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Dear all,

I cannot believe it is already December and Christmas is around the corner! The Christmas festivities around all three schools have begun! It is great to walk around the schools and to see the children enjoying all the activities which support their learning during this period. We look forward to parents returning to school sites to watch the children's Carol Services outside.

As you are well aware, there have been some changes to COVID-19 guidance over the last few days due to the new variant. As a school, we are being extra vigilant with face masks being worn around the school. We encourage parents, like staff, to wear masks whilst on school site. If you need to visit the school outside of regular drop offs and pick-ups, we do have masks available for you to use if required. Please ensure that if your child/ren have symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough or change/loss in taste or smell) that your child isolates until a negative PCR is obtained - a lateral flow is not sufficient for children showing symptoms.

Best Wishes

Mrs J Woolner

All Saints News

Honeybee Class

Last week, the Honeybees had a visitor to their class! They were very surprised to see that an alien from Mars had crash landed in their class and had to crack some clues that the alien had left! Using

their detective skills, they concluded that the alien came from Mars, liked popcorn, drank milk and left glitter footprints. They have spent the week creating some descriptive texts about their visitor.

Panda Class

Panda class have been studying the different parts of the human body - especially the muscles. Throughout the last fortnight, they have been looking at the joints and muscles in the arms. They have created their own functioning arm muscles which include the triceps and biceps. In their working models, the children have attached the muscle parts to a range of different tendons and ligaments - they look fantastic!

Dolphin Class

Dolphin class have been having fun in D.T. creating their own working toys. During the Victorian period, children had their own automata toys which move up and down whilst turning. Dolphins have been using saws and drills to create their own versions of these toys - I cannot wait to see the final product! Dolphins have also been writing Christmas cards for the local community.

St Andrew's News

Discovery Class

Discovery had their own visitor to the class last week - the Gingerbread Man! The Gingerbread Man came to the class and retold his story of how he escaped the oven he was baked in. The children enjoyed sequencing the story and re-writing the story in their own words. They look forward to creating their own Newspaper article about his great escape!

Victory Class

Victory class have been looking at the importance of Advent in the different communities around the world. They have enjoyed looking at the different elements of advent during the Christmas period. As a class, they have created their own paper advent rings as well as a whole school advent ring.

Endeavour Class

Endeavour class have been having fun with sound this half-term. They have been exploring how different sounds travel through the atmosphere when at different pitches and dynamics; the children have enjoyed using the instruments to test different sounds.

Hapton News

Robin Class

Robin class have been learning all about the climate in science and geography. In English, they have been reading *The Lorax* and thinking about the impact of chopping down trees. They have also been looking at different Bible stories and what that teaches us about how God wants us to live and behave.

Owl Class

Owl class have taken a step back in time and have been learning about all things Egyptian! Over the last few weeks, they have had a strong focus on Egyptian culture in Art and D.T.; they have been

using papier mache to create their own sculptures of Pharaohs during this time period. They have also enjoyed using their maths skills in art to create their own pyramids out of clay!

Hapton School Council

Hapton School Council are keen to help children in need families this wintertime and have suggested a food bank collection. You may donate non-perishable foods (in date - packets/tins/cartons) from Wednesday 1st December to Tuesday 14th December at the school. Thank you for your support.

St Andrew's Pre School

Thank you for all the clothes donations. The preschool have raised enough to fund some new wooden maths resources.

The preschool are currently looking to urgently appoint some new committee members. Please do pop along or email if you would like to join. Please contact Preschoolstandrews@gmail.com¹ Thank you.

Children in Need

ALL SAINTS

Thank you to the parents of School Council children who kindly provided the cakes for break time.

Total raised: £104.50

HAPTON

Total raised: £43.00

ST. ANDREW'S

Total raised: £56.00

Collective Worship

This half term we are looking at the value 'generosity'. 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 generosity means.

Christingle Service

Hapton

¹<mailto:Preschoolstandrews@gmail.com>

Christingle Service at All Saints Church, Tacolneston on Sunday 19th December at 3.30pm - Come and start Christmas with this much-loved celebration of light. A wonderful opportunity for the whole family to make a Christingle and to celebrate together!

Messy Church

Messy Church at All Saints Church, Tacolneston Saturday 11th December 10am - 12.30pm. Christmas activities for all the family - Christmas art and craft, decorate the Church Christmas tree, carols and lunch!

All are welcome (children need to bring along an adult). Please let the Church know if you are going or if you have special dietary needs by phoning 01953 788227 or email: vicar.utvb@gmail.com²

There is no charge for this activity, but donations towards the cost of craft materials and lunch would be very welcome.

Harvest Donations

ALL SAINTS, HAPTON & ST. ANDREW'S

The food bank were incredibly grateful for the donation of food collected for Harvest. They had their busiest morning for a long time with many families needing help. All of the donations will be boxed up to provide a family with a 3 day supply of meals. Thank you.

Parent Teacher Associations

All three schools have well established Parent Teacher Associations: FOSTA at St Andrew's, HSA at All Saints and Friends at Hapton. They are always looking for more members - if you would like to join please contact your school office and they will be able to direct you to the members of the associations.

Message from Friends at Hapton

This year the Friends of Hapton are organising a raffle for a magnificent Christmas food hamper. If you would like to make a donation of food/drink for the hamper, please give to a member of staff, or leave in the office. Suitable items might include; luxury biscuits/jam/chutney/alcohol/cakes/chocolates etc or vouchers. Thank you for your support.

The 'Friends' of Hapton (Parent Teacher Association) have always contributed greatly to the school community, including event organising for fun and fundraising and supporting the school so inclusively. Fresh ideas from new committee members are always welcome and you are invited to join the existing Friends committee for a 'socially distanced' meeting in the hall on Wednesday 1st December 3-4pm to hear more about Friends and perhaps volunteer.

²<mailto:vicar.utvb@gmail.com>

Safer Parking

Where can I park to collect/drop off my child?

You should always park your vehicle in line with any restrictions in place and ensure that you are not causing an obstruction to either pedestrians or other car drivers, or which would hinder traffic flow and reduce visibility. You should NOT be parking on the zig-zag or single/double yellow lines as stated below. At All Saints, you can use the car park on-site.

Can I park on zig-zag markings?

No vehicles are permitted to stop or turn within the area of the markings during the times and dates the restriction is in force even for picking up or setting down of children.

- No parking outside or opposite school gates.
- No parking on yellow lines or zig-zags
- No parking on pavements.
- Respect those who live close to the school.
- Obey traffic regulations at all times.

Please could we be considerate of others when parking at all three sites.

Awards

ALL SAINTS

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| Honeybees - Good Work: | Teddy & Codey |
| Honeybees - Good Citizen: | Rupert & Bonnie |
| Honeybees - Head's Shining Star: | Alex, Holly, Hugh, Tobias, Joey & Oliver |
| Pandas - Good Work: | Amelia & Willow |
| Pandas - Good Citizen: | Nommie & Eva |
| Pandas - Head's Shining Star: | Harley D & Rio |
| Dolphins - Good Work: | Thomas & Ben |
| Dolphins - Good Citizen: | Alfie & Sam A |
| Dolphins - Head's Shining Star: | Jessica & Summer |

ST. ANDREW'S

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| Discovery - Good Work: | Thomas & Jordan |
| Discovery - Good Citizen: | Austin & Bertie |
| Discovery - Head's Shining Star: | Austin |
| Victory - Good Work: | Joshua & Kathryn |
| Victory - Good Citizen: | Bethany & Hunter |
| Victory - Head's Shining Star: | Saffron & Scarlett |
| Endeavour - Good work: | George & Ella |
| Endeavour - Good Citizen: | Matthew & Iris |
| Endeavour - Head's Shining Star: | Ella |

HAPTON

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| Robins - Good Work: | Queenie & William |
| Robins - Head's Shining Star: | William & Ella |
| Owls - Good Work: | Annabella & Fearne |
| Owls - Good Citizen: | Gabriel |
| Owls - Head's Shining Star: | Bertie & Noah |

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Fri 17 Dec: Last day of term

Mon 20 Dec - Tue 4 Jan: Christmas holidays

Spring Term 2022

Wed 5 Jan: Children back to school

Fri 11 Feb: Last day of half term

Mon 14 - Fri 18 Feb: Half term

Mon 21 Feb: Children back to school

Fri 1 Apr: Last day of term

Mon 4 - Tue 19 Apr: Easter holidays

Summer Term 2022

Wed 20 Apr: Children back to school

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| Mon 2 May: | Bank Holiday - no school |
| Fri 27 May: | Last day of half term |
| Mon 30 May - Fri 3 Jun: | Half Term |
| Mon 6 Jun: | Children back to school |
| Fri 22 Jul: | Last day of summer term |

Dates for your diary



ALL SAINTS

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| Wed 1 Dec | Open Day for New Intake Sept '22 |
| Fri 3 Dec | Christmas Fete 3.30 - 5pm |
| Mon 13 Dec | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Mon 13 Dec | Carol Service 3.30 - 4pm |
| Wed 15 Dec (NEW DATE) | Yr R - 6 Flu Immunisation |
| Wed 15 Dec | Christmas Lunch by NORSE |
| Sun 19 Dec | Carol Service at St. Mary's Church, Diss 5pm |

ST ANDREWS

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| Fri 3 Dec | Yrs R - 6 Flu Immunisation |
| Mon 6 Dec CHANGE | Non-uniform for donation to school raffle/tombola DATE |
| Thur 9 Dec | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Thur 9 Dec | Carol Service 3.30 - 4pm |
| Fri 10 Dec | Exotic animal visit to the school |
| Wed 15 Dec | Christmas Lunch by NORSE |
| Sun 19 Dec | Carol Service at St. Mary's Church, Diss 5pm |
| Thur 13 Jan | Yr R & 6 Height & Weight Measurement |
| HAPTON | |
| Thur 2 Dec | Open Day for New Intake Sept '22 |
| Thur 9 Dec | Christmas Lunch by NORSE |
| Sat 11 Dec | Messy Church - Tacolneston 10am - 12.30pm |
| Tue 14 Dec | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Tue 14 Dec | Carol Service 3.15 - 3.45pm |
| Sun 19 Dec | Christingle Service at All Saints Church, Tacolneston 3.30pm |