

# **KEY DIARY DATES**

25th-29th November: Wellbeing week

**29th November:** Non-uniform day

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. Christmas Service at Stalham Church

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## ATTENDANCE WATCH

Norfolk's attendance figure is 96%.

Our current figure is...89.71%

Our class of the week are Year 8

# **NEWSLETTER**

Regular news updates from All Saints School, Lessingham

# **MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

We have had another fantastic few weeks at All Saints, it is amazing how for such a small school we pack so much into our days. This was especially evident last week when on Monday we held a 2min silence on Armistice Day at 11am to remember the people who died in wars. On Tuesday we had the NSPCC in school assembly with juniors and Year 7 exploring staying safe. Then on Friday you all gave so generously to support our Children In Need cake sale raising £130.00.

We have a lot to look forward to this half term as we build toward the festive season. There are opportunities for families and friends to join us over the next few weeks. Please save the dates for our Christmas Fayre and Christmas Service and join us if you can. The students have been working really hard making items to sell at the Christmas Fayre and rehearsals are well under way for the Christmas service at the Baptist Church they are excited to show you all of their hard work.

This week many staff attended the service of thanksgiving for Nigel Gardiner who passed away peacefully on October 31st; our thoughts and best wishes go to our Directors Judith, Rachel and their families at this very difficult time.

# **Wellbeing Week**

We are all looking forward to our exciting 'Wellbeing Week' in school during next week. This has been planned as part of our continued focus to promote positive mental health and wellbeing for all. During our Wellbeing Week, all students will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities. Each day will focus on one of the 5 key elements of wellbeing

Monday - Connect - making connections -the lego bus will be on site for the day

Tuesday – Get Active – an opportunity to try a bounce routine on a mini trampoline

Wednesday – Be Mindful - exploring how we can be aware of our own emotions

**Thursday** – **Keep Learning** – Exploring new things will make you more confident as well as being fun.

**Friday** – **Give to others** – non uniform day (please bring in items for the Christmas fayre). All students will also have the opportunity to go swimming on Friday afternoon if they wish to do so.

Throughout the week each class will also get the chance to make a healthy smoothie and think about how diet, exercise and sleep can help with their wellbeing.

Please can you ensure your child brings a clean water bottle to school each day. Keeping hydrated will aid their focus and concentration.

Thank you to our fabulous Friends of All Saints for supporting the week with a donation towards activities.

Each pupil will be given a booklet titled 'How to look after your mental health'.

If you would like to explore these ideas further at home, then please see suggestions on this link. <u>www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/how-to-mental-health</u>



#### **Cinema Visit**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, thanks to INTO Films, we received some free tickets to watch The Secret Life of Pets 2 at the Castle Mall. We've all been able to write a film review, which has been entered into a competition against other schools, for the chance to win £200 of cinema tickets for our school and a Amazon Fire HD 8 tablet.



We all enjoyed the film and popcorn, everyone thought it was funny and amazing !

Charlie S Yr10 & Jessica W Yr7

## **Children in Need**

On Friday on Pudsey Day there was a cake sale. Loads of people brought and bought cakes. There were hundreds. There was one very different but good, I suppose. It was a dead fish or frog! Rocky Road went out quickly and Alex's Chocolate J Cake. Mmmm... We raised (Drum Roll) £130.00 for Children In Need. Hope you enjoy. We LOVE All Saints School.

by Tristen, Year 6



#### **Remembrance Day**

On Monday 11th November, we began the day with an assembly led by Mrs Price about remembrance day and the significance of the poppy.

At 11 am, pupils were in their classes waiting for the 2 minutes silence to commence which was signalled by the bell.



Once this was over, the last post was played to students and staff.

"When you go home, tell them of us and say for your tomorrow, we gave our today"

Imarni Dann, Head Girl, Year 11

# ACHIEVEMENTS IN SCHOOL

The following Headteacher awards have been awarded this week:

Naomh Walton for outstanding classwork and homework on the weather

Leland Everard for persistence in Maths

Aiden Mackay, Jasmine Thirst, Connor Anguish, Gemma Bateman and Matthew Haughton for- outstanding Geography homework project on Amazon rainforest animals

## Achievements out of school

Ben Bartram has been selected to compete in the Junior wheelchair tennis masters which is held in France in January. This is a huge achievement and very exciting and we wish Ben all the very best in this event.

## Year 7 Cookery

We have been cooking dishes from around the world. Last week we made Chicken & Chorizo Paella and Tapas. Next week, we are off to Mexico...







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## **Advisory Board**

In October the newly established Advisory Board of All Saints School met for the first time.

The board was formed following recommendations from Ofsted and the Local Authority and its purpose is to offer support and advice to the directors and leadership team of the school.

The board is made up educationalists from a variety of backgrounds, with a wealth of experience and complementary strengths which enable us to offer this support and advice.

#### **Board members are:**

Our two Directors - Judith Gardiner and Rachel Smith Our Headteacher - Samantha Dangerfield Heather Duxbury Nigel Patterson Chris Carey Corallie Murray

Our first meeting enabled us to establish a Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference and we will meet again this month to discuss subject monitoring within the school and meet the staff.

We are very much looking forward to being part of the school and getting to know the pupils and staff.

On behalf of the board may I take this opportunity of wishing you a very merry Christmas and a happy 2020.

Dr Corallie Murray Chair

# Communication

We are working hard to improve our communication with you. Our new look website is almost ready to go live; we will let you know when this happens so that you can explore the website to find out more about the school.

Please let us know if you are not receiving texts or emails from us and we will do our best to rectify the problem. If you change your email address or phone numbers, please let us know so that we can keep our database up to date.

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thursday 5th December at 1.30pm



"Come along to the Christmas Fayre and enjoy an afternoon of silly games, cakes & cookies, the Christmas raffle and many other stalls organised by form groups. See attached the list of raffle prizes and how to buy tickets and a reminder of the non-uniform day."

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.

#### **Xmas Factor—Creative Arts**

Students have been working hard filming their videos. Thank you for letting them bring in props and costumes. Below is a picture of some 'Jingle Pigs' from year 8.



## Twitter

We now have a Twitter account. Please follow us so we can spread the word about the amazing things our children and staff do:

https://twitter.com/ASLessingham

## **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

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

Anthony, J. D'Angelo.