

Friendship

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With Jesus as our guide,
we will inspire a passion
for learning, high
aspirations and respect for
all.



Goodness those two weeks have flown by and with only 5 weeks left before the summer term officially ends this year has definitely been a very strange one.

The announcement this week by the government that we would not be welcoming our whole school community back before the summer was met with great disappointment and sadness. All of the staff are so desperate to see the children and I know how much all of you were hoping for the opportunity for your child to spend some time at All Saints. Like many other Head Teachers I knew that was always going to be the case if we had to comply with the simple rule of class sizes of 15 or less, it was always going to be physically impossible to fit the whole school in the building unless I could magic up another 8 classrooms.

Following our risk assessment which has been approved by Governors, some of our classrooms cannot hold 15 children in them if any distancing can be in place and the children inevitably find it very difficult not to play with each other when outside which results in physical contact. What we do ensure is that each child is part of a bubble which has the same staff that work within the bubble across the week including a cleaner and dinner lady. This bubble has its own toilets, handwashing facilities, entry and exit times and is restricted to a designated area of the school. In other words the bubbles do not come into any physical contact with each other they just see each other through the windows when they are in their designated play spaces.

The children have been brilliant at following all of the new rules and listen to the staff washing their hands throughout the school day. It is important that we try to stick to the arrival and collection times. This is more for the benefit of the adults to ensure that social distancing can be followed.

EYFS = 8.40 to 2.45

Key Worker = 8.50 to 2.55

Year 1 = 9.00 to 3.05

Year 6 = 9.10 to 3.15

You will see from the timings that there are 10 minutes in between each group so to enable contact between families to be greatly reduced. It is fabulous that some of you arrive early and the children are so keen to come into school but we ask you to try to arrive as near to your times as possible to reduce any congestion. I appreciate this can be tricky particularly for those who drive. Those families with EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 we ask that you wait with your child on the playground rather than at the fence to reduce again the contact between families as the playgrounds are clearly marked with 2m lines.

The positive feedback that we have received from families continues to be really appreciated by all of the staff who have been tremendous throughout this. I think I am one of the only Head teachers who has been so fortunate to have every single member of staff who has been able to work in school. Even the staff who fall into a vulnerable category have worked in the building albeit in an isolated designated work space for them with contact with others over the 2 m distance and under very strict rules. That I think is testimony to the incredible team spirit that exists at All Saints and shows how the adults are always prepared to go above and beyond.

On Monday we open our last available space so that our Key Worker group can be divided into two. One group, the Year 4 and 5's will be based with Mrs Dady and Mrs Boddington in the Year 5 classroom and the other group of Years 2 and 3 will remain with Mr Hunter. This is due to the fact that demand has increased and we have risk assessed the spaces and they cannot hold any more than 12 children. The two groups will keep to the same timings of 8:50am to 2:55pm but will use the older group of children will enter and exit through the front door. The groups will access their own toilets and contact between the groups will no longer happen within the school site. The Year 6 group will be taught across the whole week by Miss Smith and Mrs Stokes.

That leads me on to inform you that as of Monday 15th June The EYFS , Year 1 and Year 6 bubbles are now full with no capacity to take any more children. There is still a small capacity in the two Key Worker/ Vulnerable groups but this is limited. If you wish to discuss a place at school for your child then please contact me on head@allsaints-pri.northants-ecl.gov.uk or ask to speak to me on 01933 225888.

This term always normally brings so much fun with sports day, our whole school production, our Unity dance team performing at the Derngate Theatre, Residential to the Isle of Wight, our Head Boy and Girl elections, trips and just fun times in Castle fields. So much has been affected most of all our lovely Year 6 children who might be happy to have missed their SAT's but had worked so hard for these and would normally be spending time now doing lots of exciting projects including preparing for their leavers service and visiting their secondary schools. I know Miss Smith has been in contact with you all of you this week and we have some plans for you all so keep an eye open for a message !

We obviously have continued to work on many things, one of these being reports which you will receive electronically, with the exception of Nursery children, from the teachers towards the end of the term. Another key piece of work has been working with families to support with their child starting in September with us into our Reception class. Fifteen of our children already have older siblings in the school so life is a little easier for you , please look out for further information for you all, which will be sent to you rather than a face to face meeting as we would normally do. Following these packs please speak to us if you have any questions or queries so you are happy and confident with the arrangements.

At this moment in time we are focussing on being open to all children in September, we don't know for definite that will be the case but the Government is working towards that. We are planning for a normal start albeit they may well still be some restrictions in place such as social distancing. A lot can change in the 11 weeks we have before the start of the Autumn Term. We will, as always, continue to keep you informed throughout when we have updated guidance.

Thank you for all that you are doing whether that is trusting us to look after your children if they are in school or working hard to maintain and juggle the learning at home .

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Sending the very best of wishes

Emma Johnson



At All Saints this year, we will still be promoting our love of reading, alongside Wellingborough Library. We are excited that the 'Summer Reading Challenge' is back on, but in a slightly different way!

With the disruption caused by COVID-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020 will be delivered online. The all-new digital Summer Reading Challenge with its 'Silly Squad' theme has been created to entertain and engage children with uplifting content and reading recommendations.

Children can sign up to the website and create their own profile at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk> (this is free of charge for all). The children can set their own challenge to read any amount of books during the challenge whether it be comics, joke books, poetry, fiction or non-fiction; in digital or print format; from e-book or from what they already have at home. Each time they finish a book; they add it to their profile and write a review. The children are then rewarded with activities and incentives along the way, such as online badges, games and videos. They also receive a downloadable certificate once they have completed their challenge!

Families are also encouraged to join in and 'Get Silly' with downloadable activities, games, quizzes and more. There will be new content each week and the fun will continue throughout the summer to keep families engaged! We would love to see any pictures or videos of your children reading and completing the 'Summer Reading Challenge'.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

TAKE THE CHALLENGE

One Minute Challenges PE Challenge | 1

Mr Chambers and some helpers have put together some quick PE Activities for you!

Please click on the photo on the right to take you to the video!

Don't forget to send in any photos or videos, we would love to see your attempts and know your scores!

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Strava Club

In addition to these quick activities, Mr Chambers has set up an All Saints Club on the exercise tracking app Strava. Many of us have been out and about walking/ running/ cycling and this is a great way to track your exercise and create a bit of healthy competition! Many Staff members have joined the Club too, it would be great to see lots of you joining and let's see how much exercise we can complete as a school community!

<https://www.strava.com/clubs/all-saints-ceva-667001>

A message from the Governors

A reminder please if you have not already done so, you still have time until 19th June to complete a survey. We really appreciate feedback from you.

As governors we always wish to have the wellbeing of the children, parents and staff at the heart of all that we do. As we move through these unprecedented times the school and school leaders have had to adapt to many changes and we would like an opportunity to capture some of the thoughts and feelings of the parents of All Saint's children. With that in mind we have created Covid-19 parent surveys for each year group. We would appreciate it if parents could fill in the survey as this would give us an opportunity to celebrate successes and make any necessary changes in the future. The survey responses are anonymous and should only take a few minutes to complete. Below are the links to the surveys, please make sure you fill in the survey for the year group that your child is in. If you have a child in more than one year group you are welcome to complete a survey for each child.

Nursery - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X32NH76>

Reception - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XTWYJ9Q>

Year 1 - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YF3CPW9>

Year 2 - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XSN6JNK>

Year 3 - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XMZMTFR>

Year 4 - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XNQ7TF2>

Year 5 - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XFL7GP8>

Year 6 - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XFTYRMV>

The deadline for completing these please is 19th June.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Sam Barber – Chair of Governors