



The Saints Federation

'Shine as lights in the world.' Philippians 2:15

Newsletter

8th December 2023

Hapton

Over the past fortnight the Rockets have been continuing to explore their class novel, 'Tin Forest', using emotive language to write a diary from the point of view of the main character. In maths, we have been thinking about ratio and applying this to real-life scenarios. The Rockets and Ladybirds worked extremely hard to prepare for their Christmas Play which resulted in two fantastic performances - well done everyone, you should be very proud of yourselves!

The last two weeks have flown by in Ladybirds and we have continued to enjoy our English work on The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and even found the time to make some sandwiches to help us write instructions. We are sure Mr Grinling (and those cheeky seagulls!) would have enjoyed eating them. In maths, the numbers continue to grow larger by the minute and we are becoming experts in using different strategies to add subtract. Finally, we do hope that those of you who came along to watch 'Straw and Order' enjoyed watching it as much as the children loved performing it. I'm sure you will agree, they were all amazing!

All Saints

In Asteroids, we have been writing persuasive letters to the Prime Minister about the issue of plastic pollution. We have had to think about our use of formal language as well as using facts and figures to back up our arguments. We also wrote diary entries from the perspective of the old man in The Tin Forest. In Maths, we have been increasing our confidence with formal multiplication methods. We have looked at prime, square and cube numbers, and we can confidently name all the prime numbers up to 100! We will be using our mathematical thinking in science by creating graphs and charts based on investigations. In RE, we have finished exploring our key question on how religion has impacted the arts. We have really reflected upon our learning and had some really in-depth debates.

In Dragonflies, we have been learning all about Mr Grinling and the story of The Lighthouse Keepers Picnic. We got to make sandwiches with a whole range of different fillings which were really tasty. We discussed how we made our sandwiches and used this to write instructions using imperative verbs and different conjunctions for Mr Grinling so he can make his own. In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction and the different ways which we can solve problems. This included looking at our number bonds beyond 10 as well as using the column method in Year 3. Over the past few weeks, we have rehearsed and performed our Nativity, Straw and Order. The children were amazing, and it was lovely to see so many of you there!

St Andrew's

What an adventure we have had! Home learning and a temporary relocation to All Saints, it has really been quite an eventful two weeks for the children and staff at St Andrew's. The children have been amazing and we were thrilled with their home learning and how well they settled at All Saints. They have enjoyed a brilliant afternoon of PE with the All Saints children and have been developing their social skills on the playground.

In Comelites the children have been exploring diary entries and have been considering their use of vocabulary and how to convey the thoughts and feelings of the writer. In maths we are continuing our understanding of multiplication and division. We are continuing to use a variety of methods including our use of times tables, concrete resources and written methods. In history we have been thinking about settlements and the reasons for choosing certain locations for a settlement. We have also used our historical learning to name and locate places on a map.

In Butterflies we have been learning all about The Lighthouse Keepers Picnic. We made sandwiches and then wrote instructions for Mr Grinling, so he knows what to do if Mrs Grinling is out. We thought carefully about imperative verbs and time conjunctions. In maths we have been learning more methods for subtraction and addition, such as using the number bonds to twenty in year one and the column method in year three. We have been enjoying learning to sing new songs, dances and our lines for the Christmas play. We have also learnt about advent and made a class advent calendar together.

Online Safety

Omele is a website which is designed to allow users to talk to strangers. It works by randomly matching users to talk one-to-one using either text or video. It is free to use and with no requirement for age verification, anyone can sign up and start chatting. Recently, many concerns, such as the dangers around talking to strangers and the prevalence of adult content, have been raised about the safety and use of Omele.

The best way to support your child with life online is maintaining an open and honest dialogue about their online interests, including favourite apps and games. By showing you're interested, children are also more likely to feel comfortable coming to you if there's an issue. Please read the attached leaflet to find out everything you need to know about Omele.

Thank You!!!!!!

Our thanks to Louise and Martin at The King's Head, North Lopham, for letting us use their car park every morning as a safe staging post for the bus ride to All Saints. We very much appreciated your generosity!

Winter Warmer

Now that the weather has turned colder and wetter could we please ask that children come to school with a warm coat, hat, gloves and a scarf. In addition, please ensure your child has a pair of wellies or spare trainers for use outside during break and lunchtimes.

Poorly Pupils

Just a polite reminder that if your child has a bout of sickness or diarrhea, they should stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode, even if they seem to be better.

Attendance Matters!

	Number of pupils with 100% attendance	Whole school attendance
Hapton	6	94.07
All Saints	15	91.94
St Andrew's	6	93.51
Whole Federation		93.17

Save the Date – Federation

11 th December	Christmas Performance – 14:00 & 18:00 – St Andrew's
13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
15 th December	Christmas Church Service 09:15 - Hapton
15 th December	Christmas Church Service 14:30 – All Saints
18 th December	Christmas Church Service 09:15 - St Andrew's
19 th December	Christmas Extravaganza Trip
20 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term

Term 3

4th January	School opens to pupils and staff
4th January	Eco Week across the Federation
8 th January	Cathedral Trip
11th January	Yr6 & YrR – Weighing and Measuring – St Andrews
15th January	Yr6 & YrR – Weighing and Measuring – All Saints