



## The Saints Federation

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

### Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Hapton

The Rockets have had another busy couple of weeks. We have been developing our understanding of Macbeth by exploring character feelings, beliefs and emotions. We have used our growing understanding of this to write our own soliloquys for Lady Macbeth. We have rehearsed and performed these within our English lessons. In maths, some of us have been expanding our arithmetic calculation confidence using decimals, and others have been securing our knowledge of calculating angles within complex shapes. In Computing, we have been studying branching databases by creating our own paper-based and online versions.

In Ladybirds Class, we have been enjoying writing stories over the last week. Anyone who has read the Lorax may have been wondering what the little boy did with the last Truffula tree seed that the Once-ler gave him. We have written our very own Lorax sequels full of mystery and action to suggest what might have happened next.

In maths, exploration of height and length has been on the agenda. The Reception children are now experts on measuring using cubes and lollipop sticks; Years One to Three have been investigating mm, cm and m by measuring a variety of classroom objects.

Our RE lessons have been focused on the Jewish festival of Passover; the children have had fun acting out the story and learning the meaning behind the foods eaten on the Seder plate.

### St Andrew's

In Saturflies we have begun exploring a new book, 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. This week we have been predicting what will happen in the story, created story maps of the key events and written a newspaper article about the snail saving the whale. In maths we have been learning lots about measurement, including how to add and subtract lengths, as well as the perimeter of different shapes. We have also enjoyed learning more about maps, the artist Aaron Douglas and the Jewish festival of Passover in our afternoon topic lessons.

In Comelites during English, we have been working towards writing our own murder mystery novel inspired by Macbeth. We have been creating clues and red herrings for our detective character to unravel and discover who the murderer is. In Maths, we have been working on percentages and using practical methods to work out our answers. In Science, we have been learning about our teeth. We are planning an investigation about tooth decay by pouring different liquids on eggs. The eggs represent our teeth as they are similar to enamel! We can't wait to see what we will discover!

### All Saints

In Asteroids we have been continuing our learning about Macbeth. We have put ourselves in the shoes of Lady Macbeth to use appropriate language and create the right mood in our soliloquys. In science we have really enjoyed learning about the digestive system and teeth. We particularly liked making poo, so we can't wait for the next practical experiment about teeth. In PE we have been practising running on the track and thinking about how to make track changes smoother.

Dragonflies have been enjoying our class text this week, 'The Snail and the Whale'. The children predicted the plot of the story and then worked hard to retell the main parts of the story before planning a newspaper report on the chaos caused by the whale when it became stranded on the beach. We have some budding reporters who were keen to report on the rescue efforts in their very own newspaper!

Our maths lessons have been very practical with the theme of measuring continuing this week. We have been weighing lots of items from around the classroom in our balancing scales and thinking about mass.

We especially enjoyed our art topic on Kandinsky and concentric circles, the children brilliantly used their knowledge of tint and shade to paint their own circles.

A very busy week but a lot of fun was had!

### Mental Health Week-Monday 13<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Children's Mental Health Week starts next week and we're sharing seven ways to support mental health for the whole family.

1. Make the most of the sunshine and go for a walk together.
2. Draw a picture and colour it in-great for relaxation.
3. Share your positives and negatives from the day together.
4. Get physical, this is a great way to boost those endorphins and feel great.
5. Listen to some music.
6. Read a book together.
7. Get creative in the kitchen.

For more information and support, visit:

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/emotional-health/children-young-people-s-emotional-health/supporting-children-s-mental-health/>

### Save the Date – Federation

#### Term 5

13.05.2024 Key stage 2 SATS week  
21.05.2024 Sports Day 09:00-11:00 – All Saints  
22.05.2024 Sports Day 09:00-11:00 - Hapton  
23.05.2024 Sports Day 09:00-11:00 – St Andrew's  
**24.05.2024 Last Day of term 5**

#### Term 6

03.06.2024 School re-opens to pupils and staff for Term 6  
05.06.2024 Federation World Environment Day  
26.06.2024 Years R,1,2 & 3 Federation Trip to Gressenhall  
28.06.2024 Federation summer picnic - 2.15pm each site  
11.07.2024 Leavers Church Services - 09:15 - St Andrew's  
11.07.2024 Leavers Church Services - 14:30 - All Saints  
12.07.2024 Leavers Church Services - 09:15 - Hapton  
**19.07.2024 Last day of Academic year**

## Attendance Matters!

	Number of pupils with 100% attendance	Whole school attendance
Hapton	3	95.40%
All Saints	5	97.53%
St Andrew's	1	96.63%
Whole Federation		96.77%

#### Sats Week

Next week is SATS week for our Year 6 pupils. We will be running Breakfast Club for our Year 6 pupils; thank you to all parents who have let us know to expect their child.

Our Year 6 pupils have been working so very hard to prepare for their tests and we are so proud of them for what they have already achieved.