



'An outstanding example of a Church school' SIAS 2003

'All Saints Infant School is an outstanding school' OFSTED 2007

'The school's performance has been sustained' Interim assessment OFSTED 2010

'The school's distinctiveness and effectiveness as a Church school is outstanding' SIAS 2012

'This is an outstanding school' OFSTED 2013

'Outstanding' SIAMS 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 25th March 2022

I hope you have enjoyed the wonderful weather we have had this week! The children have certainly enjoyed playing together in the sunshine in our new outdoor spaces. I would like to start by thanking all parents who have attended our recent workshops and events, which have taken place in school. It has been a pleasure to welcome parents back into our school and we will look forward to continuing to do so. Next week we will be welcoming our Year One parents in for our phonics workshops. Please remember to book your place using the link on the email sent earlier this week (Year one only).

Climate Champions

After a democratic voting process our climate champions have now been selected. Congratulations to Codey, Ellen, Alfie, Holly, Tobias, Daisy, Rogan, Alfie, William, Joey, Noah, Ava, Alan, Eleanor, Stanley, Harry, Theo and Bentley. Our Climate Champions are currently talking to their class about the WWF Earth Hour which will be taking place on Saturday 26th March at 8.30pm-9.30pm (you could always do this a little earlier!) and how even small actions can make big differences. During Earth Hour you can help at home by:

- Switching off lights
- Enjoying a meat free meal by candlelight
- Turn off devices (phone, iPad, computer, etc) and play together.

Our Climate Champion, Theo, has also enjoyed sharing his home research about Earth Day, which will be taking place on 22nd April 2022. Further information about this event can be found on the website:

<https://www.earthday.org>

All Saints Awards

We would like to introduce our 'All Saints Awards' to you. Through this initiative we will be encouraging our children to work towards gaining awards linked to a number of important themes such as charity, community, health etc.

We are starting with our 'Environment Award.' To gain this award we would like the children to think about how they can help our environment. Here are some possible activities your child could do (or they can think of their own):

- Litter picking in your local area / outside your house
- Helping with the gardening and planting some seeds or a new plant
- Recycle and find out about the correct bins to use when doing so. They could make a poster to help others to do this
- Join in with Earth Hour or Earth Day
- Making a bird feeder/ bird house and then do some bird watching

We would love your child to share any completed activities back in school so please feel free to send photographs via email or through our school Twitter page. Once your child has completed an activity to help our environment they will be presented with their first award back in school.

Names in school uniform

The start of the warmer weather means that the children are playing out on the school field. However, it is also a time when school uniform items get misplaced when they take off their cardigans and sweatshirts. Please can you help by checking that your child's name is written clearly inside their uniform and on all of their school belongings. Thank you.

School reading books and library books

We have noticed that a few of our new school reading books have unfortunately been damaged due to spilt water from water bottles in book bags. Please can we ask that you remind your child to not place their water bottle



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inside their book bags. We will be asking for contributions to pay for any lost or damaged reading or library books to replace these to make sure that all children have access to a well-supplied stock of books.

Parking and road safety

Following another incident on York Villas at pick up time, please can we remind all parents/carers to park considerately, be courteous to our neighbours and respectful of their property when parking near school. Please be extra vigilant when moving your vehicle. There have also been reports of older children not being supervised at both the rear and front of school at home time. We would ask you to remember all children should be supervised whilst on or near school premises.

Reminders about absence from school

- ✓ Please telephone the main school office before 9.15am if your child is unable to attend school that day. Please give a reason for this absence so that we can mark this on our registers. If we do not hear from you or a family member regarding your child's absence our school office team will telephone you on your child's first day of absence.
- ✓ We are concerned about the number of pupils who are not meeting our target of 96% attendance. Individual attendance will continue to be closely monitored alongside our Education Welfare Officer. If you require any support or need further advice regarding your child's attendance please speak with Mrs Ballance. Thank you.

Easter Celebrations

We know many of you enjoy making things at home with your child so we hope you will join in with our Easter Parade and celebrations which will be held in school on Wednesday 6th April.



We hope all children will choose to join in by making one or more of the following things at home ~

- ☺ **A bonnet, a hat or a tie** decorated at home and brought into school to wear during the parade. Please can you make sure this is clearly marked with your child's name particularly bonnets or hats as children will need to take them off after the parade for safekeeping until home time.
- ☺ **An Easter garden.** This is an opportunity to make a small garden on a tray, showing the parts of the Easter story from the Bible e.g. an area showing the cross; an area showing the tomb and the rolled away stone; an area showing signs of new life such as spring flowers, chicks, lambs
- ☺ **A decorated egg.** Let your imagination and humour run wild but please remember to hard boil your egg first!
- ☺ Miss Hargrave and Miss Williams will also provide some Easter activity sheets for all pupils to complete. There will be prize winners from each class. On the morning of the parade there will be tables set out in the hall for your child to place their decorated egg and Easter garden for judging later that day. Please can children wear their hats, ties or bonnets into class. The Easter bunny will also be leaving a special Easter treat for every child!

Nursery pupils The nursery pupils will have an Easter parade and party in the nursery, not in main school. We hope that all children will join in the parade by making a bonnet, hat or tie. They can also make an Easter garden or decorate an egg. All activities will take place in the nursery unit, **not in main school.**

Easter Service This will take place in Church on Friday 8th April at 9.15am for pupils in main school only. Family and friends are very welcome to join us. Miss Beal's class will be leading the Easter service. During the service, we will be having a collection to support the children and families suffering from the events in the Ukraine. All pupils will bring home an envelope along with this newsletter which we hope they will decorate on the front and then include a small donation for this charity. Please can all pupils bring their envelope back to Church on Friday 8th April. At the end of the Easter service, all pupils will also receive a palm cross to take home.

School will close for the Easter break on Friday 8th April at 2pm and will re-open on Monday 25th April.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and a Happy Mothering Sunday. I hope you all have a well-deserved relaxing day.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Amy Stone
Headteacher



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