖ Reading buddies have started in Year 3 and Year 6
- ❖ Forest Schools has started on a Friday
- ❖ The 2024-2025 Worship Team have begun their important work at the Juniors.



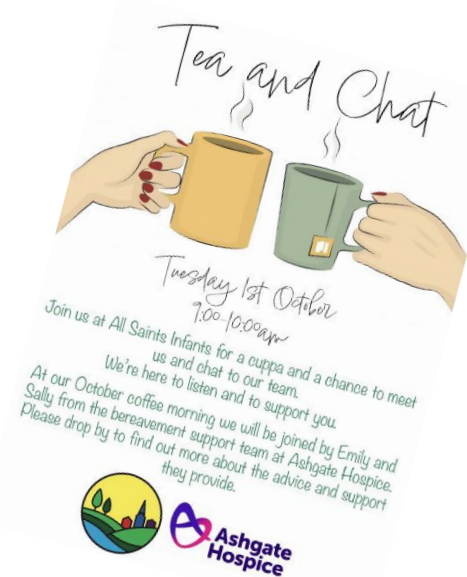
What is coming next?

Once again, we have an annual calendar to share with parents. All of the dates are now available on the school website:

<https://www.allsaintsfed.derbyshire.sch.uk/diary/grid/2023/09/>

Some of the upcoming highlights are:

- ❖ *Lots of music!* All of the children will benefit from music tuition provided by Derbyshire's Wider Ops as well as peripatetic music tuition
- ❖ *Theatre trips:* We are thoroughly excited to be taking all of our children to the theatre again this year, just before Christmas on Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th of December.
- ❖ *Services in church:* We are so lucky to have All Saints' church on our doorstep and we are looking forward to celebrating together in a range of services, such as Harvest and Christmas celebrations. We hope that parents will be able to join us.
- ❖ *Swimming:* All of our children in Year 5 will take part in swimming during the Autumn and Spring term before Year 6 have swimming lessons in the Summer term.
- ❖ We also have a wealth of community events on offer throughout the year such as our Tea and Chat morning on Tuesday 1st October.
- ❖ The children are already thinking ahead planning potential charity events beginning with a fundraising raffle for Children in Need. Here is their letter to tell you more:



Dear parents and carers,

On Friday 15th November we will be hosting a raffle to raise money for Children in Need. If you have any prizes that you would like to donate there will be a donation box in the Junior School Office. The deadline for prizes is Friday 8th November. Any prize is much appreciated, the raffle will be for the children and tickets will be sold during the week beginning Monday 10th November.

Thank you.

Martha, Ruby, Kitty and Olivia. Year 6



Online Safety: tips to help keep our children safe

Please look out for our updates from the National Online Safety Centre attached every week to our **Friday Flyer**. Our older children in KS2 will do weekly lessons that relate to this to ensure that online safety is an on-going part of our curriculum. We are dedicated to supporting families navigating the world of mobile phones Apps and gaming so please get in touch if you would like to talk to use about supporting your child at home. Our mobile phone advice is on our Online Safety Section of the school website: <https://www.allsaintsfed.derbyshire.sch.uk/online-safety-1/>

We look forward to a very happy and fun-filled year ahead.

All best wishes,

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