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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

Our Christian
Value for this
half term is ...

Perseverance

'Respect ... Empower ... Grow!'

Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 20th January 2023

Industrial Strike Action

As you may be aware the National Education Union (for teachers) has announced that they will be taking industrial action on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Tuesday 28th February
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

I would like to inform parents that, although we do have some teachers who will be joining in with the strike action, I will be taking all reasonable steps in the aim to keep the school open for all pupils. In order to do this safely this may involve changes to the usual timetable and the activities planned and also deploying school staff or supply staff to teach. I will continue to keep you updated as we approach the above dates. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Thrive Parent Course

Miss Hutchinson and Mrs Ballance are our qualified Thrive practitioners in school. They will be soon leading a family Thrive course in school for parents/ family members to attend. This will be a six-week course starting on Thursday 2nd February at 9am. We are inviting parents to come along to the course to find out about the Thrive approach, how our brains develop, how to support your child at times of change and difficulty, how to spot triggers and how to stay calm. Places are limited so please complete the Google form as soon as this is sent. If you want any further information please do not hesitate to ask in school. The dates for the parent course are as follows:

- Thursday 2nd February, Thursday 9th February, Thursday 23rd February, Thursday 2nd March, Thursday 9th March and Thursday 16th March

Children's Mental Health Week

We will be joining in with Children's Mental Health Week, which will take place 6th- 12th February. This year's theme is 'Let's Connect', which is all about children connecting with family, friends and others in healthy and meaningful ways. Our Happiness Ambassadors and Playground Buddies will be leading a 'Let's Connect' day on Friday 10th February, which will involve children working and playing together to complete puzzles, games and activities. On this day we are also inviting the whole school to come dressed in their favourite clothes in a 'dress down' day for a small donation of £1. The money raised will help purchase an outdoor canopy for our playground 'buddy bench.'



Nursery places

We still have nursery places available after Easter. If you, or anyone you know, has a child who turned 3 years of age between January & March 2023 please call the school office to find out how to apply for a nursery place starting after Easter 2023. Visits to our nursery and main school are also warmly welcomed.

Gymnastics certificates

I am pleased to say that our main school children are thoroughly enjoying their weekly gymnastics sessions led by Holly Rowney and Joe Woodhouse from Normanton Sports Acro (NSA). All our Upper Foundation Stage pupils have been assessed to be confident in the NSA pre-school beginners award and our Year 1 and Year 2 children have achieved the NSA Level 1 award. If you would like to purchase a NSA gymnastics certificate for your child please send £2 in a clearly named envelope by next Friday 27th January. Thank you.

Upcoming dates and events for this half term

- **Wednesday 25th January**- Mrs Bond's class worship at 9am in the school hall. Parents and family members welcome.
- **Friday 27th January**- Year 1 maths meeting for parents at 2.30pm in the school hall.
- **Monday 30th January**- The School Committee will be meeting members of Normanton Town Council alongside other schools in our local pyramid.
- **Tuesday 31st January**- Miss Gallagher's class worship at 9am in the school hall.
- **Storytime and reading cafes.** Parents are invited to join their child in class at 3pm for story time and our reading café on these dates:
Upper Foundation Stage at Tuesday 31st January
Year 1 on Wednesday 1st February
Year 2 on Thursday 2nd February
Nursery on Friday 3rd February at 11.15am (morning pupils) and 3.15pm (afternoon pupils)
- **Wednesday 1st February**- Mrs Dixon's class worship at 9am in the school hall. Parents and family members welcome. This will not be affected by the proposed strike action.
- **Monday 6th February**- 'Phonics drop ins' for Upper Foundation Stage parents at 8.50am. Parents can join their child for their daily phonics session. This will be followed by a phonics meeting in the hall.
- **Tuesday 7th February**- Miss Ackroyd's class worship at 9am in the school hall. Parents and family members welcome.
- **Wednesday 8th February**- Mrs Wood-Stones class worship at 9am in the school hall. Parents and family members welcome.

Alongside this newsletter you will have also been sent our 'Values at Home' newsletter. We hope you enjoy spending the time with your child talking about our Christian Value of Perseverance.

Please remember our doors are always open. If you have any questions or you are concerned about your child, please do speak with your class teacher at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amy Stone
Headteacher