

All Saints C of E Infant School & Nursery Unit Weekly Newsletter



Friday 7 January 2011

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and nursery. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year and the children feel ready for the new term.

Tissues - As it is the season for lots of coughs and colds, we would be grateful if each child could bring a box of tissues in to school. This will really help prevent the spread of germs. Please hand them in to your child's Teaching Assistant. Thank you.

Nursery Places - We do still have a couple of spaces in our nursery this January. If your child was 3 on or before 31 December, please come in to the school office for an application form. This year we may also have a limited number of places at Easter, so if you or anyone you know is interested, please make sure they fill in an application form asap.

Reception places (September 2011) – don't forget that the closing date to apply for your child's place is **17 January 2011**. You should apply directly to the Local Authority.

Breakfast/After School Club - We are really pleased that parents are using this club, but we are still assessing demand. If you do want your child to attend regularly, please book at the beginning of each month for the whole month. Also, if you are using the club on a "one-off" basis, please try to book **24 hours in advance**. This helps Mrs Randle when planning cover for the next day. Thank you.

Holiday dates – Please see overleaf for holiday dates for this year. Also, please note our two training days on 27 and 28 April, followed by the bank holiday on Fri 29 April (for the royal wedding). As in previous years, we may also be closed for local elections on 5 May 2011. We will advise of dates when this is confirmed.

Safeguarding

Facebook Reminder - We have been advised by Warwickshire LA that, in everyone's interest, staff members are advised not to have parents as friends on Facebook. If you are on a member of staff's Facebook page and the member of staff deletes you from their "friends" list, **please do not take this personally**, we are merely following guidance from the Local Authority.

This Year's Motto Text

"Let us fix our eyes upon Jesus" Hebrews 12 v.2

As we clear away the last of the Christmas debris let's remember not to put Jesus away with the decorations until next December. It is important in the days and weeks ahead to know that He is a friend who is always there for us. In assemblies this week we have encouraged the children to walk in Jesus' footsteps, treating others as we would like to be treated ourselves and remembering that He is the most precious gift of Christmas.

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Reception places (September 2011) – don't forget that the closing date to apply for your child's place is **This Monday 17 January 2011**. You should already have applied directly to the Local Authority. Please note that if you do not apply promptly your child's name will be considered as a late application and will go to the bottom of the pile.

A date for your diary – 2011 marks the 200th anniversary of the introduction of Church Schools and as part of the celebrations, we will be holding a special service in school on **9th February**. More details to follow.

Tissues - As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we would be grateful if each child could bring a box of tissues in to school. This will really help prevent the spread of germs (see safeguarding box). Please hand them in to your child's Teaching Assistant. Thank you.



Safeguarding

We have been asked by the Health Protection Agency, to encourage all those eligible for the flu vaccine to take it up by contacting their GP, especially people with any kind of long-term medical condition, people with compromised immune systems and pregnant women. The factsheet accompanying this newsletter lists those who are eligible and you can also find further information at www.nhs.uk or www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk.

Those people with long-term medical conditions or pregnant women should seek medical advice if symptoms become severe or last more than about a week. They should contact NHS Direct on 0845 4647 or their own GP.

Key points to remember are:

- (i) **the importance of hand hygiene**, eg:
 - wash hands frequently with soap and water and dry thoroughly
 - avoid touching surfaces (such as door handles) and then the face
 - cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and dispose of used/dirty tissues in a bin – **'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'**

- (ii) **children and staff that are ill should stay away from school and not return until they are symptom free.**

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Dear Parents and Carers

Nursery Places – Easter 2011 Intake

We will be sending out offer letters to parents next FRIDAY. You do still have time to put your child's name on our list if they were 3 years old between 1 September and 31 December 2010, but **please be quick** or you may miss your opportunity!

We are also taking names for next September, so please put your child's name down now.

Uniforms

All sizes can now be purchased from Toye Kenning and Spencer, based on Newtown Road. Parents can now only purchase book bags from the school office.

Uniform Sale! Thursday 27 January 3.00pm – 4.00pm

We have a **limited stock** of the jade green sweatshirts, cardigans and white embroidered polo shirts (second hand and new). We will be selling these items at vastly reduced rates, on a first come, first served basis. The sale will take place in the school hall and **everything must go!**



Late Arrivals

We seem to have a small number of children who are continually arriving late each morning. Obviously there may be occasions when something prevents you from getting here on time, and we understand this. However, **school starts at 8.55am and Assembly starts at 9.00am prompt**. Please try and get here on time as lateness disrupts school and children do not have a good start to the day if they miss registration. Thank you.

“Triple P” Positive Parenting Programme

Please see our noticeboard or come in to school for a leaflet about this **FREE** course. This will take place at Wheelwright Lane Primary School, from 24th Jan – 15th Feb (9.15 – 11.15am).

Safeguarding

Please make sure we have up to date contact details for you in school. If you change your details or want to add anyone to our system, please make sure that you tell the office. Also, if your child is ill, please don't forget that **we ask you to ring on the first day of absence**. Thank you

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