



NEWSLETTER

Regular news updates from All Saints School, Lessingham

KEY DIARY DATES

September:

- 20th: Upper Juniors to Gressenhall
28th: Upper Juniors & Yr7 to Mosque and Norwich Cathedral

October:

- 2nd: Whole school flu immunisations
3rd: Upper Juniors trip to Happisburgh
4th-6th: Hautbois Activity Week
5th: Juniors Parent/Carer Café
12th: Parent support group
18th: House rewards day
18th: Lower Juniors trip to London

19th-27th: Half Term

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome back and what a fabulous start to the new academic year!

One member of staff said to me, "it feels like the students have been away for a weekend not a summer holiday, they have come back so well." It has been lovely to welcome new students and new staff members.

We also held our first KS3 parent café this week, giving you the chance to be in school and experience school life for an afternoon.

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for parents and carers with the introduction of Parent Support Groups, more on this in Ms Paffett's

Send section in the newsletter.

Some of you mentioned in the school survey last year that you would like to have more information on what is being taught in each subject; we have always had our curriculum overviews which can be found on the website:

<https://www.allsaintslessingham.co.uk/learning/curriculum-overviews/>

New for this year, teachers have written curriculum newsletters which you will receive via email every half term. For this first addition we have also sent home a paper copy, so please dig them out of school bags.

Please do get in touch if we can do anything to help; we know that it is only when we work together we can make a difference.

Staff changes

We welcome new staff members Mrs R Jones (Year 10 and Year 11 English teacher), Ms Walton and Mr Ratcliffe (TA's).

Due to personal reasons the school councillor will no longer be in school. If your child was seeing her then please be rest assured that we are putting in place alternative arrangements whilst we look to appoint therapists.

Reminders

- * Please ensure students are wearing the correct school uniform every day. ALL uniform must be named (initials are fine).
<https://www.allsaintslessingham.co.uk/parents/uniform/>
- * Please send a named water bottle to school every day
- * Please let the office know before 8.30am if your child is not coming into school and the reason for this; the absence can be emailed or left on the answerphone if you call before 8am.
- * It is the responsibility of parents and carers to inform the taxi driver if a student is going to be absent. Please do not rely on the driver passing a message on.
- * All medication coming into school MUST be in it's original box and accompanied by the correct administration form which can be found on the website:
<https://www.allsaintslessingham.co.uk/parents/medication/>

Numbers to contact for help

Ms Dangerfield: 07879 875925

Miss Paffett: 07733 417296

Norfolk children's support line:

Text 07480 635060 or call 0344 800 8029

Parent/Carer Online Support Group

This year we are pleased to announce the introduction of our Parent and Carer Online Support Group.

The aims and objectives of the group are to bring parents and carers together to discuss any issues they may be experiencing and to support each other in a non-judgemental manner, sharing resources and ideas that others have found helpful. There will be a guest speaker each meeting who will discuss their role in supporting parents, carers and students and signpost to other services or resources that may be of benefit. This will take part in the first half of the meeting, with the second half for parents and carers to have an informal chat and share ideas.

The meetings will not be about addressing personal grievances. If you have any individual concerns about school, we ask in the first instance that you contact the form tutor or a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss. This can be done via the school office who will direct your enquiry to the best member of staff.

Details of upcoming meetings, including the guest speaker, will be posted in the newsletter with instructions on how to join the online meeting.

The dates for this academic year 2023-2024 are as follows:

- * **Thursday 12th October 23 @ 2-3pm**- Sian Jones and Luella Cossey – “Literacy and Supporting your child”
- * **Thursday 30th November 23 @ 3-4pm**- Catherine Jeans Dietician- “Supporting your child with sensory issues around food”.
- * **Thursday 8th February 24 @ 2-3pm** –SENDIASS Niamh Keane “The Role of SENDIASS in supporting Parents and Carers of Young People with SEND”.
- * **Thursday 14th March 24 @ 2-3pm** Sarah Edmonds EHCP Co-ordinator “The Role of the EHCP CO-ordinator”
- * **Thursday 2nd May 24 @ 2-3pm** Chloe Symeou – “Kooth Online Counselling”
- * **Thursday 20th June 24 @2-3pm** Emma Shepheard and Clare Tagg – “Early Help Services”

We hope that as many of you as possible will join the meetings; we know we have a fabulous wealth of knowledge and experience amongst our parents and carers and we are hoping that you will be able to share this each other, and me, to better the outcomes for our young people.

SEND support groups and events

Making Sense of SEND events give you the chance to:

- Visit information stands from a range of services
- Listen to a presentation on a specialist subject
- Ask questions
- Meet like-minded parents and carers

Making Sense of SEND INFORMATION FAIR



Visit a range of service information stands, listen to a guest speaker, and meet like-minded parents and carers.
Free refreshments provided.



King's Centre, Great Yarmouth



Tuesday 3rd October 2023



10am-12pm

These **free events** are exclusively for parents and carers who have a child with SEND. They are coproduced with Family Voice Norfolk and Norfolk SENDIASS. At each event we aim to have between 15-20 information stands with local organisations that provide services for children and young people with SEND and their families.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer/advice-and-support/send-support-groups-organisations-events/making-sense-of-send-events>

Attendance

In the next couple of days, you will receive a letter in the post regarding attendance.

The government expects: schools and local authorities to:

- ◆ promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence
- ◆ ensure every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled
- ◆ act early to address patterns of absence
- ◆ parents to perform their legal duty by ensuring their children of compulsory school age who are registered at school attend regularly
- ◆ all pupils to be punctual to their lessons

All Saints School will continue to support our young people and families with achieving good attendance and where appropriate, we will put measures in place to help with this. However, if our young people and families do not engage in these supportive measures and are unable to provide medical evidence for prolonged or frequent absences, we may have to pursue legal action.

We fully appreciate the difficulties some families experience around achieving good attendance and will always seek to support rather than take punitive measures. If you are having issues with getting your child to attend school, for any reason, in the first instance please contact the school so we can help resolve any difficulties quickly and avoid behaviours becoming habitual and embedded.



Year 11 Parents and Carers

Please view the 'Help You Choose' website for all the latest events:

<https://www.helpyouchoose.org/events>

All details for upcoming open evenings /days are listed here. Highly recommend for all get involved to enable the chance to look at what post16 providers are offering your child.

As a school we will try our best to book tours, but unfortunately some providers are unable to support school visits anymore.



**PETS AS
THERAPY**

Energy Wall

Some of our younger students have been trying out the newly installed 'Energy Wall' which improves hand-eye coordination & encourages communication & teamwork.

We're hoping to welcome Sid to All Saints school very soon. Sid is really looking forward to hearing some of our children read"

Here's what Sid's owners say about him....

"Sid goes agility training twice a week and he absolutely loves a ball. He is just coming up to three years old and is full of mischief but he is adorable and loves everybody".



A snap shot of the first couple of weeks...

Gardening Club

During Gardening Club we harvested our potatoes and made cheese and potatoes whirls.



This week as part of Personal Development, year 7 students have been practising first aid for minor bleeds.

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend the Café. It was a great success and we loved meeting you all.

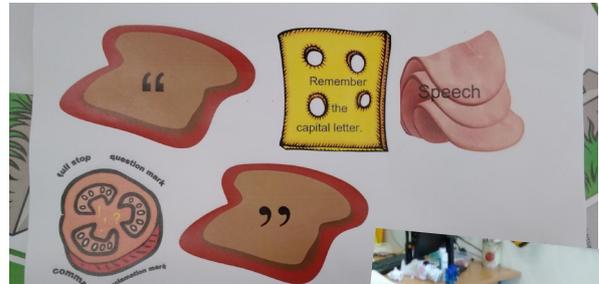


Upper juniors are looking at a WW2 shell during topic. They are using cutlery to develop their fine motor skills .



How to make your speech sandwich?

Lower Juniors learnt to use reported speech.



Hard at work practising their handwriting.

