



Ysgol Yr Holl Saint All Saints' School





Cylchlythyr - Newsletter - 10.11.2023

Dear parents and carers,

It has been lovely to welcome pupils back to school for the second half of the Autumn Term this week. Whilst life in school always appears very busy, this is perhaps one of the busiest and equally most special times of the year. Our Christmas Planner is attached to this Newsletter which outlines our activities over the festive period, we look forward to these and in sharing the events such as our carol service with our parents, carers and wider community. Please do sign up to our website calendar to keep up to date with events taking place across the school.

We enjoyed a special service in school this morning for Remembrance Day. This is a very important time of the year for us all and gives us time to show our respect to those who protect us. I have been inspired by the hard work taking place in all of our classes to commemorate this time and thank our pupils for their hard work and respect. I extend a special thank you to our older Worship Leaders who have overseen our poppy sales this year and I look forward to sharing the total we raised next week. I hope you have a peaceful weekend.

Diolch, Mr Hatwood.

Remembrance Day 2023



Breakfast and Teatime Club

Bookings for Breakfast and Teatime Club for the next week close on the Friday before at 10am. We are now operating at capacity on several days for our Breakfast and Teatime Club, so please make sure you book and make payment for places before bookings close. We are working with the Care Inspectorate Wales to increase capacity of our wrap around care over the coming months.

Bookings must be made online using the online booking and payment system and payment must be made at the time of booking, unless using the 30 Hour Childcare offer to pay for your child's place. Staff will be completing final matching of payments weekly at 10am and any payments not received will result in bookings being cancelled. These will not be able to be rebooked. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.





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Year 5 & 6 – Chess Sessions

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed their first chess session this week with Bob Clark this week. Pupils have started developing early skills and have shown resilience, understanding and had a great time!



School Admissions

Admission applications for Reception September 2024 are now also open and can be made from the Wrexham County Borough Council website. Applications close on 17th November 2023, so please don't miss the deadline!

Applications to join our Early Education provision in April 2024 for those pupils who turn three during the Spring Term are now open, please contact playgroup@allsaints-pri.Wrexham.sch.uk for further information. (We are still taking late applications for pupils who turn three during the Autumn Term to start in January 2024).

Applications for admission into **Nursery in September 2024** will open in the New Year and further information on this will follow.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office on mailbox@allsaints-pri.wrexham.sch.uk or 01978 852342 for any support with school admissions.













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Year 1/2 - Writing Process

When we start a new half term, all pupils begin learning about a different genre of writing. We follow a writing process which was designed by our staff to immerse and give pupils opportunity to develop and apply their reading, writing and oracy skills in a variety of contexts. The first part of the writing process is to immerse and become familiar with the genre of writing being studied. This week, in Year 1 and 2, our pupils have been familiarising themselves with narrative texts, or stories. They have read, explored and captured key features of this type of writing and will use their understanding when writing their own stories as the unit of work progresses.

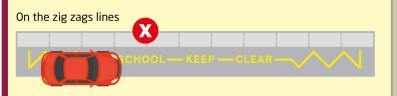




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Please park responsibly and DO NOT park:



Parking & Campus Safety

We are now closing the gates during the day into the staff car park. Could all pedestrians please enter the school via the main footpath opposite the Church gates of the Church car park. Could we remind all parents and carers of the importance of parking considerately, and only using accessible parking bays should you have the relevant pass. Our campus is a dog free campus, with the exception of assistance dogs. Thank you for your support.













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Universal Free School Meals

We are pleased to see that many of you have been taking advantage of Universal Primary Free School meals, now that it has been rolled out to all primary school children in Wrexham.

Now your child has been back in school for a few weeks, we wanted to let you know that you are able to book your child's meal three weeks in advance and we hope this makes easier for you. To avoid disappointment, here are a couple of changes that you need to remember:

- orders need to be placed by 8am
- the list of children who have ordered a school meal cannot be updated after 8am so if you haven't ordered a meal, your child will need to bring a packed lunch

Please do remember to ensure you order your children's lunches in advance as we are now unable to order on the day and we do have to contact home for a packed lunch to be brought to school. Thank you for your cooperation.





BBC 500 Word Story Competition

In September whilst watching Newsround the children in Dosbarth Caergwle learned about the launch of the BBC 500 words short story writing competition for children. A number of the class showed an interest in entering so the '500 Words club' was formed. During Wednesday lunchtimes and afterschool characters were formed, scenes were set, and stories started to develop. We were immersed in stories of gymnasts, adventurers, dancers, footballers and animals who visited strange islands and imaginative lands for adventure and survival. We even met an alien allergic to cheese on toast! Once stories were written they had to be typed which was another challenge for the children who persevered and even finished them off in their half term break, now the stories have been submitted to the competition. Excellent effort from all, well done everyone who entered.













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Creative Writing – Year 3/4

Our pupils worked hard on Monday developing their extended, creative writing. Well done for working so hard!















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Christmas 2023

Tickets are selling fast for our Christmas Fayre, Stew and Quiz Evening. This takes place or Tuesday 12th December from 4.30pm (Craft stalls) and Quiz/Stew at 6pm.

We are holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 1st December 2023** in return for Christma Hamper donations as part of our raffle.

Tickets are now available on Parent Pay for this event and raffle tickets have been sent home. I you require any additional tickets, please do contact the school office. **The top prize for our raffle is a Play Station 5 with cash prizes for 2nd and 3rd place.**



Our Christmas Planner for this year can be found on the next page of the Newsletter, we have lots of exciting things planned this year. We are sure that our pupils will all have a great time celebrating this very special time of year!





Odd Socks Day - Monday 13th November

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique in our own ways, we ask that children wear their uniform with odd socks to school on **Monday 13th November 2023**. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day.

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.





Perspective - Year 5

During our art sessions we have looked at 'perspective' and the children have produced some great work. To develop our skills of perspective, sketching and shading we used a scene from the book 'Town is by the Sea' where miners are pictured entering the mine.



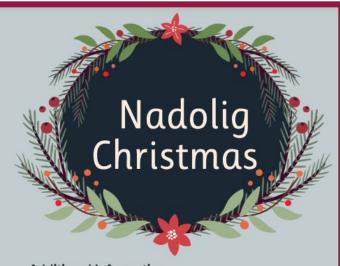












Date	Activity	Additional Information	
Friday 1st December	Non-Uniform Day	Donations towards Christmas Festive Hampers for the Christmas Fair.	
Monday 4th December	Christmas Craft with your Child	9.30 - 10.30 - Reception 11.00 - 12.00 - Year 1/2	
Monday 4th December	Christmas Carols at All Saints' Church (Tickets via Parent Pay)	1.30pm - Year 1 - Year 6 6.00pm - Year 1 - Year 6	
Monday 11th December	Christmas Nativity at All Saints' Church (Tickets via Parent Pay)	10am - Playgroup, Nursery AM & Reception 1.30pm - Nursery PM & Reception	
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Fair, Hotpot and Quiz Night	From 5pm (stalls) with the quiz starting at 6.30pm	
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Choices available on Parent Pay (pre-ordering essential)	
Thursday 14th December	Whole School Pantomime	At the Stiwt. (All Nursery to attend during the morning session today, no Afternoon Nursery).	
Monday 18th December	Early Years Christmas Party	A day of fun for Nursery and Reception pupils.	
Monday 18th December	Christmas Carols around the village	Further details will be shared on Class DoJo	
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Carols around the village	Further details will be shared on Class DoJo	
Wednesday 20th December	Key Strings Performance	We welcome Key Strings into school for a musical performance for pupils in Reception upwards.	
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Craft with your Child	Morning Nursery - 10.30 - 11.30am Afternoon Nursery - 2.15 - 3.15pm	
Thursday 21st December	Pupil Christmas Service	Christmas Service for pupils with Father Tudor	



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Llechwedd - Year 3/4

Pupils in Year 3/4 had a fantastic visit to Llechwedd Slate Mines on Tuesday as part of their studies into our community and Welsh heritage. They behaved impeccably and worked very hard during the day – well done Year 3/41















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Christmas Tree Festival

We are delighted to be taking part in the Christmas Celebration at All Saints' Church again this year. As part of the project, we are collecting glass jars for pupils in year 3 and 4 to decorate. If you have any spare jars at home, please send them into school after half term for the attention of Miss Devaney. Thank you for your support.

Late Collections

Unfortunately, we have a small but consistent group of parents and carers who collect their children late from school on a regular basis. Following half term, pupils will be placed into Teatime Club should parents and carers collect late regularly and charges will be applied for this. Thank you for your understanding and in collecting your child on time from school.

Attendance and Punctuality

We continue to focus on improving attendance and punctuality at school. This week, the attendance has been positive. Could we ask for your support in making sure pupils arrive at school on time, we will be contacting home where punctuality is becoming a concern to offer advice and support.



Class	Attendance	Punctuality	Equates to:
Nursery – Miss Williams	100%	0 sessions	SCHOOL
Early Years – Mrs Parker	88%	0 sessions	DAYS off each year
Early Years – Mrs Speed	97%	1 session	SCHOOL
Year 1/2 – Mrs Mort	97%	2 sessions	DAYS off each year
Year 1/2 – Mrs Coombes	100%	0 sessions	SCHOOL
Year 1/2 – Mrs Wright	97%	0 sessions	9 DAYS off each year
Year 3 – Mrs Baker	95%	0 sessions	SCHOOL
Year 3/4 – Miss Sedgwick	97%	0 sessions	DAYS off each year
Year 4 – Mrs Shelmerdine	96%	2 sessions	
Year 5 – Mr Holmes	92%	2 sessions	SCHOOL DAYS off each year
Year 6 – Mr Szymura	94%	0 sessions	
Year 6 – Miss Jones	94%	2 sessions	30 SCHOOL DAYS
Whole School	95.3%	9 sessions	off each year

Equates to:	100%	PERFECTION
SCHOOL DAYS off each year	98%	IMPRESSIVE
SCHOOL DAYS off each year	96%	GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	95%	NEARLY THERE
SCHOOL DAYS off each year	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
SCHOOL DAYS off each year	90%	CONCERNS (referred to Educational Welfare / Persistent absentee)
SCHOOL DAYS off each year	85%	SERIOUS CONCERNS









