
Term 1 Newsletter

All Saints Anglican/Methodist Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Head Teacher's message.

Welcome to a new school year and a particularly warm welcome to our new parents and children. I hope that you had a wonderful summer and were able to spend time relaxing and doing all of the things you enjoy. Our building underwent a few changes over the summer holidays and I am sure you will agree that it looks amazing – we are very pleased with it. The children's planting sets it off beautifully.

The inside of the school is looking as lovely as the outside – the learning environments look great and there are lots of exciting activities planned for the children. As ever if you have any questions, worries or concerns please come and see me for a chat over a cup of tea – I will be unable to address any issues if I do not know about them.

Data collection

Mrs Russell will be sending requests for information, please can you return these to school as soon as possible. We use this information to contact you in an emergency, to know who we can release your child to and if there are any allergies/medical issues that we should be aware of. Thank you

School Lunches

Just a reminder that all school lunches must be paid for in advance and any children who have moved from Year 2 to Year 3 now must pay for their lunches as the Universal Infant Free School Meals does not include children in Key Stage 2. Please speak to Mrs Russell if you have any questions about this.

Please can you let us know as soon as possible if there are ever any changes to who will be collecting your child at the end of the school day – if we are not informed and the person collecting them is unknown to us we will not release your child for safeguarding reasons. This obviously can cause some distress to all. Thank you

Prescription medicines

We can now only administer prescription medicines to your child if they are required 4 times a day – if they are needed 3 times a day this can be done before school, when your child gets home and before bed. This is the advice given by the Department for Education (Managing Medicines in School)

Healthy snacks

We are an active and healthy school and as such any snacks that the children bring into school must be healthy. Crisps and sweets are not to be brought in for playtime or film club snacks. Children can get upset when they are told that they can't have them so please don't send them in as snacks – thank you.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S INHALER IS IN SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE ONE



In the School Community

Diary Dates

All diary dates are on our website. Some key dates for your diary are:

14 September – swimming begins

20 September – photographer in school

29 September – World's Biggest Coffee Morning

9 & 11 October – Parent Teacher Consultations – appointment times request to follow later

13 October – Harvest Festival

18 October – FS – Y4 flu immunisations

20 October – INSET DAY – no children at school

23 – 27 October – half term

Information and Events

Would you like to join our Mid-day Supervisors team? If so please speak to Mrs Richmond or Mrs Russell. We would love to hear from you! If you would like to be a 'relief' MDSA then we would also like to hear from you.

Parking

Please can I ask that you are careful and considerate when driving down the lane into the small car park area in front of the Village Hall. The lane is very narrow and, as is to be expected, there are many children walking along there at the start and end of the school day. Their safety is paramount so please take care.

Please do not park in front of the school gates, in the school car park or in the hatched area in front of the school gates – these areas must be kept clear for emergency vehicles.

Thank you to those parents who always take these requests seriously – I do not ask to cause inconvenience rather to ensure that everybody is safe.

Forest School

Forest School will continue to take place on a Tuesday this year. As in previous years, the children will have their Forest School session every other week and they will need to bring their Forest School kit with them.

They will need: waterproof jacket, old joggers or waterproof trousers, wellies or old trainers.

They do not have to change their school top if they have a waterproof jacket but footwear and trousers must be changed.

Their arms and legs must be covered and they can get very muddy and dirty sometimes! When the weather turns colder they may also need hats and gloves.

Swimming

Swimming lessons begin on Thursday 14 September – letters will go to all children taking part and must be returned as soon as possible please.

Sessions will take place in the afternoon this year, not the morning. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to myself or Mrs Russell.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning to help raise funds for Macmillan on Friday 29 September. It will be held in the school hall and will begin at 10.00am and finish at 11.00am. We would really appreciate donations of cakes and then of course, your presence at the coffee morning. Grannies, Grandpas, friends, neighbours and villagers are all welcome so it would be lovely to see you for a chat, a cuppa and of course, a slice of cake! All donations very welcome. Thank you

Uniform

Children should wear school uniform whilst at school. Appropriate school shoes must also be worn, no trainers please. All uniform should be named because it can be very difficult to reunite children with lost clothes!

PE kits must be in school at all times during the week and worn when children take part in PE lessons – this consists of shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls or trainers. In the winter when children are outside joggers and fleeces can also be worn – again, all kit must be named please.

Long hair must be tied back and no jewellery should be worn, with the exception of watches and small, stud earrings. **These must be removed, by the children, when taking part in PE.**

Clubs

Club letters will be going out shortly and clubs will begin w/c 18 September. If children sign up to a club, unless there are specific circumstances, they are expected to attend all sessions as they are usually over subscribed. It is not fair on others if they then don't use their place.

Photos

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 20 September. Photos involving pre-school siblings will begin at 8.15am.

School Lunches

Mrs Russell will be emailing the winter menus shortly – these will be in place until March. They will **not be** emailed each term as has previously happened as there should be no changes to them. They will however, always be on the school website if you need to check.

School website

Please be patient as we update our new look website – take a look – we have moving images and everything!

