

NEWSLETTER 2 25.09.19

Dear Parents & Carers

We have now completed three weeks of school and pupils have made a very positive start indeed; they have settled back into their routines and daily structures and are becoming more familiar with their teachers and peers. There has been lots of enthusiasm for our 'Let's Celebrate' topic and it has been really pleasing to see the children enjoying their work.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

We are collecting Aldi stickers for a chance to win £20,000 to spend on sporting equipment for school. Each time you spend £30 in Aldi, collect a sticker and bring it into school. You can give the stickers to your child to post in the 'Aldi's Kit for Schools' box which will be in the school entrance near the office. Please make sure all stickers are in school by Wednesday 13th November. Thank you for your support.

Flu Immunisation

This year the flu immunisation programme has changed and is only available in school – **you must have previously registered with the NHS through their website.** Letters were sent out last week and if you need help the link is: <https://tinyurl.com/y696883h>

Use of Playing Fields at Break Times

As the weather changes now, children can use the school field, but only if they have wellington boots in school. Please supply a named pair if your child wishes to go on the playing fields. Thank you.

Parent Readers

We always welcome parent helpers to listen to children read and would love you to come in for an hour or so whenever you can, or on a permanent basis. The older children at St. Andrew's would love to read to a grown up! Please contact the office or a class teacher if you have any spare time available. Thank you.

All Saints Outdoor Area

Thank you to all parents who have contributed various items to the EYFS/KS1 area. We are currently waiting for installation of the canopy to help improve it further. Thank you to the HSA for their donation of £1,000 for the outdoor area – Mrs Pharoah has ordered lots of interesting things for the children to develop their learning further.

No Pears at St. Andrew's

Please can I remind you that St. Andrew's is a pear free school due to a member of staff having a severe allergy. Please remember this includes things such as fruit pots with pears in as well as products like fruit winders, which also have a main ingredient of pears. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Absences

If your child is absent, please would you phone the office to notify us of the absence or speak to a member of staff. Please do not send messages with siblings. Thank you.

Free School Meals On-Line

From 16th September, Norfolk County Council are launching an on-line free school meals application service. Parents can create an account at the following address and using your details, carry out a check on your entitlement. This information will then be submitted to Norfolk County Council for processing. The address is:
www.norfolk.gov.uk/neo

Breakfast Club at All Saints

A reminder that our breakfast club has now started at All Saints, running from 7.45am each morning. Please speak to Mrs S. in the office for more details or to make a booking.

Attendance – This term's attendance by class is:

All Saints

Honeybees: 99.43% Pandas: 95.57% Dolphins: 96.96%

Hapton

Robins: 98.90% Owls: 93.75%

St. Andrew's

Discovery: 92.1% Victory: 95.38% Endeavour: 98.35%

Diss Rugby Club

To promote rugby within the local community and to celebrate the World Cup being played in Japan, Diss Rugby Football Club are inviting children to play in a mixed tag tournament. This will take place on Saturday 12th October at 11.30am and is open to all children in years 4,5 & 6. If you are interested in this event, please collect a reply slip from the school office.

Term Dates for this Year 2019/20

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| Fri 18 th Oct 2019: | Last day of half term |
| Mon 21 st – Fri 25 th Oct 2019: | Half term |
| Mon 28 th Oct 2019: | Children back to school |
| Wed 18 th Dec 2019: | Last day of term |
| Thur 19 th Dec 2019 – Fri 3 rd Jan 2020: | Christmas holiday |
| Mon 6 th Jan 2020: | Children back to school |
| Fri 14 th Feb 2020: | Last day of term |
| Mon 17 th - Fri 21 st Feb 2020: | Half term |
| Mon 24 th Feb: | Children back to school |
| Wed 1 st April: | Last day of term |
| Thur 2 nd April – Fri 17 th April: | Easter holiday |
| Mon 20 th April: | Children back to school |
| Fri 22 nd May: | Last day of half term |
| Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th May: | Half term |
| Mon 1 st June: | Children back to school |
| Tue 21 st July: | Last day of summer term |

Gissing Children's Centre

The October playscheme is running on:

- Tues 22nd October
- Weds 23rd October

and in December on:

- Thurs 19th December
- Fri 20th December

From 9am – 3.30pm.

This is open for primary aged children from 4 – 11 years. To book or for further details please contact:

playscheme@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk

Pet Service

Reverend Lydia has arranged a special Pets Service at St. Peter's Church in Fornsett on Sunday 29th September at 10.30am.

Harvest Festivals

This year the services are as follows:

All Saints: 2pm Wednesday 9th October at St. Mary's Church, Winfarthing

Hapton: 2.15pm Wednesday 9th October at St. Margaret's Church, Hapton

St. Andrew's: 2.15pm Tuesday 8th October at St. Nicholas' Church, North Lopham

Parent Teacher Associations

HSA – All Saints

- Thur 17th Oct 3.15-5pm Disco
- Mon 4th Nov 9.15am Next Meeting at Cock Inn, Diss
- Fri 29th Nov Donations for Hampers
- Fri 6th Dec 2.30-5pm Christmas Fete (no Celebration Worship)

FOSTA - St. Andrew's

Breakfast Club will be held on:

- Tuesday 1st October
- Tuesday 5th November
- Tuesday 3rd December

Collective Worship

This half term we are looking at the value 'Thankfulness'. Children will be sharing stories from the bible as well as other stories, both fiction and non-fiction, that enable us to think about what being 'thankful' means.

Parent Consultations

The dates for parent consultation appointments have been set as follows:

All Saints: Tuesday 12th Nov 3.30 – 6pm & Wednesday 13th November 3.30 – 6pm

Hapton: Monday 11th November 3.30 – 6pm

St. Andrew's: Monday 11th November 3.30 – 5.50pm & Wednesday 13th November 3.30 – 5.50pm

Christmas Plays

This year the plays will take place on the following days:

All Saints: Wednesday 11th December at 2pm & 6pm

Hapton: Monday 9th December at 2pm & 6pm

St. Andrew's: Tuesday 10th December & Wednesday 11th December at 2pm & 6pm

DIARY DATES

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| Wed 9 Oct | Harvest Festival at St. Margaret's Hapton |
| Thur 10 Oct | Owls to Norwich Cathedral |
| Thur 10 Oct | 1.30 - 3pm Open Afternoon for New Reception 2020/21 |
| Fri 11 Oct | School Portraits by Tempest |
| Wed 16 Oct | Lion King, London |
| Thur 17 Oct | 1.30 – 3pm Open Afternoon for New Reception 2020/21 |
| Mon 21 – Fri 25 Oct | Half Term |
| Wed 6 Nov | Yr R Height, Weight, Vision & Hearing – Nursing Team |
| Wed 6 Nov | Yr6 Height & Weight – Nursing Team |
| Mon 11 Nov | Parent/Teacher Consultations 3.30 – 5.50pm |
| Fri 15 Nov | 'Children in Need' |
| Wed 11 Dec | Flu Immunisation |

AWARDS

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| <i>Headteacher Award – Robins:</i> | William & Poppy |
| <i>Headteacher Award – Owls:</i> | Jay & Pippa |
| <i>Star Reader:</i> | Paige & Martha |
| <i>Courage:</i> | Salvatore & Annabella |
| <i>Blissful Balancing:</i> | Sophie x 2, William & Blu |
| <i>Jolly Jumping:</i> | Ava, Lolly, Jay & William |
| <i>Whizzy Walking & Rapid Running:</i> | Salvatore, Joebi, Mary & Annabella |

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter will be on Wednesday 9th October, 2019. If you have an item for the newsletter, please leave it with your school office or email Mrs McGarr: head@allsaints-diss.norfolk.sch.uk by Friday 4th October, 2019.