



NEWSLETTER

Regular news updates from All Saints School, Lessingham

KEY DIARY DATES

January 22

17th-21st —Year 11 Mock Week

24th-28th—Year 10 Mock Week

24th-28th—Student Council week

February 22

11th—PLEASE NOTE

*School closed in lieu of additional
bank holiday*

14th-18th—Half term

March 22

7th—18th—Careers week

7th—11th—Student Council week

28th — 20th April—Easter Holidays

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Numbers to contact for help

Ms Dangerfield: 07879 875925

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Norfolk children's support line:

Text 07480 635060 or call 0344
800 8029

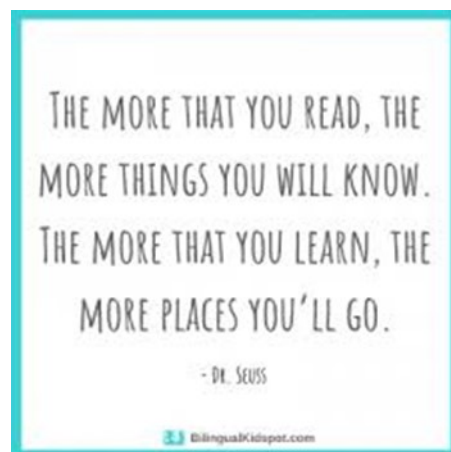
MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Happy New Year.

We have had a really lovely start to 2022, students were settled quickly, routines re-established and all students are working really hard on their studies. As always we have lots of things going on in school; including preparing our Year 11 and Year 10 students for exams and assessments, visits out to places to support our curriculum, professionals and visitors coming into school to support our young people with their learning.

This week we have also launched our new phonics based reading programme called Fresh Start. All staff have completed full training and we introduced it to your children in assembly on Wednesday. We have undertaken a lot of research before making any decisions and I believe this is the best way forward for all of our students regardless of their reading ability.

Please do take a look at the powerpoint presentation which Ms Jones has added her words too so that you can all fully understand what will be happening in school. The link is here <https://www.allsaintslessingham.co.uk/learning/fresh-start/> and the PowerPoint can be found on the school's website under Learning and then Fresh Start. As always, if you have any questions or queries on this please do get in touch with us.



Reminders:

Absence: Please call the school office before 8.30am if your child is not coming in for any reason. If your child travels to school by taxi, you need to contact the taxi firm directly.

Covid19 Testing: If you are home (lateral flow) testing, please ensure you are doing so twice a week (e.g. Mondays and Thursdays) If you need any additional testing kits please let us know and we will be happy to provide them. If you're child is unwell (and especially if showing any Coronavirus symptoms) please do not send them to school.

Coats & Water bottles: Please encourage your child to bring both items to school. All students should have a water bottle on their desks and will be reminded to drink throughout the day.

Hair colouring: Students should not be coming to school with brightly coloured dyed hair. This forms part of our uniform policy which states **hairstyles should not reflect passing trends such as partially or fully shaved or bright colours.**

<https://www.allsaintslessingham.co.uk/parents/uniform/>

Friday 11th February: School will be closed on this date in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Fresh Start

At All Saints School, the whole staff are committed to encouraging all the young people in our care to learn to read, to keep reading and to experience the benefits and joys of becoming a fluent and confident reader. With this aim in sight, we have chosen to follow the Fresh Start Reading intervention phonics programme.

Beginning this January, we will deliver regular small group reading intervention to all students which will target reading fluency via phonic understanding (working out the letter sounds to build words) or comprehension (analysing what the words mean). Research shows that, as well as being enjoyable, this regular and systematic approach will mean fast progress and should help us to support everyone to develop their reading skills as fast as possible. It will take place after break for the lower school and throughout the day for the upper school and last for about half an hour.



How you can support your child:

- ◆ Use sound talk (spelling out the sounds of the different letters) to read and spell words
- ◆ Listen to your child read their Module or Anthology
- ◆ Ask your child to talk about their reading intervention and tell you about what they are learning
- ◆ Encourage and praise good reading habits and buy books for presents

Fresh Start has given our school families access to free resources - you can find them here:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>

Ruth Miskin who runs the Fresh Start programme also has a Facebook page which has lots more detail on it:

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/miskin.education>

If you have any more questions, please do get in touch.

We have made a PowerPoint with a voice recording which will give you more information if you would like to listen to it.

Here is the link: <https://www.allsaintslessingham.co.uk/learning/fresh-start/>



Year 11 mock week

Next week is our 2nd round of mocks for year 11, an outline for each form group will be sent separately to year 11.

It's been wonderful to hear how hard you're all working in class from staff, in preparation for your exams. Remember all we ask is for you to try your best, if you have any worries or need additional support with topics in class, please talk with your teachers. We are all here to help!

What can I do to help myself?

The night before...get an early night, pack all things needed, focus on you, switch your mobile phone off, treat your week as an opportunity or a challenge (not as a threat) this will make you think more positively.

The morning of your exam...give yourself plenty of time to get ready, eat a good breakfast, it is normal to feel nervous...pause and take some deep breaths, listening to music on the way to school can help.

Remind yourself of all the hard work and effort you have put in at school and home in order to prepare for your assessments.

Good luck everyone,
Miss King



Year 9 are learning about World War 1. Jess helped Mrs Senior and Boyd follow a recipe to answer Leland's question - what did people eat on the battleships?



Year 9 enjoying some art and craft creations this week

