



NEWSLETTER

Regular news updates from All Saints School, Lessingham

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us at the KS2 and KS3 first round of parent consultations this year. We hope you have found them helpful and useful. We look forward to seeing more of you at the KS4 evening on Tuesday 5th November.

We are keen to talk to you about what is going well and how we can work with you to support your children through the final years of school. Please do feel free to get in touch at any time of the year, we will always do our best to help in any way we can.

I am delighted to let you all know that we have made two new internal appointments – Miss Paffett has successfully been appointed as Deputy Headteacher and SENCo and Mark Pinsent has joined the senior leadership team as Curriculum and Assessment lead. As a school, we are still very much on the journey of improvement and these two appointments are a key part of this.

With this in mind, I would like to share with parents and carers a summary of the school's improvement priorities for the year ahead. These are the things that we will be continuing to work on to bring about further improvements at our school.

- Further improve leadership and management and ensure continued compliance with all of the Independent School Standards
- Raise achievement in all areas of the school
- Develop a culture of the love of reading and promote reading for pleasure

If you would like any further information on how we will do this then please contact the school office and we will provide you with a copy of the full school improvement and development plan.

THE READING CHALLENGE

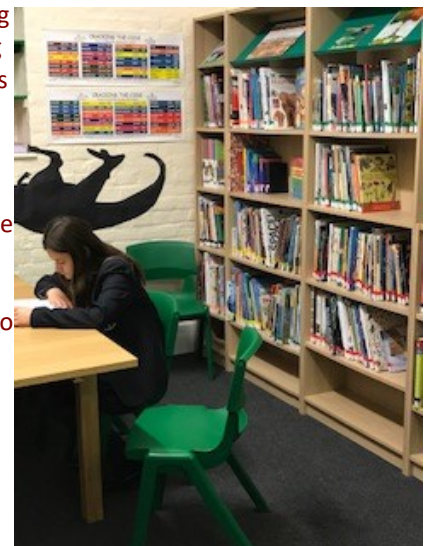
We are very keen to foster an enjoyment of reading for pleasure as we know that confidence in reading greatly enhances students' performance in all areas of the curriculum. Our newly re-vamped library is being used regularly and students are making good use of a wide selection of lovely new books.

To help promote the importance of reading, we have introduced a reading challenge; all students have been given a reading diary which has a copy of the challenge in it and there is another copy attached to this newsletter. Students can choose books which appeal to them and those being read in lessons (fiction and non-fiction) can also be included.

We plan to reward students for their participation in the challenge for their participation in the challenge by awarding house points and certificates, as well as celebrating with displays around the school and in assemblies.

- ◆ Bronze—reading 2 new books = 5 house points
- ◆ Silver—reading 4 new books = 10 house points
- ◆ Gold—reading more than 4 new books = 20 house points

We would greatly value your support from home to make this reading challenge successful and enjoyable.



KEY DIARY DATES

5th November: KS4 parents evening

6th November: Individual photos

25th-29th November: Wellbeing week

29th November: Non-uniform day (additional date)

5th December: Christmas Fayre

6th December: Interim reports to parents

10th December: Pantomime at Sheringham Little Theatre

11th December: Christmas lunch

12th December: End of term

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ATTENDANCE WATCH

Norfolk's attendance figure is 96%.

Our current figure is...**90.3%**

Our classes of the week are juniors with **100%**

TOILET REFRESH

Research shows that we need to drink more to keep hydrated so we are encouraging our students to drink water during the day. Please send your child to school with a named water bottle in order to support us. We have given our toilets a freshen up to make them more welcoming.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN SCHOOL

We are really pleased with all students in school but particularly delighted with the following who have achieved a level 4 for exceptional behavior and attitude in lessons:

Charlie Shepherd	Jessica Weekes
Matthew Amey	Naomh Walton
Ben Bartram	Paige Anguish
Jaid Warner-Taylor	Jessica Gladwell
Annie Killick-Probyn	Rio McDonald
Leah Plummer	Daisy-Mae Westbrook

Many Congratulations to Jasmine Thirst

At the Norfolk County Closed Junior Squash tournament held in Norwich on Sunday, she not only became Champion in her Under 15 section, but runner up in the Under 17 and Under 19s as well.



We know our pupils take part in activities outside school and would love to celebrate their achievements. Please email the office and share their stories with us.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES IN CLASS



"We learnt about germs and how to make soap to keep our hands clean"

Connor—year 4

"Using colourful rice to make rangoli colours"

Rebecca—year 4



HEALTHY CHILD PROGRAMME

Norfolk Healthy Child Programme have created a health questionnaire for parents and children to work through together. Please click on link below for further details.

<https://csapps.norfolk.gov.uk/csshared/ecourier2/news.asp?itemid=42579>



Salt dough project of the British Isles



YEAR 7 HALLOWEEN CREATIONS

This is what our cookery group created this week...

We made chocolate apples with marshmallows and took them to the year 7 class and had a feast.

We made orange pumpkins and used cucumber for the stork.



Pumpkin raps with pizza filling inside—made by Paige and Grace

Each class carved a pumpkin which was judged at the end of the afternoon. The winning pumpkin was 9B

All pupils took part in a pumpkin party.....



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We are in need of prizes for our Christmas Fair which takes place on Thursday 5th December. If you are able to donate a prize, or work for a company who could donate, we would be very grateful. These can be handed in to the school office.

CREATIVE ARTS

I am very excited about how the Xmas Factor project is going. Here is a taster of the songs the classes have been writing:

*"Christmas dinner is nice
The potatoes are delicious
Turkey is nice
Its yummy in my tum"*
Year 3&4

*"Christmas is absolutely wicked
You spend time with your family
Everyone stays indoors
Waiting for Santa Claus
As people sleep in their beds"*
Year 5&6

*"Father Christmas, Father Christmas gives us presents
He eats all our cookies and drinks our milk
The reindeers, reindeers eat our carrots
They fly in the sky pulling the sleigh
I'm so happy its Christmas day
I'm so excited its Christmas day"*
Year 7

*"It's so cold and we'll be bold
cause that is what we were told
and we'll fly into the sky
And meet Santa and his reindeers"*
Year 8

*"Snowball fights and fairy lights
The Christmas tree is shining bright
Everybody's feeling merry
And Mary Berry's on the telly"*
Year 9a

*"Buddy the Elf Is an elf on the shelf
He's cheeky and small, he laughs - he's not tall
Go Buddy Go, Go Buddy"*
Year 9b

I have a shout out for people who are interested in having a part in the Nativity this year.

Please let me know if you would like a speaking part this year - all year groups please!

Recorders - I am going to start a lunchtime recorder ensemble, players of all ages and ability welcome - anyone interested please see me.

Mrs Woolnough

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about."