



## The Saints Federation

### Fortnightly Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2022

Federation Round up from the Headteacher

#### St Andrew's

Well, what a start to the year it has already been! The children at St Andrews have responded extremely well to the suspended curriculum, extending their understanding of the wider world and their places within it. Discovery Class has been focussing on Mexico. Through their class text, Uncle Nacho's Hat, they have produced some fabulous artwork and written work. Perhaps the highlight, however, was their beautiful rendition of the Mexican Hat Dance - it was lovely to see their smiling faces as they performed their routines. Meanwhile, Victory class have been focussing on Indonesia and, in particular, the islands of Borneo and Sumatra through the book 'There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom'. The children learnt all about orangutans and the effect that human demand for palm oil is having on their lives. They produced persuasive campaign posters to highlight their learning as well as some eye-catching Indonesian art. Finally, Endeavour have centred their learning on the Amazonian rainforests of Brazil. Through the classic text 'The Lorax', they have also been learning about the effects of deforestation, producing a range of writing to showcase their learning.

The children articulated their understanding very well and it was lovely to hear them speaking positively about the experience.

#### All Saints

We have enjoyed delving into our new curriculum at All Saints. We are using our class reading books to inspire us in our history this term. Honeybees have been learning all about the Great Fire of London; Pandas have been learning about Egyptians a book about the cat Varjak Paw; and Dolphins have been learning about the Victorians through *Street Child*.

There are some exciting events in our village this weekend - do check out local websites and facebook pages, as *Time Team* are visiting after an amazing local archaeological find. You can even get involved with your own dig!

Federation Round up from the Headteacher contd.

#### Hapton

Here at Hapton, KS1 have been looking at India, they have used the book 'The Tiger Child' as a starting point and have created art based on the book as well as made flags of India, made their own curry and have found out lots of facts about the country.

We've been looking Native America, we have read the book 'Brother Eagle, Sister Sky' and have looked in depth about the traditions, art and culture of the Native Americans. We have made headdresses and totem poles and looking at their importance and we have even created our own war dances and performed them!

#### Congratulations!

Following a robust interview process last week, Mrs Esme Sexton has been appointed Acting Deputy Headteacher of Federation. She will continue to hold her class teacher and SENDco roles, but will also be working across the Federation within an operational capacity.

We know you will join with us in congratulating her on her new role within the Federation.

#### Quote of the Week

Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them.

*Lady Bird Johnson*

# Attendance Matters!

Attendance remains very important for our young people, particularly as they catch up on time in school missed during the pandemic. In this section, we celebrate the commitment of our pupils and families in ensuring children are in school and learning!

	Number of pupils with 100% attendance	Whole school attendance
Hapton	17 (51%)	89.61
All Saints	35 (67%)	95.53
St Andrew's	33 (69%)	94.56
Whole Federation		93.23

## Attendance Fact of the Fortnight

This week's quote is from the **Ofsted Framework September 2022**.

"Behaviour is likely to be judged inadequate if the following applies:

- Attendance is consistently low for **all** pupils or **groups of pupils** and shows little sign of sustained improvement. "

## Save the Date

27 <sup>th</sup> September	1:1 Parent Surgery @St Andrew's (2:30pm)
5 <sup>th</sup> October	1:1 Parent Surgery @All Saints (2:30pm)
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Special Lunch Menu – see website for more information
17 <sup>th</sup> October	1:1 Parent Surgery @Hapton (2:30pm)*
WB 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultation week
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Last day of Autumn term 1

## Half Term Break

31<sup>st</sup> October School reopens for Autumn Term 2

16<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of Autumn term 2

\* We will be scheduling regular Parent Surgeries throughout the year.

# Who's Who!

Your quick guide to the Federation team!

**Name:** Esme Sexton

**Role:** Acting Deputy Headteacher/SENDco

**Favourite Word:** Funambulist-because you are now all googling it to find out what it means.

**Favourite Number:** No particular one, but I do like even numbers because all the houses I have lived in had even numbers and I don't like odd things.

**Dream Holiday:** New Zealand

**Boat or Airplane:** Airplane

**Chocolate or Fruit:** Chocolate-no contest

**Favourite Children's Book:** This one is so hard, because there are so many, but I do love The Twits by Road Dahl. I remember reading it with my Mum as a child and being so desperate to read the next chapter each time.

**Two Desert Island Teaching Resources:** A length of rope and a sheet.

**Favourite Place in Britain:** Any beach-Holkham is beautiful.

**Favourite Place in School:** Another tricky one, but I would have to say watching the wildlife in the field opposite.

**Favourite Teacher from when you were at school:** Mrs Sewter as she was my first teacher.

**Person you most admire and why:** I don't think I could specify a particular person, but I admire people who have overcome obstacles, have strong morals and work hard.

**If I wasn't a teacher I would be:** I would have loved to work in the theatre.

**Something you may not know about me:** I love the beach and a good paddle even in the winter.

**Any other question you think we should have asked?** What is your favourite thing to do at the weekend?