

All Saints CE Academy

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NEWSLETTER



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Our vision as The Saints Academies builds on our Christian foundations. We celebrate the individuality and uniqueness of everyone within The Saints and wider communities, living God's love through our chosen Christian Values. We strive for every child to be resilient, adaptable and to flourish in a rapidly changing world through the delivery of an inspiring, holistic and innovative approach to teaching and learning.



Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable break. It was lovely to see everyone on Tuesday morning and we have had a super start to the new term.

A reminder that we operate an 'Open Door' Policy to parents. The purpose of our Open Door Policy is to encourage open communication, feedback and discussion. We value the input parents make to the school. If you have any worries or concerns about your child's education, then we believe that it is far better that you come into

school and discuss them - in the first case with the class teacher, then with a member of the Senior Leadership Team; Mrs Bennett or Mrs Manby, and then the Executive Head Teacher, Mrs Walker. Following this process allows issues to be resolved and explained.

Class teachers will usually be available for an Open Door meeting at the end of the school day, during handover. In some cases, the teacher may not be available for genuine reasons and a different meeting time should be arranged. If you feel that the matter needs more than 10 minutes to discuss, then parents should phone the school office to make an appointment to see the member of staff at a mutually convenient time. Please make sure to state the purpose of the meeting request. Thank you.

Attendance and Late Arrivals

We are getting an increasing number of children arriving after the gate has been shut and locked. Please remember that the school day starts at **8.45am** and ends at **3.20pm**. The days are jam packed, so even missing the first 10 minutes of the day can mean something imperative to your child's learning could be missed. If you arrive after 8.50 once the register has been taken, your child will be marked in as late and you will be asked to fill in a late form. If your child arrives after 9.05 when registers close, your child will be marked as absent for the morning session.

If your child is going to be absent or late please leave a message on the absence line (01889 590418*ext1) by 8.30am to explain why your child is not going to be in school. The absence can then be changed on the register from unauthorised absence to the relevant absence code.

Your Help Please!

School census day is this Thursday 18th January, and our funding is based on how many children who are entitled to UIFSM have a school meal that day. May I encourage parents in years R, 1 and 2 to order a **free lunch** for their child on the 18th as every penny counts.

All children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 receive a free school meal (UIFSM) so why not try lunch on this day, they can even order a sandwich if this is what you usually send.

DIARY DATES 2024 Spring Term

Thursday 18th January

School Census Day (see across)

Monday 22nd January

Toilet Twinning Fundraising Activity Day (see below)

Wednesday 24th Jan

Yr 3 & 4 New Vic Theatre

Tuesday 30th January

Rev'd Liz retirement service in church

Friday 2nd Feb

Sporty Afternoon and NSPCC Number Day
PE Kit all day

Wed 7th Feb

Maths Morning 9.15 parent Workshop (see below)

Mon 12th – Fri 16th Feb

Half Term Break

27th Feb

Bag 2 School Collection

Thurs March 7th

World Book Day – Children come dressed as their favourite book character

For a full list of dates
please visit our Website
Calendar Page.

<https://www.allsaints-denstone.staffs.sch.uk/calendar/>

Monday 22nd January - toilet twinning fundraising activity day

Please can children come to school wearing non-uniform (sensible shoes and weather appropriate) and bring a donation. This is to raise money for our toilet twinning project that you were previously made aware of. The children will take part in a variety of activities throughout the day, including an assembly from Severn Trent Water about super sewers!

Consent required via ParentPay by Friday 12th January

Our children have been asked to join with children from other SUAT schools to sing a song for the SUAT conference in early February. This involves them being recorded (video) as part of the whole school. The video will then be played at the SUAT conference which will be attended by headteachers, senior leaders (schools and Trust) and other professionals that work with the Trust. Please notify us via ParentPay if you wish or do not wish your child to appear in the video (played at the conference).

Tuesday 30th January 9.15 am– Rev Liz’s retirement service in church

You are invited to join us in church for Reverend Liz’s final service with us before she retires. Children will come to school as usual, you may walk with us and back following the service. Please let your child’s class teacher know if you intend on doing this.

Friday 2nd February Sporty afternoon – NSPCC Number Day

Please could your child come to school wearing kit suitable for PE. They will also need to bring a drink and a spare pair of socks/shoes (they may get wet feet on the field). On this day it is also NSPCC Number Day. There will be classroom activities in the morning and you may make a donation (NSPCC) if you wish but there is no expectation.

Wednesday 7th February 9.15am - Maths parent workshop (in school, until around 10.15am)

Please join us for maths games and activities in your child’s classroom. Please contact your child’s class teacher if you will be joining us.