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Autumn Term**

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Christmas Dates

Monday 9th December—KS1 Nativity Dress rehearsal— Parents who need to bring pre-schoolers to attend this performance.

Tuesday 10th December—KS1 Nativity 1:45—doors open at 1:30

Wednesday 11th December—KS1 Nativity 1:45—doors open at 1:30

Thursday 12th December—Christmas jumper and Christmas Dinner in school (please make sure you have pre ordered this meal)

Thursday 12th December—PTA Movie and SANTA (after School)

Friday 20th December—Class Christmas Parties & last day of term.



Our value this term is ;

HOPE

As we lead up to a very busy few weeks—I felt it important to get all the significant dates out to you so you are well prepared. I am very much looking forward to spending my first Advent Season at All Saints.

Today we started with the 1st day of Advent in collective worship - focusing on our value for this term—HOPE.

Each week children will be given a challenge to make or bring something into school. This week pupils have been asked to make an Angel for the Christmas tree in the hallway.

The KS1 pupils are practicing hard for the nativity play which is running next week—make sure you have sorted your tickets for this event—please come and see the ladies in the office if you need any help.

As the weather changes please ensure that your children come to school with a coat and hat/gloves/scarf when colder. We are not expecting snow however if there is snow and the school is not opening you will receive a message (email) to let you know. You can also listen to the local radio stations. We will not provide work for this day please spend time enjoying this rare occasion.

Please note—We have been noted by BROMCOM that pupils having pasta have not been charged for their meals—this has now been rectified -please check your dinner balance and clear this as soon as possible.—Thank you.

All Saints' Advent Challenges

Our advent theme this year is
HOPE – PEACE – JOY – LOVE
Each week has a different challenge for you to get involved in!

All Saints' Advent Challenges Week 1

How can you bring HOPE to others?

- Make an angel for one of our Christmas trees in school.

This reminds us of the message Mary received from the Angel that God was with her and that her Son would be the Light of the World.

All Saints' Advent Challenges Week 2

How can you bring PEACE to others?

- Make a Christmas card for an elderly neighbour or someone who might feel lonely at this time of year.

This reminds us of the difficult journey Mary & Joseph took and how they searched for a safe place to stay. Mary gave birth to Jesus in the stable but later he would be known as 'The Prince of Peace'.

All Saints' Advent Challenges Weeks 3 & 4

How can you share JOY & LOVE to others?

Do things that you LOVE & bring JOY to you and involve your family - this could be playing games, going to the park, playing sport, watching a film together etc.

This reminds us of the joy of birth of Jesus and that God loves us he sent Jesus to bring HOPE, PEACE, JOY & LOVE to the world.

CHRISTMAS NAME THE TEDDY

£2 A GO

This Christmas we would like to support a local charity. Just George is a special named fund, funding research into childhood cancer, with the Childhood Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG).

Join our 'Christmas Name the Teddy'.
With a £2 donation, you can nominate a name for our teddy by completing a slip. All nominations will be put you into a prize draw.

In the last week of term, Miss Hammond will pull out a name from the prize draw and the winner will get to take the Christmas Teddy home, after successfully naming it.

Pop into Reception for a nomination slip and to meet the teddy.

We hope you will support and join us in this festive activity.

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Friends of All Saints' School PTA

Sweets/Ice lollies for sale after school

Friday 8th Nov

6th Dec, 10th Jan, 7th Feb, 7th Mar, 4th Apr, 2nd May, 6th Jun, 4th Jul

Attendance Ladder

0 days	100%	Outstanding!	★
4 days	98%	Very good	★
7 days	96%	Good	★
10 days	95%	Almost there	★
11 days	94%	Improvement Needed	
20 days	90%	We are concerned	
29 days	85%	We are very concerned	

Number of school days missed

If attendance falls below 90% you are a Persistent Absentee and will be referred to the Educational Welfare Service in order to improve attendance.

What does my child's % attendance mean?

Attendance W/C 25/11/2024

Whole school— 92.3%

Year 1—92.7 %

Year 2—88.3 %

Year 3—93.2%

Year 4—93.3 %

Year 5—88.3%

Year 6—97.9%

Well done to Year 6 who had the highest attendance last week. Please make sure your child is in school unless they are really poorly. I am aware the chicken pox has been going around reception class and Year 2.