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## Term 3 Newsletter

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### All Saints Anglican/Methodist Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

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#### Head Teacher's message.

Happy New Year and welcome to Term 3.

I hope that you all had a lovely time over the holidays, most children seemed excited to be back (some were obviously just very tired!) and it was lovely to hear all of their exciting news. This term sees the beginning of new Learning Journeys throughout the school and we also have our annual Sponsor Day and Squirrels will be leading worship. The Class pages on the school website have further details of the learning taking place in each class and also ideas of Home Learning Challenges. We have been joined by two Early Years children this term, Erin and Willow, and we also welcome Noah and Oliver into the Ladybirds and Hedgehogs classes so if you see any of them give them a smile and say hello!

Thank you for your continued support and if ever you have any questions or concerns please call in for a chat.

#### Yellow Envelopes

Any money being paid into school for playtime snacks **must always** be in a clearly named yellow envelope please. Please do not give your child, or their class teacher, loose coins as we are unable to accept these. Yellow envelopes are available from the office and there are also a few in each class. Thank you.

#### Squirrels Class Worship

Squirrels will be leading Worship on Tuesday 6 February, please feel free to come along and join us. Worship will begin at 9.00pm and usually lasts for about 20 minutes. It will be lovely to see you.

#### Late Arrivals

The school gates open at 8.30am and the school day starts at 8.40am – **all children** should be in school by this time. Many children are regularly arriving after the start time of 8.40am and this can cause some disruption to learning and upset to children. Last term the number of late arrivals increased significantly. Late marks are recorded on attendance records and can trigger LA involvement if they are too frequent.

If there are specific reasons why your child is often late please arrange to speak with Mrs Richmond to see if there is anything we can help with.

Number of late arrivals last term – 130



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## In the School Community

#### Diary Dates

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

Fri 26 Jan – Sponsor Day (further details to follow)

Tue 6 Feb – Squirrels lead Worship

Thurs 8 Feb – last swimming session for this academic year.

Mon 12 Feb – Pancakes after school

Fri 16 Feb – INSET Day – children are not at school.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Elston Brownies

Spaces exist for new Brownies – they meet at Elston Methodist Church on Tuesday from 6 – 7.30pm. The age range is 7 – 10/11 and they will be having a “new members” evening on Tues 23 January. Go along if you are interested.

## Information and Events

### Parking

Thank you to all parents who park safely at the beginning and end of the school day, it makes so much difference, not least to the safety of everybody, particularly the children. We have also received far fewer comments that people are driving too quickly down the lane so we would like to thank you for this also. Just to remind you, there should be no vehicles parked in front of the school gates or in the hatched area.

### School Lunches & Menu Change

It would be really helpful if as many children as possible in the Ladybirds and Hedgehogs classes could have a school lunch on Thursday 18 January. Our funding for school lunches for the next year is based on the number of children having a school lunch on this day. As I have said before, we are in serious danger of losing our ability to have cooked meals prepared on our site if the number of children having a hot meal continues to fall. We are fortunate to have this facility at the present time but, as the saying goes, if we don't use it, we will lose it. Thank you for your support in this matter. Menu change w/c 15 January – Tuesday - Roast Gammon, Thursday - Nottinghamshire sausages.

### Sponsor Afternoon

On Friday 26 January we will be holding a Sponsored Afternoon in school. Children will have the opportunity to choose 2 sponsored activities to take part in over the course of the afternoon. These could range from dancing to walking, team games to singing. Letters will be sent out explaining each activity and the children will then choose two of them to attend. Sponsor forms will also be sent out to allow for the children to be sponsored for completing their activities.

This is a fun way for the children to develop and acquire new skills whilst also raising money for the school. If you have any questions please speak to myself or Mrs Russell.

### School Uniform and water bottles

All children should wear school uniform which must be paid for using sQuid and collected at the office from Mrs Russell. School shoes, not trainers or canvas shoes, should be worn during the school day.

Children must change for PE and this uniform consists of burgundy shorts and blue t-shirt. Plimsolls or trainers are needed for outdoor PE and joggers or hoodies can also be worn in colder weather – these should be in school colours please.

Shoulder length hair should be tied back at all times to reduce the risk of 'visitors'. Headbands and small bows can be worn but elaborate hair accessories should be avoided please – false hair pieces, any bows or bands that light up, play music or have animal ears are unacceptable.

Jewellery should not be worn at school, however, small stud earrings may be worn but children must be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons. A watch and any medical bracelets may also be worn but again, these must be removed for PE.

Nail varnish is not permitted nor are temporary tattoos.

All children should have a school water bottle in school so that they can drink water throughout the day. School water bottles have safety caps which help prevent spillages if they are tipped – other water bottles don't always have this and this can result in children's learning being damaged if they are knocked over. Please only send your child to school with a school water bottle – thank you.

**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.**