



LOVE, RESPECT & FORGIVENESS

Newsletter 3 2024

Dear Families,

Well it is fair to say I do like ending our terms with a Pledge service and a book look – I hope you enjoyed them both as much as I did!!

This term has been super short but super productive and as always we have packed a huge amount in!

A particular highlight for me was joining our amazing Year 5 children at their Young Voices concert at the O2. It really is the most wonderfully inspiring evening and our Year 5s were outstanding this year. It is however a very, very long day – as I told the infants we left for the concert on Monday and got back on Tuesday – so a huge ginormous thank you to Miss Noone and Mrs Golding for giving up their evening and sleep to ensure our children got to take part in this incredible experience!!

It is fair to say that our new twitter account isn't really doing what we wanted it to at ASS and so we are currently exploring all options with regard how we share with you what we are doing on a daily basis. Watch this space – we will find a solution!!!!

And finally both schools are looking for your help! Our Governing body at the infants needs Governors and our ACC at the juniors needs ACC members! If you are interested in joining either do please get in touch with either myself or Steve Daniels (Chair of the Infants GB) on stevedaniels@allsaints.reading.sch.uk or Liz Kenny (Chair of the Junior ACC) on Lkenny@allsaints.anthemtrust.uk – both are a brilliant opportunity to get involved in our schools and make a difference! Alternatively if you don't fancy it but know someone who might – they absolutely don't have to have any association either school – then do please pass on the contact details. Thank you...

I've decided to keep my bit short and sweet (like this term really) in order to ensure you get to enjoy the learning round up – but do hope that you all have a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you on **Monday 19th February 2024!!**

Best wishes,

Susannah

****ATTENDANCE****

The National Figure for 2022/23 was 92.5%

The current National Figure is: 93.2%

Our target for 2023/24 is 97%

Infant Attendance 95.9%

Junior Attendance 97.89%

Our Junior Attendance continues to be fantastic – thank you for working with us on this! Unfortunately however, our Infant attendance is dropping and is now quite a lot below our target!

So just a reminder to our Infant Families that we can only ensure that your children make the progress that they are capable of if they are in school on time every day!!

****Learning Round Up****

Ducklings

We've managed to fit an awful lot into this rather brief term.

The children in Ducklings class have all worked extremely hard and it's always an exciting stage of the year for children in Reception where their reading skills are really taking off.

The Y1 children have been enthusiastic about their topic of China, and particularly the opportunity to make a real stir fry. I have never seen bowls of vegetables devoured so quickly! This was complimented perfectly with the Chinese dance workshop which was enjoyed by all year groups.

The Reception children have enjoyed their topic of Journeys where we've looked at all types of travel and transport. We had a great time last week where we made our own little journey to have a play in 'Dippy Park' which was one of our pledges and felt a real treat on a beautiful, sunny winter morning. Wishing you all a lovely half term break.



Cygnets

WOW... This term has just absolutely flown by! We have had a blast.

Cygnets have been on a journey to China and have learnt all about the towns, where they are on a map, the foods they eat, the difference between our schools and their schools and the music they listen to. We also got to have a go at making our very own stir fry, so we could see how Chinese food would taste. And it was delicious.

For our pledges, Year 2 have been busy learning how to tie their shoe laces and our Year 1 got the chance to write a letter and post it. We also partook in a Chinese dance workshop, learnt a lot about our new favourite TV presenter David Attenborough and became more familiar with the 7 continents (ask them to sing you the song!!!).

I've thoroughly enjoyed this term; it may have been my favourite yet. Have a restful little break and see you next week.



Year 3

As we wrap up another term at school, I wanted to take a moment to express our excitement and gratitude for the incredible journey we've had together. It has been a term filled with joy, curiosity, and, most importantly, brilliant learning!

Our Year 3 pupils have truly embraced the challenges and opportunities presented to them, demonstrating a remarkable commitment to their education. From diving into fascinating new topics to mastering important skills, their growth and development have been a delight to witness.

We've explored captivating topics, conducted exciting experiments, and embarked on educational adventures that have sparked creativity and critical thinking among our pupils. I am thrilled to share that we had a fantastic time at the recent Chinese dance workshop-so much fun and laughter!

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break, and I can't wait to see what the next term holds for my fantastic class!



Year 4

I am delighted to share with you some highlights from our classroom and what we have been learning about during this very short term. Children have demonstrated and shown great enthusiasm towards their learning. Our English lessons continue to spark curiosity and creativity with our high quality reading books. These have inspired our writing pieces this term: a setting description and a fantasy sequel. We continue to build and expand on our maths knowledge and have tackled some challenging concepts such as division. Our Science lessons have engaged many in our topic, Sound and we have conducted a number of experiments to investigate volume and how we are able to hear sounds. We explored the Anglo-Saxon period in History allowing us to continue our journey of learning about past civilisations in Britain.

It has been great to see children blossom and grow in confidence as well this term. Our children have been learning how to play the keyboard and have flourished under the guidance of The Berkshire Music Trust, who have been teaching the children not only how to play the keyboard, but learning the musical notes and what they mean as well. We have also achieved our pledge badges for performing a dance routine (Chinese Dance workshop) and learning how to tie a tie – which is not as easy as it looks, but children welcomed the challenge and by the end we had some rather smart looking ASJS children.

What a great term!

We wish you a wonderful restful break and look forward to seeing you in the new term.



Year 5

We have had a very busy half term in Year 5 and the children have worked extremely hard in all areas of the Curriculum, producing some super work.

As a class, we have been learning all about Medieval Monarchs, written and published some outstanding work based around our English books 'The Lost Thing' and 'Freedom Bird'.

We had the amazing opportunity to take part in 'Young Voices' at the O2 and I am so proud of all the children. They sang and danced their hearts out and behaviour, as always, was exemplary. I have been so impressed with the children's learning and look forward to the new term ahead. Well done, Year 5!

Year 6

We have had another busy half term! The children have absolutely loved the books we have read during



our English and Reading sessions and have produced some wonderful work about George Melies. We have just started our new book based on the Suffragettes and have had some mature discussions about democracy and civil rights, a theme echoed in our history lessons. I wish everyone a relaxing half term break.



****UPDATE FROM OUR INFANT GB****

It doesn't seem very long since the last newsletter but at least it means we've emerged from January! Infant School governors have met once this half term, and, as usual, we had a very wide-ranging, interesting agenda. Among other things, we touched on our current financial position and initial thinking about setting next year's budget which has to be completed shortly after Easter. Also, discussed were the results of a recent safeguarding audit, latest attendance statistics, and support for children with special educational needs and disabilities. We also reviewed the impact of the new 'book look' system for families, scheduled straight after the half termly pledge service.

One other item discussed was our need for new governors. Some of our governor vacancies are for parents of Infant School children, while other vacancies are for anyone that may have an interest in supporting our school. So, in addition to considering whether you might join our governing board, please can you give some thought to whether there is anyone in your network of contacts - in the local community, your workplace or wherever - who might be interested in joining us. I am happy to have an informal chat with anyone who is potentially interested; please contact me at stevedaniels@allsaints.reading.sch.uk

All the best for a fun half term!

Steve Daniels

Chair of Governors, All Saints Infants School

****UPDATE FROM OUR JUNIOR ACC****

Dear Families,

We're looking for parent/carer voices from All Saints Junior School's parent community to join our Anthem Community Council.

It's incredibly important your voices are heard to help All Saints Junior School capture the lived experience of parents and carers in our community. Voices that will both address issues and share in the celebrations of All Saints Junior School.

You will need to be able to commit to 4 meetings across the academic year. These meetings normally take place on a Friday morning at 10am.

If you'd like to know more before committing your interest, please message Elizabeth Kenny (Chair of the Anthem Community Council), or Katherine Green (Clerk of the Anthem Community Council) on the email addresses below.

Elizabeth Kenny: lkenny@allsaints.anthemtrust.uk

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We'd love to hear from you!