



The Saints Federation

Fortnightly Newsletter

27th May 2022

From the Headteacher

This has been another busy fortnight across the Federation, with classes going out on Educational Visits.

At All Saints, Panda class have written to the Italian Prime Minister about the issues with tourism in Venice and had an amazing time on their class trip to Pensthorpe, where they saw some beautiful wildlife and plants!

Meanwhile, pupils at St Andrew's have contributed to some Jubilee artwork that will be displayed at South Lopham and Blo Norton churches. Endeavour have presented an assembly about the Queen's life and service and all pupils have been presented with a commemorative medal (thank you to Mrs Vere for organising this!). Victory class have been out on their first school trip since pre-COVID and had an amazingly fun day – despite the roadworks on route! Year 2's have worked cheerfully to complete their SATS.

At Hapton, Owls class have been writing about whether it would be a good idea to live in Pompeii, under the shadow of the 'sleeping giant' Mount Vesuvius. Alongside this, we have been learning about earthquakes and volcanoes around the world. We have designed, planned, made and even erupted our very own working models – take a look at our stunning pictures! Meanwhile, we have been getting ready for the Queen's platinum jubilee by designing and making bunting to decorate our classroom's. Robins class have also been writing biographies of the Queen and creating some stunning portraits!

With best wishes for a lovely half term break,

Save the Date!

For an outline of the key dates for the year, please see below.

All Saints

Hapton .

Fri 27 May

Wed 6 July

Fri 15 July

Queens Platinum Jubilee Lunch by NORSE

FRIENDS meeting 2.15pm dining hall

FRIENDS Summer fete

St. Andrew's

Term Dates

Summer Term 2022

Mon 2 May:

Fri 27 May:

Mon 30 May – Fri 3 Jun:

Mon 6 Jun:

Fri 22 Jul:

Bank Holiday – no school

Last day of half term

Half term

Children back to school

Last day of term

Quote of the Week

You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today. *Abraham Lincoln*

Attendance Matters!

Attendance remains very important for our young people, particularly in light of the current and recent circumstances. In this section, we celebrate the commitment of our pupils and families in ensuring children are in school and learning!

School	%
Hapton	90.06
All Saints	92.98
St Andrew's	89.23
Whole Federation current year's percentage to date	90.76

Attendance Fact of the Fortnight!

If you take a 2 week holiday every year in primary school your child will have missed 14 weeks' worth of education by the time they sit their Year 6 SATS (assuming they haven't had a single day off for illness). If your child misses 14 weeks of school (which is the equivalent of the whole of the Summer Term), do you think it will affect their achievement?

Fit for School!

In our health and attendance feature, we take a look at all those childhood ailments children love to share and beat some of the myths surrounding them so you can help keep your child in school and learning!

Name: Slapped Cheek Syndrome

Length of Time off School Required? None

Definition and causes

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease) is common in children and should clear up on its own within 3 weeks. It's rarer in adults but can be more serious.

Characteristics of slapped cheek

The first sign of slapped cheek syndrome is usually feeling unwell for a few days.

Symptoms may include:

- a high temperature of 38C or more; a runny nose and sore throat; headache.
- After 1 to 3 days, a bright red rash appears on both cheeks.
- After 1 to 3 days with a cheek rash, a light-pink body rash may appear. The skin is raised and can be itchy.

Things you can do yourself

There are some things you can do to ease symptoms while it clears up.

- rest
- drink plenty of fluids to avoid [dehydration](#)
- use moisturiser on itchy skin.

It's hard to avoid spreading slapped cheek syndrome because most people don't know they have it until they get the rash. You can only spread to other people before the rash appears. It is caused by a virus (parvovirus B19). The virus spreads to other people, surfaces or objects by coughing or sneezing near them.

To reduce the risk of spreading the virus:

- wash your hands often with warm water and soap
- use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze
- bin used tissues as quickly as possible.

Always let the school know if your child has slapped cheek so we can alert any of our pregnant mums as it is important they talk to their Health Professional.

Further Information: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/>

As with all childhood illnesses, if you are unsure about what to do, contact the school, your local pharmacist, GP, Health Visitor or 101 for further advice/information.

Volcano time!

Hapton's Eruption day: extinct, dormant and erupting Volcano models!



Jubilee bunting fun!

