



# Autumn Term Newsletter

## September 2020

*"Opening Hearts & Minds"*



Achievement for All



### **To our first newsletter for this school year.**

Hello and a very warm welcome to a new school year at All Saints C of E Infant & Pre-School. It's been quite a while since our last newsletter, which was sent out in March when school closed on 20<sup>th</sup> March due to COVID-19.

We hope our new children and parents/carers are all settling in nicely with us. We're very pleased to have you as part of our little school community.

Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Benham/Mrs Toon in the school office or to your child's class teacher and we'll do our best to help you.

Each month you will receive a newsletter which will have lots of information regarding forthcoming events, attendance, awards, news and recognition.

To receive a **paper copy**, please inform the school office as the newsletter is sent out electronically either via the Our School App or direct to your email account.

If you don't let the office know you won't receive a paper copy.

We hope the children all had a lovely school holiday and are eager for a year of learning and fun!

#### **Welcome to Reception Children**

We would like to say a big **hello** to all our new Reception Year children. We're VERY impressed with how they are settling in and hope they are enjoying making lots of new friends and meeting their new teachers.

#### **Weekly Celebration Worship Service**

Just to advise that our weekly Celebration Worship Service is continuing to be held in school on a Friday morning. However, due to COVID restrictions we're currently unable to invite parents/carers to the service. If your child is chosen as a **Superstar** they will bring home their certificate and badge to show you.

### **Peanut Allergies**

As you may be aware we have a few children who are allergic to peanuts. Can we please, therefore, ask that you don't send any peanuts into school. It would also be appreciated if you could ask your child not to share their packed lunch with their friends just to be on the safe side. Thank you for your co-operation and support in this matter.

### **PE Sessions – Years 1 & 2**

**Year 1** sessions are to be confirmed.

**Year 2** will be having PE sessions on a **Friday** afternoon.

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school at all times.

PE kits can be taken home for washing at any time, but the end of half term should be sufficient.

### **Health & Safety**

Just to remind parents that children are only allowed to wear **studded earrings** for school and are **not** permitted to wear hoop earrings. Your child will need to remove them for P.E lessons, so if they're unable to remove them themselves, please can you take them out before school. No other items of jewellery should be worn to school. Children will be asked to remove any items of jewellery, which will be put away for safe keeping until home time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Staff News**

As you may be aware, there have been a few staff changes which have recently taken place:-

**Miss Crosby** is now based in Year 2 with Mrs Harrison.

**Mrs Chapman** is now based in Year 1 with Miss Woods.

We would like to welcome **Miss Shone** who is our new student Trainee Teacher and will be based in **Year 1**.

We also have two new additions to our Mid Day Supervisors team:-

**Mrs Bailey** and **Mrs Clarke** (who is also our School Crossing Patrol) joined us at the start of the term.

In the office, **Mrs Benham** is now working **Tuesday to Friday** and **Mrs Toon** will be in every **Monday**.

### **After School Clubs**

Unfortunately, there are no plans to hold any after school clubs due to COVID-19.

If and when this is able to change, we will advise you accordingly.

### **School Photos - Cancelled**

As you will be aware, we have unfortunately, had to postpone the date we had booked for our school photographer to come into school.

We were hoping to still continue with Star Visions visit, but due to current circumstances with the Pre-School closure, the decision was made to cancel the visit.

We are hoping to reschedule for some time in the near future.

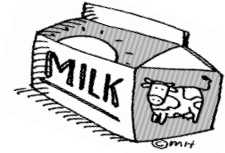
We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you.

### **Cool Milk**

All children **under** the age of **5** receive **free** milk.

Children aged 5 and over have the option to pay for milk at a subsidised cost. To register your child for milk visit their website at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) and click on the "Register your child for milk here" and follow the on screen instructions. Alternatively, Reception Year parents will have received a form in the new starters pack or you can collect a form from the school office.

If you have any queries, please contact Cool Milk by email on [customerservices@coolmilk.com](mailto:customerservices@coolmilk.com) or telephone **0844 854 2913**.



# Cool Milk

### **Reporting an Absence**

If your child is absent from school for any reason, it is very important that you contact us and advise of their absence and reason why.

Please telephone the school office on **01623 459199 before 9.30am** or email at [office@huthwaiteallsaints.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@huthwaiteallsaints.notts.sch.uk).

Thank you.



### **Safety Request**

Please can we kindly ask parents/carers to **not** allow their children to play with the playground equipment or on the trim trail at the start and end of the school day for health and safety reasons. Thank you.

### **Name Labels**

Please can you ensure that your child's uniform, book bags, sandwich box etc are all clearly labelled with their name on.

**We would also ask that Reception Year children, have their name in their shoes to save them getting mixed up when they take them off. At this age, the children all have very similar shoe styles so it's very easy for children to pick the wrong ones!**

Many thanks.

### **School Website**

Just to advise you about our school website:-

[www.huthwaiteallsaints.notts.sch.uk](http://www.huthwaiteallsaints.notts.sch.uk)

You will find all sorts of useful information regarding policies & procedures, our staff, curriculum planning, school dinner menus, uniforms, newsletters, calendars for holidays and inset days, events and achievements etc.

### **School App – NEW CHILDREN**

**Download our FREE school app!**

If you have a smartphone you can download **OurSchoolsApp** for **FREE**. It is a personalised app for our school and will allow us to keep you all updated with school information, the monthly newsletter, general news and calendar events etc.

It provides you with access to school information at the touch of a button.

New Reception children will have received an information letter in your New Starter Pack, giving full details on how to download the app.

However, if you haven't received a copy, please ask Mrs Benham in the school office. Please note that paper newsletters will only be sent home with Reception children for the first couple of weeks, so it is important to download the app so that you can view the newsletter. If you **do not** have a smartphone and wish to receive a paper copy please advise Mrs Benham in the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you!



### **School Uniform – Online**

Just to remind you that school uniform is available to order online from our current suppliers **Just School Wear**. We are currently running down our stocks held in the office, but if you wish to buy some items from the office just ask if we have it in stock.

**Book bags and PE bags** will still be available from the school office as they are supplied by a different company.

To visit Just School Wear website go to :- <https://www.just-schoolwear.co.uk/> and search for our school logo.

Uniform can be delivered **FREE** of charge to school or delivered directly to your home address for a small fee.



### **Polite Request**

Please can we issue a polite request that children **do not** bring their own toys into school. If the toy gets lost or broken then children become very upset and it can cause them distress.

We would appreciate your support with this request very much.



**\*\* PENALTY FINE WARNING NOTICE \*\***

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Please be advised that **Penalty Notices** will be issued to parents whose holiday application requests do not meet the necessary exceptional circumstances.

It will also be issued if your child's attendance falls **below** the expected attendance level or if we have any concerns over their attendance percentage.

Please be advised that unauthorised absences leave parents at risk of receiving penalty notices. Where holiday applications are concerned, head teachers may now only grant leave in exceptional circumstances which would include:-

- Religious purposes
- Family funeral/bereavement
- Specific visits to a parent absent from the family home

Any other request will be deemed 'unauthorised' and entered in the registers as such.

**However**, if your child is **under 5** or the leave of absence is **3 days or under** then no penalty notice will be issued.

For further details please see the **Attendance & Absence Policy** which can be found on the school website under the 'About Us' and 'Policies' tab.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to speak to a staff member.

**Head Lice**

Just to make you aware that when children are at school and pre-school it will be inevitable that children will experience head lice at one point or another. Therefore, can we please ask parents/carers to be extra vigilant when checking their child's hair.

If you find any head lice or eggs, please treat appropriately.

When you wash their hair, ensure you use conditioner and then carefully comb through with a fine toothed comb.

You may wish to check other members of the family at the same time.

Children do **not** need to be kept off school during the treatment period.

*It is advisable to keep long hair tied up to stop any potential spread going from child to child.*

Please can you inform either your child's class teacher or the school office should you find any head lice, so we are aware of any current cases.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

For further guidance please speak to your local pharmacist.

For full information and advice, please visit the following website:-

**<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>**



## The Importance of School Attendance

Each week we will advise you of the school attendance figure and announce the class winners who have achieved the highest attendance that week. They will win 'Alfie Bear' our attendance teddy for the week and keep him in their classroom. Our weekly school target attendance is **97%**. It is very important to ensure a high level of attendance for your child.

To help your child achieve good attendance at **All Saints C of E Infant School**, we ask that you:-



**1) Please ensure your child arrives at school on time.**

**Current COVID class times are:-**

**Reception = 8.40am**

**Year One = 8.30am**

**Year Two = 8.50am**



**You will need to complete the Late Book (located by the school office) if your child arrives after 9.10am each time they are late.**

**2) Please contact school on the first day your child is absent by 9.30am**  
**Telephone : 01623 459199 and keep us updated daily of their illness.**

**3) Please discuss with school at the earliest opportunity, any problems/worries you may have which are affecting your child's attendance.**

**4) Please try and arrange medical, dental and opticians appointments outside of school hours, wherever possible. Please provide written proof of the medical booking to put in your child's file as confirmation of any booked appointments.**

**5) All children should aim to achieve and maintain an attendance of 97%. This is closely monitored and parents/carers will be contacted should this consistently fall below 97%.**

*Thank you for working with us to ensure children obtain full attendance marks, ensuring they achieve the best education available to them.*

### Inset Days

School will be closed to children for staff training on the following days:-

- **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**
- **Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**
- **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**
- **Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

For full information including half term and holiday dates, please see either the school website or Our School App as the holiday diary dates are on both of those.





## Finally ~

We hope you have enjoyed this term's first newsletter and found the information beneficial.

It's rather a lengthy newsletter for the first one, but we had a lot of information we wanted to share with you.

We hope the children are enjoying their first few weeks of school and are telling you lots of exciting things about their new class and friends.

Should you have any queries, please remember we're here to listen and help.

Don't forget to take a look at our website at: [www.huthwaiteallsaints.notts.sch.uk](http://www.huthwaiteallsaints.notts.sch.uk)

and sign up to our FREE **OurSchoolsApp**.

Until next time, stay safe and take care!

