



NEWSLETTER

Regular news updates from All Saints School, Lessingham

KEY DIARY DATES

23rd-27th November: Safety week and house competitions

30th November-11th December: House competitions (Christmas)

4th December: Reports to parents

15th December: End of term

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Numbers to contact for help

Miss Paffett: 07733 417296

Ms Dangerfield: 07552 710316

Norfolk children's support line:

Text 07480 635060 or call 0344 800 8029

Childline online or by phone:

Anytime: 0800 1111

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

"It takes a village to raise a child" is an African proverb that means that an entire community of people must interact with children for those children to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment.

At All Saints, we pride ourselves on being a community and look to support each other in every possible way. I am very excited that we are bringing more expertise into our community in the form of an Occupational Therapist. The team from Open Arms specialise in working with children and adults who have neurodevelopmental disorders such as Autism and ADHD, learning difficulties and poor emotional well-being. You can read more from the team in this newsletter or take a look at their website <https://www.openarmsupport.co.uk/>.

Allison will be in school every Monday supporting staff and students. We will contact you individually if Allison is going to give individual support and of course nothing will happen without your permission. It is difficult times for us all and although you are all spread throughout Norfolk we can come together to be a village that works together to raise a child.

It has been a very difficult week for our school community.

Having a confirmed Covid 19 case has left us all - staff, students and families anxious. We have spoken to many of you over the past few days and firstly can I thank you personally for your kind words and support, your understanding has been a real help to me and my team.

Can I please reassure you that we have been liaising very closely with Public Health England who have assured us that we have done everything that was needed and in fact we have probably done more than was needed and we certainly did it earlier than was needed (we isolated students prior to the positive test being given).

We will continue to be vigilant for any cases and we will of course keep you updated through text and email. If you have any further concerns then please do drop me an email or give school a ring next week.

Careers

We welcome our new
careers adviser
Ellen Alexander.



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My name is Ellen Alexander and I am a Level 6 qualified Careers Guidance Adviser. I have many years' experience in supporting students with planning their next steps, be it college, sixth form or apprenticeships and have worked with a number of specialist schools and other providers in supporting young people with additional needs.

Some Year 11 students have already seen me to discuss their Post-16 plans and I have offered follow-up appointments with them, should they want support with the application process.

If you would like to discuss your son or daughter's next steps after All Saints School, do contact me at ealexander@beacon-east.co.uk copying in Miss King kking@allsaintslessingham.co.uk

Ellen Alexander, Careers Adviser

Miss King will be sending all year 11 students and parents/carers information about college

Assemblies, Talks, Virtual Campus Tours, Applications and College Prospectuses

Hello from Occupational Therapy

Our names are Nikki and Allison, and we are the occupational therapists who are going to be working in school alongside staff and with students.

Occupational therapy helps children, young people and adults to regain, improve and maintain functioning. In school we will be focusing on helping students to engage with learning to the best of their abilities whilst being able to regulate their emotional and sensory needs. Occupational therapists think about adapting the environment and the tasks alongside developing individual skillsets.

Initially we will be spending time in and around school learning about life at All Saints, so that we can start to make suggestions for the environmental and occupational adaptations. Over time, we would like to work with individuals or with groups of students to develop skillset, but we will not do any of this without getting permission from parents/carers first.

As occupational therapists we think about things like, Sensory Processing, Gross and Fine Motor Skills (using big and little movements), Activities of Daily Living (such as self-care and using cutlery etc) and finding ways to help children's emotional regulation and being as independent as they can be in an age appropriate way.

We will be in school every Monday and look forward to meeting you all.

Congratulations to:

Paige who took her Grade 1 Music Theory exam recently achieving 94% which is a distinction.

Well done to all the students who have received a Headteacher award in the past few weeks:

Ayanda, Laila, Lily, Fraser, Thomas, Rio, Tristen, Cameron, Ben W, Matthew A, Leland, Taylor, Leah, Charlie, Ben B, Michael, Connor, Jasmine, Aiden, Elisa, Lucy, Annie, Keelie, Freya O, Jason, Tilly and Joshua.

Praise postcards have been sent to:

Gemma, Liam, Jess G, Naomh, Ayanda, Jenson, Michael, Rose, Taylor, Freya O, Leland and Charlie.

Enterprise

For sale!

- * Four fruit Marmalade (ready now)
- * Beetroot Chutney
- * Tomato Relish
- * Apple Chutney

£2.00 per jar

All made by year 8

Please place your order by email to:

rprice@allsaintslessingham.co.uk

Ready for Christmas

Reminders and important information

- If your child has is sick or has an upset tummy, please do not send them to school for 48 hours after the last symptoms.
- **Parents have a legal responsibility to call or email the office before 8.30am if your child is absent for any reason. We need a specific reason; 'unwell or poorly' is not sufficient. Please do not leave this for the taxi driver to explain.**
- Please let us know if your contact details change; we need to be able to contact you in case of an emergency.
- As the weather is now changing, please ensure your child brings a coat to school.
- Please name school uniform, initials will suffice.



Rebecca, Connor and Josh looking at magnetic fields



Connor and Terrel discussing how to be a good friend



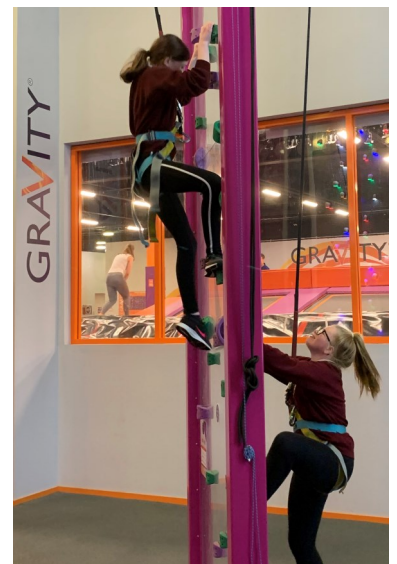
Emerson making sausage rolls with Mrs Senior



Year 8 students having fun at Gravity



Terrell show casing his gymnastic moves



Year 10 student Rose went to visit Happisburgh beach with Mrs Woolnough to look at their recent cliff erosion and landslide. Rose is taken her GCSE Geography in the next couple of weeks so this was excellent timing.

Good luck in your exam Rose.



Junior student out for a ramble in the sunshine with Mrs Czubaj

Ben has been playing wheelchair tennis since he was 11 and has recently made it to the 'elite athlete list'. He represents Great Britain and came back with the Junior silver Medal at the world team cup. Ben is currently 4th in the world Junior rankings.

All Saints School is extremely supportive of Ben's journey and has helped him to combine his education, training and tournament schedule.



Elisa and Lucy from year 11 created a 3 course dinner for their friends as part of their Food-Wise course.

Well done girls, it was amazing

