



Welcome back everyone!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 6th September 2024

Firstly, welcome back to everyone from what has been a well- deserved summer break. We would like to give a warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children and their families who have joined our school family. It has been wonderful to see how all the children have settled in so well.

This year we also welcome Miss McDermott and Miss Dutton to our teaching team. They are excited for the year ahead and we are sure they will make a positive difference to the children they teach. Please pop in and say hello and introduce yourself!

Thank you to the staff for their hard work in making sure everything was ready for September. Our classrooms look wonderful and are ready for all our children to be safe, happy and enjoy learning! Also, a big thank you to Mr Bond for his hard work over the summer holidays. He has worked tirelessly to give some of our outdoor spaces a makeover!

As a school family we will continue to live out our vision '**Respect, Empower, Grow**' as we love, care and encourage each other. We believe that our children are unique and capable and this year we are looking forward to encouraging them all to put on their brightest colours and be proud of who they are.

Autumn term diary dates and other information

Alongside this newsletter, please find the diary dates which have been set for the full Autumn term. I hope you appreciate receiving these in advance so that these can be placed in your diary. We have some wonderful events planned and will look forward to seeing you there.

Further information regarding the events will be sent nearer the time via newsletters or by email/ text message. Dates will also be uploaded soon onto our school website (www.allsaintsinfantsnormanton.co.uk).

Our Year One and Year Two children will have also brought home a pupil information form. Please can you make sure this is completed and returned back to school as soon as possible. It is important that we make sure that we have up to date contact information for all of our children. All our families will also receive two copies of our home school agreement. Please read and sign this and hand one copy back into school. Please take the time to have a look at our school vision on the back of this booklet.

New to year group meetings for parents

We are inviting parents to attend our year group welcome meetings. These will be led by the teachers and will take place in the school hall on the following dates:

- Nursery welcome meeting- Tuesday 24th September at 4.30pm (main school hall)
- Reception (Upper Foundation Stage) welcome meeting- Friday 20th September at 9am (school hall)
- Year One welcome meeting- Thursday 19th September at 9am (school hall)
- Year Two welcome meeting- Tuesday 17th September at 9am (school hall)

Start of the school day at Normanton All Saints

Our classroom doors open at 8.35am ready for a prompt start to learning at 8.45am. Our gates will close at 8.45am. All children need to arrive to school on time.



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Our staff look forward to welcoming the children positively on the door each morning and as part of our morning routine children choose how they wish to be greeted. This can be with a hug, a hand shake, a fist pump or a high five! We also offer breakfast bagels at the start of the day and the children enjoy listening to and moving along to a piece of music. We aim that our children start their day in a calm and encouraging way and we use positive messages such as 'I am special' 'I am brave' to remind them how they need to be their best version of their self! Please can we encourage you to similarly greet your child at the end of the school day with a smile and a chat about their day, putting mobile phones away to give them your full attention. Thank you.

Thank you to our new parents for your patience at the start of the school day as we know it can be very busy and congested around the Reception classroom doors. Please can we politely ask that you encourage your child to go into their classroom door on their own to build their confidence and independence. This will also make sure that the safety of all children is prioritised. Thank you.

PE Days PE will take place on the following days. Nursery children do not need a PE kit.

Upper Foundation Stage / Reception	Year One	Year Two
Bees and Giraffes- Monday Turtles- Tuesday <i>The reception children will come to school dressed in their PE kits and do not need their school uniform on this day</i>	Monday & Thursday <i>PE kits need to be brought in and stay in school</i>	Tuesday & Friday <i>PE kits need to be brought in and stay in school</i>

School uniform, equipment and lunchtimes

It is lovely to see the children returning to school looking so smart and proud in their school uniform. Thank you in advance for making sure our school uniform policy is followed at all times. If you haven't already done so, please could you take the time to make sure your child's full name is included in all items of school uniform and their belongings.

Each day your child will need to bring their bookbag with them as well as a water bottle filled with only still plain water. We do not allow juice, fizzy drinks or flavoured water. Children who have a packed lunch at lunchtimes will not need a further drink as they are also provided with water to drink. Please can we ask that a healthy packed lunch is provided and that no chocolate or sweets are included in here. Our school lunch menus are also available on the website for you to share with your child. If you have any questions around lunchtimes please just call in and speak with the class teacher.

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team includes: **Mrs Stone (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Miss Hargrave (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Ballance, Mrs Bellis, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Dixon**

We have a duty of care to protect all our children and our families. If you wanted to speak with a member of the team, please just contact the school office. We have lots of information available on our school website for parents including useful resources or links. Mrs Ballance, our learning mentor, is always happy to help and provide any support or advice to families.

Thank you

On behalf of the staff, we would like to thank you for your support. We will look forward to working with you all and we wish each family a wonderful year at Normanton All Saints. Please remember that the door is always open and if you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your child's class teacher.

We would like to wish every child a year full of happiness, friendship and hope. Remember you are capable of achieving great things and we look forward to watching you grow and flourish! I (alongside Miss Hargrave) will continue to lead the school proudly and with continued success.

Yours sincerely,

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 Mrs A Stone
 Headteacher

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 Acting Headteacher



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