



## The Saints Federation

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

### Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### Hapton

In Ladybirds Class, we have been enjoying our work on the story 'Where the Wild Things Are' and have written some amazing captions to describe the beautiful illustrations, using lots of adjectives and adverbs. In Science, we have been looking at minibeasts and learning why they are so important. We have found lots of wonderful creepy crawlies all over the playing field during our bug hunts! The New Reception children have settled in brilliantly and it feels as if they have been a part of the Ladybirds family forever!

This week the Rockets have been reading Wolf Brother, a story about a young boy meeting an orphaned wolf, set in the stone age. We have been exploring how it would feel to be a Clan member and writing setting descriptions based on our novel. In science, we have been learning about how light travels, how we are able to see and what makes good reflectors.

#### St Andrew's

Butterflies class have had a great start to the year exploring the theme Up, Up and Away. They particularly enjoyed going to the aviation museum where we learnt about different aeroplanes, made paper rockets, and got to sit in the pilot seat. They are currently enjoying reading the story 'Where the Wild Things Are' and learning about how to use adjectives in their writing. In Maths, they have been learning how to sort different objects into groups, comparing more/less and developing their understanding of numbers to five. They have also been expanding their knowledge of numbers to twenty, working out which group has more, fewer or the same and why.

In Satellites class, the children have really settled into their learning with great enthusiasm. We have been doing lots of work around place value in our maths lessons, really understanding how numbers are put together and showing this in different ways. We have all been gripped by our class book, Wolf Brother, which we have been reading together in English - it really is a page turner! From this there has been a lot of great writing, creative thinking, and ideas about what might happen next in the story. The book also links in with our history work on The Stone Age to The Iron Age.

It was fantastic to see the children challenging themselves at Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre earlier this week. Every one of them achieved something that they didn't think they would be able to do! It's been a great start to the term.

Comet class really enjoyed the collapsed curriculum and our trip to the aviation museum. They demonstrated outstanding resilience and perseverance when we visited Thorpe Woodlands for our day of adventurous activities. In addition, Comets have been developing their understanding of place value by looking at numbers up to 10,000,000. They have been using a range of strategies and manipulatives to support their reasoning. In English, they have begun reading the novel Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver. They have discovered how the use of language helps to create atmosphere, and how to advance the action using speech. They have begun to find out about life in the Stone Age and the legacy which it has left behind.

## Attendance Matters!

|             | Number of pupils with 100% attendance | Whole school attendance |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Hapton      | 17                                    | 96.51                   |
| All Saints  | 26                                    | 97.72                   |
| St Andrew's | 27                                    | 92.2                    |

### ***Save the Date - Federation***

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| WB 2 <sup>nd</sup> October  | Mental Health Awareness, all sites          |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> October    | New Reception Intake Open Day               |
| WB 16 <sup>th</sup> October | Parent Consultation Meetings                |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> October    | Hapton Church Harvest Festival 14:30        |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> October    | All Saints Church Harvest Festival 09:15    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> October    | St Andrew's Church Harvest Festival – 14:30 |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> October    | Last day of Term 1                          |

### ***Half Term Break – school closed 23rd – 27th October 2023***

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| 30 <sup>th</sup> October     | School reopens to pupils and staff for Term 2                                       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> November     | New Reception Intake Open Day – all sites   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> November     | Reading Café, all welcome 14:45 – all sites   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November    | Village remembrance ceremony 10.45am for silence at 11am. St. Andrew's & All Saints |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November    | Flu Vaccination 2023 – All Saints + Hapton  |
| WB 13 <sup>th</sup> November | Anti-Bullying Week, all sites   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> November    | Tempest individual photos – St Andrews 09:00, All Saints 11:00, Hapton 13:00        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> November    | Children in Need Non-uniform all sites – donations please                           |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> November    | Flu jabs – St Andrews   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> November    | New Reception Intake Open Day – all sites   |

### **All Saints**

Dragonflies have had a very exciting start to the academic year which began with our collapsed curriculum topic, Up, Up and Away. We were very lucky to have someone come in to show us his birds of prey and we all enjoyed our visit to the Aviation Museum in Norwich! In English, we have looked at 80 days around the world and written a diary entry for one of the countries visited in the book. We have also started a new book called *Where the Wild Things are* by Maurice Sendak. The children have written captions and explored descriptive language through the beautiful drawings in the book. In maths, we started our first concept of Place Value. The children are working hard on their hundreds, tens and ones, comparing numbers and partitioning. It has been a pleasure to meet our new Reception children who have settled well into our routines and are already working hard on their writing, sounds and number recognition.

In topic, we have learnt about George Stephenson and his invention, The Rocket which is the first train invented. From this we have explored the development of trains. In science, we are learning about the weather and seasons, and we are now looking at biodiversity and minibeasts, a new and very exciting part of the science curriculum. We are busy painting our self-portraits in art and identifying who we are, who looks after us and how to be a good friend in PSHE. In RE we are thinking about why God is important to Christians. Our computing lessons are keeping us safe online and identifying digital footprints in computing. We are enjoying invasion games in PE and thinking about how to make music with our bodies. Phew, what a busy start we have had!

This week, Asteroids have been working hard and are making great progress in these opening weeks already. In maths we are now beginning to explore reasoning and problem-solving questions relating to place value to deepen knowledge and understanding. In English, we are enjoying our work around the book *Wolf Brother*. We have been testing our memory by recounting the story as we go, focusing on characters thoughts, feelings and descriptive writing. Our history focus is on the Stone Age to Iron age, we have made a good start in placing events in chronological order. In science we are investigating light and how it travels, which we are finding very fascinating.

Our school trip on Monday, albeit a long day, demonstrated Asteroids ability to work together as a team, to overcome our fears and support each other. This has been wonderful to observe and may it long continue. Well done guys!