



All Saints Notices

12th May 2023

Your regular notice informing you of important things coming up, reminders, polite requests to help our school run even more smoothly and opportunities to celebrate some of our children's achievements.

Staffing Announcement

Sadly, today is Mrs Sharpe's last day in the office at All Saints School. We will be really sorry to see her go as she has been amazing and we wish her well in her new role.

We are delighted, however, to be able to announce that we have appointed Mrs Bacos as our new school secretary, starting after half term, on Monday 5th June. Mrs Bacos has been working closely with Mrs Sharpe this week, so you may even have already met her. We are really looking forward to welcoming Mrs Bacos onto the team and into our lovely school community and we are sure children, parents, staff and governors will make her feel most welcome.

Please be understanding and patient in the meantime though – this means we have two school weeks without a member of staff dedicated to the office. We will be covering this role as best we can between admin staff, teaching assistants and Mr Whiteland. You can imagine this won't be easy in a busy school environment, so please, wherever you can, e-mail the office on admin@datchworth.herts.sch.uk or leave a message on the answer phone. We will get back to you when we can, but understand we will not always be available to answer the telephone. So, please don't keep trying without leaving a message! We appreciate any help and understanding during this two-week period. Then, we look forward to welcoming Mrs Bacos into the office on Monday 5th June, when children return to school, following May Half Term.

Walk to School Week - 15th to 19th May



Next week it is national Walk to School Week. Please encourage all our pupils to try and walk, cycle or scoot to school during this week. If it is not possible to walk all the way, then it would be great if you could 'park and stride' by parking away from school and walking the last part of your journey.



Walking Health Facts

- Walking is free, natural, green, inclusive and a sustainable form of transport.
- Walking does not produce excess carbon dioxide or fumes or noise pollution
- Walking just one step, you use over 200 muscles
- Walking is great for keeping in shape, it is an aerobic exercise, keeping your heart and lungs healthy, as well as using oxygen more efficiently.
- Walking a mile burns around the same amount of calories as running a mile, although of course it takes longer!
- Walkers who walk at a good pace will find they're less often short of breath and are more energetic.

Walk to School Week - Early morning exercise sessions next week



National Walk to School Week commences on Monday. We will be encouraging those families who usually drive to school each day to try and "park and stride" their way into school. **Mr Whiteland will be hosting an exercise session open to all from 8:45am each morning except for Wednesday, in the playground to get the children motivated during this week.**



'Wow!' Now that's what I call learning



Class 6 has worked exceedingly hard this week completing their KS2 SAT test papers. They have tackled the papers with resilience and have all given it their best effort. We are very proud of them all. Thank you for the support you have given your child during this time and throughout the year.

In other year groups there have also been various assessments taking place this week and next. We would like to say a big WELL DONE to all the children for their efforts and hard work. They make us so proud every day with their enthusiasm for learning and we are sure this fabulous work ethic will shine through in their assessment results.

Bible Focus

For this half term, our Christian value is **Friendship** and this week our Bible focus has been John 10: 1-10, The Good Shepherd. Next week, for our Bible focus we will be looking at John 14: 1-14, I am the way, the truth...

PTA Sponsored Run - Monday 15th May

There is still time to get some more sponsors over the weekend for the PTA Fun Run taking place this Monday. The Fun Run will take place on the sports field (opposite school) and children will be accompanied at all times.



This event is one of the biggest fundraisers for the PTA so please help support this by collecting as many sponsors as possible. Every penny raised helps parents and our school hugely with learning resources, trips, workshops, coach fees, computing equipment - the list goes on and we are so very grateful to the PTA and to everyone who supports the amazing job they do. A copy of the sponsorship form is attached and if you would like another hard copy, please stop by the school office to collect one.

****Please can all children come to school wearing their PE kits and trainers suitable for running outside****

Thank you for all your support and lets see if we can break the record for funds raised this year!
Datchworth School PTA

Class 6 visiting The Globe Theatre, London - Wednesday 17th May

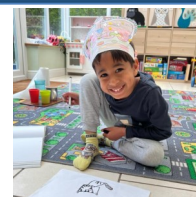


As some light relief and to complement our work on Shakespeare, Class 6 will be visiting The Globe Theatre, London, on Wednesday 17th May. Please ensure children are in full uniform, with a packed lunch and plenty of water. Please make sure to pack a waterproof jacket just in case. Traffic dependent, we anticipate returning to school by 6:40pm. Please keep an eye on our twitter feed [@allsauntsdatch](https://twitter.com/allsauntsdatch), which can be viewed on our website, for regular updates on our expected time to arrive back at school. Thank you to the PTA for kindly subsidising this visit.

This is me!



Kiaan is a happy, polite and enthusiastic member of Class 1. He always tries his best at everything he does. At home, Kiaan really enjoys playing football with his brother. He is clearly developing great skills, as he delighted in telling us how he 'nutmegged' a goal past his brother. Kiaan supports Liverpool and loves to wear his Liverpool kit. Kiaan is also learning to swim and it sounds like he is not afraid to try all the activities in the pool.



Kiaan has a fantastic friendship with his older brother Aryan and loves to go on bike rides with him and to practise football. Kiaan is from a musical family and plays the piano, guitar and ukelele at home. He is hoping to start piano lessons at school soon. He also enjoys colouring and drawing and he impresses us with how he colours with such care and creativity. Kiaan has such a big smile that matches his kind and happy nature; he is always a pleasure to be around.



Year 3 - Visit from King Henry VIII - Wednesday 17th May



On Wednesday, King Henry VIII and courtiers will be coming to All Saints to visit Year 3. The King will provide an insight into what life was like under his reign and what would be expected of the pupils as his subjects. The children will have the opportunity to offer the King a gift of their song as an attempt to lift his sombre mood as he contemplates the events of his life. We are sure the King will perk up after hearing Year 3's beautiful voices. Thank you to the PTA for contributing to the costs of the King's visit, which promises to be an enjoyable learning experience for the children.

Outdoor Classroom Day - Thursday 18th May

On Thursday 18th May, the whole school will be taking part in 'National Outdoor Classroom Day'. This is an opportunity for children and teachers to make the most of outdoor learning in our beautiful school grounds and local environment.



Some children may be going on local walks, while others will be staying closer to school. Many activities may be weather dependent, but please make sure that your child comes with appropriate footwear, waterproof clothing, or sunhat (and sun cream applied) if necessary. We are very much looking forward to spending as much of the day as possible outside!

The children will have their class photos taken in the morning before the outdoor learning begins.

Class Photo - Thursday 18th May



The class photographs will be taking place on Thursday 18th May. On this day, we ask that all children are in full school uniform, with their white shirt and jumper bearing the school logo. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase these photos.

If this day is usually a PE day for your child, please can he/she bring their PE kit with them in a bag to change into later during the day.

PJ Day - Friday 19th May



On Friday, the children are invited to come into school wearing their PJs. On this day, we will be raising money in support of our Nepal School Partnership and we kindly request a suggested donation of £2. There will be some PJ Day related activities, but please make sure what your child is wearing is warm enough and practical. Please do not bring teddies in and keep them safe at home.

Thank you for your thoughts on the PE Zoodie

We have received extremely positive feedback about the new PE Zoodie and thank you for this. Based on your comments, the Zoodie will now become part of our optional PE kit from September. This will help keep children warm during the colder outdoor PE sessions and it looks really smart. Please be aware that this is for PE use only and is not to be worn inside for lessons in place of our school jumper. Let's look forward to seeing children starting to 'sport' this in the Autumn term!



Aluminium Recycling Project



Our eco-warriors with the help of Miss Eaton and Mr Inwood are aiming to raise some funds for future projects by recycling our waste aluminium. We will be collecting clean aluminium drink cans, food containers and aluminium foil. So please collect up these items at home and bring them to school. Keep a look out for the blue wheelie bin which will be out in the playground every morning, by the cabin for you to place your aluminium in, or if you use the 'stop n drop' in the mornings, please hand your items to Mr Inwood. Many thanks in advance for your time and help with this.



Save the date for the Summer Fete!

If you haven't already, please make sure you add Saturday 1st July to your diaries for the PTA's biggest event of the year - The Summer Fete! It's not to be missed and is always such a fun day enjoyed by all. Families and friends are all welcome, so spread the word!

Year 4 and 5 - Swimming lessons on Mondays

Please remember your child (Year 4 and 5 children) needs to bring his/her swimming kit for swimming lessons on Mondays.

INSET Day - Friday 26th May and Half Term

Please remember that Friday 26th May is an INSET Day and school will be closed.

The May Half Term begins week commencing Monday 29th May.

Children will return to school on Monday 5th June.

Attachments

Please find attached:

- PTA Sponsorship Form
- Rising Star Wraparound Club Flyer.
- Burnham Green Village Hall—Drawing Competition.