



## Newsletter

JULY 2021



### SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

As we come to the end of what has been another very challenging year, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support.

I have only been here at All Saints for a few weeks but you have all made me feel a part of this fantastic school.

I would also like to thank all the staff in school for their hard work and commitment this year. Their hard work and dedication makes the school a much richer place. A

**MASSIVE** thank you goes to all the teaching staff, support staff, office

staff, lunchtime and kitchen staff. Also the wonderful ladies who work behind the scenes to keep our school clean and tidy (it's not just down to the cleaning fairies!) A special thank you also to our temporary Caretaker Mr Steads.



### YEAR 3 SWIMMING

If your child is in the current Year 2 class, they will begin Swimming lessons at Dearneside Leisure Centre on the first week back in September.

Their first lesson will be on **THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER.**



### SCHOOL TRIPS

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have not been able to have the usual school trips this year.

Some of the Key Stage 2 children did manage to go on their planned hike to Mam Tor though. They had a fabulous if not exhausting day!



We are hoping to be able to go ahead with a revised Year 6 residential to Kingswood next week. This wonderful experience will provide our children with some unforgettable experiences and wonderful memories.

We hope that next year all restrictions will be lifted and more trips will be able to take place.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**



We believe school uniform promotes positive attitudes, high standards and a sense of personal pride.

We have been very impressed with how smart our children have looked again for most of this year. However, just recently many children are not wearing the correct uniform- especially ties and shoes but also the style of school trousers.

**Please take the time during the holiday to ensure children have all the correct uniform (including PE kit) ready for September.**

Here is a reminder of uniform items **all** children must have:

- Smart grey trousers/pinafore/skirt (Please make sure length of skirt is appropriate for school)
- White school shirt
- Navy v-neck sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan
- School tie
- Plain black school shoes (no trainers, no heels)

**\*Only plain gold or silver studs allowed** which must be removed for PE. Children will not be permitted to wear earrings of any sort during PE.

## **CHANGES TO P.E. DAYS and KIT**

### **P.E Year 1 to Year 6**

Now we are easing out of COVID restrictions, we would like children to bring their PE kit in a suitable bag. Children should come to school each day in school uniform and then they will change into their PE kit for PE lessons. Children are encouraged to bring their PE kit on Monday and keep it in school until Friday.

### **P.E. kit required for September:**

- Green P.E.Sweatshirt
- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts, black joggers or leggings (no logos or stripes)
- Trainers



All uniform items, including P.E. sweatshirts, can be purchased directly from VORTEX which is on

Grange Lane Industrial Estate (open during the school holidays).

The following link will take you to the online Vortex page:

<http://vortexschoolwear.co.uk/Primary-Schools/Darfield-All-Saints-Academy..>

None school specific items can be purchased from stores other than Vortex such as high street stores and supermarkets EXCEPT FOR THE TIE.

**It is vital that all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name.**

### **'NEW TO YOU' UNIFORM SHOP**

From September, we will be opening a 'New to you' uniform shop. We encourage families to send in any old (but still in good condition) uniform and school shoes. These items will then be available for purchase at a low cost.

When you are sorting through old uniform during the holiday, please think of us and send it in!

## **SCHOOL MEALS**

### **PRICE INCREASE**

We have kept our school meal charges as low as possible for the last few years but unfortunately from 01/09/2021 the cost per meal for children will rise to £2.25 per day (£11.25 per week).

**Please pay any dinner arrears via Parent Pay.**

Outstanding dinner arrears must be paid in full via Parent Pay so that accounts are cleared in preparation for the new school year.

May I please remind parents that if your child is leaving Year 2 and you **are not** entitled to free school meals, you now have to pay for school meals via Parent Pay as they enter Year 3.

**On our first day back (7<sup>th</sup> September), we will be on dinner menu week 2 and the choices are:**

**Roast Gammon, Ravioli or Jacket Potato with beans and coleslaw**

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

If you think you may qualify for free school meals, please apply. Even if your child is in Nursery or Reception to Year 2 classes, please apply as the school is allocated Pupil Premium funding based on these numbers which greatly benefits our school and our children.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

We are continuing to provide Breakfast Club provision from September from 8am.

The costings are as follows:

£2.50 per day  
£10 for the week  
£35.00 for the month



We are continuing our membership with Magic Breakfast which means we are able to continue to offer Playground Bagels to all the children in school every morning from 8.30-8.40.

**BREAKFAST CLUB AND BAGELS WILL NOT BEGIN AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER UNTIL MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**PUPIL DETAILS**

In September, you will all be receiving a new Pupil Contact detail form. **You are all required to fill it in as there are some new legal changes on them connected to safeguarding and confidentiality.** Due to several occasions lately when children have not been collected, we must **insist** that additional contact numbers for either family or friends are added to the form in case of an emergency.

**CONTACT DETAIL ON PARENT PAY**

Parent Pay is our main form of contact with parents by text message or email. Can parents please make sure that they have updated telephone numbers on their Parent Pay accounts as we are unable to make changes for you. If you do not change your number, you will not receive messages.

**STAFFING UPDATE**

Mrs Halawin, Miss Birtles, Mrs Copley, Mrs Smith and Mr England are leaving us in July to move on to pastures new. I would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to our school and wish them well for the future.

We would like to welcome three new members to our team. Mrs Joanne Blyth is our new receptionist in the school office. Miss Bethany Fletcher will be working as a teacher with Miss Bedford in Nursery and Miss Hannah Oxley will be joining us as a teaching assistant.

**TERM TIME AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES**

Attached to the newsletter is a copy of next year's term times and school holiday dates for your information.

**Please note that due to bank holidays and inset days we DO NOT return to school until TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

### **CARRIER BAGS**

Could parents please send their child into school **BEFORE** next Friday with a carrier bag to bring their belongings home for the holidays. All cloakrooms and classrooms will be cleared and any items left will be disposed of.

### **STAFF GIFTS**

Many parents are asking if they are allowed to send gifts in for staff due to COVID restrictions.

If you would like to send in gifts for staff, you are welcome to do so.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

School photographs will be taken on **21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

We are doing them very differently this time...One of our families are a local photographic company "**BLUE LINE PHOTOGRAPHY**" and we are pleased to say that Kris and Danielle will be taking all our photos, hopefully outside and not in the "traditional" school pose!

### **GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK**

I would like to wish our Year 6 children all the very best as they move onto the next stage in their education.

It has been a real pleasure to teach and to get to know them all and we all wish them luck in everything they do in the future.



### **END OF SCHOOL YEAR**

**SCHOOL CLOSSES ON FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY AT THE USUAL TIME OF 3.20pm and 3.30pm FOR NURSERY.**



**THE CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL ON:**

**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

On behalf of myself and all the staff in school, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a safe and peaceful break.

Your new Headteacher - Mrs Catherine Green- will be waiting to welcome everyone back to school in September. She can't wait to meet you all and work alongside you in the future.

Keep safe and well.

Happy holiday!

Miss Marsh

