

Our All Saints family shall arise and shine



for the light of The Lord is upon us.

ALL SAINTS CEP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 2



Welcome back to the start of term 2

It's all change here at school with more classroom refurb work having taken place over the half term and there are further busy times that lie ahead.

As we race towards 'the season of goodwill' we look forward to trips out, workshops, class assemblies, values days, music afternoons, Xmas shows and parents evenings to talk about what good progress our children have made so far.

Xmas is, of course, a time for celebration where we exchange gifts and give thanks. Here at school we give thanks for our All Saints family and look forward to seeing how our children WILL arise and shine like little stars in the term ahead.

Miss J Strachan

NEW SCHOOL LUNCH COMPANY

From Monday 3rd of November the school will be changing catering contractors. School dinners will cost £2.65 each day and orders/payments must be made online before children can receive a meal. Infant children will still eat for free as will those with juniors in receipt of FSM permits, however food must still be ordered by parents. For more details on how to order and pay for your child's meal, look out for more information from the office that will be sent out soon.

ITEMS BEING BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL

Please can we request that children do not bring big bags/ rucksacks into school. There is nowhere to store them and they knock coats and other items onto the floor where they end up being damaged/ lost. Children should walk into school with their lunchbox/ water bottle in their hand, ready to put in their classroom and their book bag ready to put in their tray. Nothing else. PE kits should be in drawstring bags/ carrier bags and remain in lockers/ on pegs all term and coats should be stored with them. Pencil cases should also stay at home. Coats are very expensive items and we do not want them being ruined.

HOMEWORK HELP

Research has proven that children perform better at school when they are supported with their learning at home. We know that every parent wants their child to achieve well in order to improve their life chances. For our children to reach their full potential we need you to work in partnership with us. We ask that parents help with their children's learning by doing the following with them:

1. Listen to them read, say their times tables and practise their spellings each school night.
2. Explain the sheet work task they will be given to complete each week by their teacher and check through this work with them once done. Go through any errors made with them and ensure their work is neat.

Working together we will ensure that every child can flourish and grow.

SHOUT OUTS FROM LAST TERM

Less than a fortnight after returning from the summer holidays, 24 of our Y6 children sat the Medway Grammar school exam. Results came in on the last week of term and 50% of those that took the test passed. Congratulations to those that did and well done to all who were brave enough to sit it – it is certainly not an easy thing to do; to take on the extra work and put yourself under that kind of pressure – you are all superstars to us.

On the 26th September, Mrs Gething and the wonderful ladies of our PTA held a McMillan coffee morning. Parents came along for a cuppa, cake and chat and they managed to raise £261 for cancer research. Well done Mrs G!

On the 3rd October the whole school walked up to church where we celebrated Harvest Festival with our pupils' parents. The children all brought a food item to donate to Caring Hands and with this they managed to feed the homeless of Chatham for up to a week. We gave thanks for the food, family and warm homes that we have.

At the end of last term we marked the occasion by holding one of our cultural carnival days – this time we were celebrating the festival of Divali. The children learnt the story of Rama and Sita, they made diva lamps, composed Indian music and participated in authentic Bollywood dance classes. A wonderful time was had by all. Check out the dance film footage on our website. At All Saints we are proud to celebrate our diversity.

PE KITS

Please can we remind parents that children should wear a white T shirt (can be their school polo shirt if necessary) and plain black or navy shorts for PE lessons.

In winter months school jumpers can be worn outside and for girls a pair of plain black or navy leggings and boys a pair of plain black or navy joggers can be worn to keep legs warm. Hair must be tied back at all times in school and for PE earrings must be removed by the children.

DATES FOR TERM 2

29/10 – school photographs day
12/11 + 13/11- parents evenings + FS open tours
14/11 – Children in Need day
21/11- LKS2 trip to Rochester
26/11 – FS wonderdome workshop in school
2/12- choir sing at cathedral
3/12- UKS2 trip to London
4/12- KS1 museum workshop in school
5/12- Xmas Fair
9/12 + 11/12- school nativity
16/12- Christingle service at church
17/12- Xmas dinner day at school
19/12-Xmas service at church for parents and last day of term.
Look out for other events sent out by teachers soon.

MESSAGE FROM ALLAN WARRINGTON- CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents and Carers. Welcome to the start of term 2 of the 2025-26 school year. I hope you and your families enjoyed the half-term break. On behalf of the governors of All Saints and St Johns schools I would like to thank Miss Strachan, Mrs Milton and the dedicated staff teams at both schools for all the hard work they put in to provide a supportive environment where the children can enjoy learning and achieve well. I would also like to thank parents and carers for the support they give to the staff and children. We ask for God's blessings on both school families, the staff teams and all the children in their care.