



All Saints CEVA Primary School

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Summer 2018 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A final newsletter before we break up for the Summer holidays! We have had a busy year and we thank you all for your support. The children have had a fantastic year not just academically but with the wider opportunities such as residentials, trips, visitors and celebrating their successes. We are very proud of all the children and their achievements.

KS2 end of term Performance and FS/KS1

Celebrating success assembly

We have recently enjoyed fantastic performances across the school with the production of "Zoom" (Years 3 & 4) Next Year the 5's and 6's will have a challenge to top Zoom!! The FS/KS1 assembly was absolutely delightful with amazing singing, poems, reading and to see the children feeling so confident to share their talents and achievements is what we are all about! Thank you to all that were able to attend. Thank you also for the donations at the KS2 production, we raised nearly £200 towards school funds.

Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants

A reminder of who your child will be with:

- Rec: Mrs Cairns & Mrs Bateman with Mrs Hobbs & Mrs Donnelly (Miss Wood)
- Year 1: Mrs Powley (Miss Frith) with Miss Howe, Mrs Eckett & Mr Coppack
- Year 2: Miss Harwin with Mrs Morant and Mrs Jarvis
- Year 3: Mrs Jeary with Mrs Eckett & Mrs Carver
- Year 4: Mrs Budgett with Mrs Sparey
- Year 5: Mrs Beardon with Mrs Bircham and Mr Warden
- Year 6: Mrs Cockburn & Mrs Niven with Mr Bushby

Attendance, holidays and lates monitoring

We have been monitoring attendance over the last term and have been in conversations with the local Authority. They have identified and seen a pattern of pupils either with a lack of attendance or coming in late to our school.

As you know; any stage in your child's education is vital to instill all they need to prepare them for their next year group and for the older children: High School.

Whilst we might appreciate, a reason for absence, we now have to follow guidelines on this, with fines in place with any consistent unauthorised absence/ holidays. The lates will be noted and sent to County.

It is important for you as parents to get your child into school on time and help them to achieve to their full potential. We have seen an increase in the number of children turning up



late this year and want to start the next academic year with an increase in attendance and punctuality.

Every morning during registration, the children are completing work that needs attention from a previous lesson or extra help needed. If your child is late or away; they are, as said, missing a vital part of their education.



Swimming next term

Year 6 will be swimming at Greshams. A letter with dates will follow in Sept.

1:1 Chromebook Programme

Don't forget to sign up to our -eLearning Programme if your child is going into Y3,4 or 5 in September. You can do this through the school website by following this link:

<https://wordpress.com/post/stibbardallsaints.com/20246>

Volunteers

Do you have a spare hour or two in the week? Then perhaps you would be interested in volunteering to listen to readers, help with the school library or possibly the school gardens? Any offers would be gratefully received.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you are interested.

Message from the Governors of your school

The main responsibilities of school governors are:-

- To provide strategic direction
- To support the work of the headteachers and other staff
- To monitor and challenge the work of the headteachers
- Governors are responsible for finance and work with the headteachers to balance resources.
- Governors are also responsible for appointing headteachers.

The Governors are drawn from all walks of life. Some may be parents of children at the school, some Parochial Church Council or Diocesan representatives and others appointed by the local authority. They have a range of skills and experiences to offer and we try to establish a balance of background and skills to help with the role. Details of the current Governors are always available on the school's website.

Governors give their time to help with the education of your children. Can there be a better way of supporting your community and the future of that community than through helping your local school?

The main tools that the governors apply to fulfil their role are:-

- Work with the headteachers on a document called the School Improvement and Development Plan. Through this, the needs of the school and the progress made in achieving those needs can be monitored and controlled
- Monitoring. Governors each choose areas to monitor such as Health and Safety, Data collection, Reading etc. and write short reports which are published on the website
- Regular review of the school's policies
- Monitoring the performance of the headteachers



- There is a committee which meets on curriculum and special education needs matters
- There is a finance committee
- Regular meetings as a full board to receive, discuss and in certain cases challenge reports from headteachers, governors and committees. It is at these full board meetings that the strategic direction is approved.

Milestones 2017/18

The past year has seen a few unusual challenges in addition to the usual work of running a school:-

- We have moved further forwards with partnership arrangements with the North Elmham school. This has been carefully focussed on achieving advantages for **both** schools
- Opening a nursery, breakfast and afterschool facility
- The sickness of Kathryn Batcock who has been unable to work since January. (We are delighted to report that she is making good progress).
- Recruitment of Acting Heads (Craig Isherwood and Sue Tobin), to lead the school in Kathryn's absence.

What you can do to help

One challenge is that we have not been able to recruit our full complement of Governors. In these times where austerity and other factors make running a school challenging we need more volunteers to help. Please consider volunteering either as a Governor, or as a member of the Friends or to assist in other ways. ***The more volunteers we have the better the job we can do of supporting the education of your children.***

Hugh Lanham, Chair of Governors

We hope you and your family have a lovely Summer break and look forward to seeing you on Thursday 6th September.

With Kind Regards,

Sue Tobin and Craig Isherwood

