



The Diocese of Leeds: City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

## Normanton All Saints CE (A) Infant School

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'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/ Carers,

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

We've had another fabulous week in school celebrating National Storytelling Week. It has been wonderful to see lots of parents and families joining in with the story time sessions and also at our reading cafes.

### Let's Connect

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and we will be celebrating this in school in a number of ways including:

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February-** Our whole school worship time for main school children will be exploring this year's theme 'Let's Connect.'
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February-** 'Dress to Express'. Children can come dressed in their favourite clothes or the clothes they feel most comfortable in. We are asking for £1 donation to help purchase our buddy bench playground canopy.
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February-** The children in main school will have the chance to connect with their friends by playing together and joining in with a range of board games and jigsaws. If your child has a favourite board game or jigsaw they would like to bring in to school on Friday to share with a friend they are welcome to do so. Please do make sure this is labelled with your child's full name and place this in a carrier bag. Thank you!
- Finally watch out for photographs on our Twitter page of our whole school jigsaw (over 250 piece jigsaw!) which will be built in the school hall!
- More information on Children's Mental Health week for parents and families can be found at <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

### Phonic drop in session

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February we are inviting our Upper Foundation Stage parents in to watch their child taking part in their morning phonics session. The phonics session will begin at 8.55am. This will be followed by a phonics meeting in the school hall led by Mrs Bond, our literacy specialist. We hope you will take the time to join us in school for this. We are really pleased with how the children are progressing in their phonics and reading and I am sure you will be too when you see them in action!

### Parent pupil progress meetings

These will take place the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Your child's class teacher will share information about how well your child is progressing across areas of the curriculum, their next steps and also show you some of their work. Please take the opportunity to book an appointment on the Google form which you will have received by email. The class teacher will then confirm your time slot by sending you a confirmation slip. Thank you in advance for your support.



## World Book Day

World Book Day will take place next half term on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. On this day we are inviting all children (and staff!) to come dressed as their favourite book character! The World Book Day website has some great ideas and tips to help with dressing up costumes ([World Book Day Dress Up Ideas](#)). Alongside this newsletter your child will also have come home with a book token to use to purchase a FREE book. The book tokens are valid from **Thursday 16 February to Sunday 26 March 2023**.

*'Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success - more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. Spending just 10 minutes a day reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference to their future success and it's fun for all involved.'* (World Book Day)

## School Committee Pyramid Meeting

The School Committee had a great time on Monday visiting Normanton Junior Academy where they met the Mayor of Normanton, Town Councillors and also members of the Well. They were superb ambassadors for our school and they confidently shared their ideas and suggestions about how to continue to make Normanton a great place to live. During the meeting they found out that The Well are currently low of the supplies they have for their food bank. With this in mind, the School Committee will be placing a 'drop box' outside the school office where families can place items for the food bank, including tins or packets of food. Thank you. I know this will be greatly received by The Well.

## Lateness

Please can I remind all parents that our school registers are taken promptly each day at 8.45am. We open our doors earlier each morning at 8.40am to allow an early and settled start to the day. We serve warm bagels to all children as they enter the classroom and phonics and reading sessions start at 8.50am. It is important that children arrive at school on time and are therefore ready to learn.

## Cost of living

We understand the difficulties families are currently facing due to the increased cost of living. In response to the crisis, Cash for Kids are providing schools with the opportunity to apply for a new fund to provide emergency essentials that support the physical and mental well-being of children who are struggling the most. If you are currently struggling and feel you may be eligible for this please ask to talk with Mrs Ballance to find out more.

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember our classroom doors are always open at the end of the school day if you have any questions or concerns for your child's class teacher. Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A Stone.

Mrs A Stone  
Headteacher

