



All Saints Notices

24th March 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.

Shaking Up Shakespeare- Year 6 Workshop

To help celebrate Shakespeare Week and to bring 'The Scottish Play' to life, our Year 6 children took part in an acting workshop on Monday afternoon to explore the characters and plot of Macbeth. The children were absolutely brilliant, taking part with chanting, acting, highland dancing and some incredible improvisation, including swooning, chase scenes and sword fights. Anthony Glenn, who runs the 'Shaking up Shakespeare' workshop, was very impressed with the enthusiasm shown and with the questions the children asked afterwards about Macbeth and more generally about the acting profession. His advice to the children was to overcome their fears, chase their dreams and try to be resilient on their chosen path. Well done Year 6, for making the workshop so much fun, and to the PTA for your support with costs.



Year 3-'Fossils Rock!' & Year 4-'Ancient Egypt'

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed the Hertford Museum 'Fossils Rock' workshop on Wednesday. The children had the opportunity to handle a variety of different igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks, some of which they were familiar with and some of which they weren't, for example, iron pyrite (fool's gold) and mica (which we discovered is used in many makeup products!).



They were then able to handle several different fossils, such as ammonites, coral, ferns, a section of tree trunk and bark, sea creatures and even some fossilised poo, which we discovered has its very own fossil name - coprolite! The most spectacular fossil we saw was a megalodon's tooth - it was huge and very, very old! The children learnt such a lot from being able to handle these objects and observe them so closely. It really was a wonderful learning experience and definitely one to remember.



Year 4 took part in an Ancient Egyptian workshop, led by Hertford Museum. The children had the opportunity to learn all about the mummification process and even got to pull brains out of a nose! It was extremely fun, interactive and a great experience. They can't wait to learn more about Ancient Egypt after Easter during their topic lessons.



Easter Service with Reverend Susannah - Thursday 30th March

On Thursday 30th, the whole school will join together at All Saints Church for the Easter Service with Reverend Susannah. We look forward to celebrating Easter together. Due to the limited space in All Saints Church, we are unable to invite family members to join us, as we can only accommodate staff and pupils (at a squeeze!).

Friday 31st March - Break the Rules Day



On **Friday** (the last day of term), 'Break the Rules Day' will be taking place. Children can choose from the list of rules that can be broken, which can be viewed on the attached flyer. It will be £1 to break 2 rules, £1.50 to break 3 rules and £2 to break 4 rules. Please can children bring their payment with them on Friday morning. The children always enjoy this day and we hope they will take part again and support the PTA.

YOU CAN BREAK

4 RULES FOR £2.00
3 RULES FOR £1.50
2 RULES FOR £1.00

BRING YOUR MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE ON THE MORNING OF BREAK THE RULES DAY

1. Wear nail varnish
2. Funky socks/tights
3. Wear trainers
4. Temporary Tattoos
5. Squash in water bottle
6. Glitter make-up
7. Wear a hoodie
8. Wear PJ's
9. Bring a cuddly toy
10. Bring a snack (no nuts)

Bible Focus

For this half term, our Christian value is **Forgiveness**. This week our Bible focus has been Exodus 2: 1-10 Moses' Mother. Next week, our Bible focus will be Easter.



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



Following the 'Shaking up Shakespeare' workshop, Year 6 have been retelling the story of Macbeth. Benjamin R and Edward have both written impressive introductions and have really thought about the descriptive language and exciting verbs they have used to create atmosphere within their writing. Great work!

'Slithering tendrils of mist crowded the terrain of the high Scottish heath. The relentless rain covered the barren landscape of terrifying gnarled trees. Like a restless sea, the ground seemed to swell and collapse. The rocks rested like a graveyard of bodies. Clouds formed, battered and bruised, and joined to create a blanket of gloom.' by Benjamin.

'Hell dropped down upon the heath. Fog hovered and drifted until the Scottish landscape was camouflaged and eyes could be deceived. The land transformed. The mountains became giants that were sleeping, cloaked in the fog. Trees became monsters with gnarled, wicked skin. Rocks became graves encrusted in the earth.' By Edward.

Citizenship Award

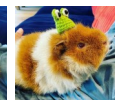


Congratulations to Benjamin R in Year 6 who has received the award for Citizenship this week. Benjamin has a calm and consistent attitude. He is very hard-working and focused in class. He has a lovely sense of humour, keeping us all entertained and he is a great friend and learning partner. Benjamin is determined and has a growth mind-set approach to everything he undertakes. It is clear he loves our school and shows his gratitude in his actions and attitude. Well done, Benjamin!



This is me!

Matilda in Year 3 recently joined All Saints after moving from New Zealand to be closer to her family. Matilda is very artistic and every evening she sits with one of her three brothers to draw. She has been drawing lots of Minecraft characters recently, which she likes to copy from a book. She was very excited when she saw snow for the very first time this year and she really enjoyed playing in it and making a snowman. She is hoping to join Brownies soon and is also looking forward to getting two cockerpoo puppies. In New Zealand, Matilda had two guinea pigs called Ralph and Gus and she often fostered guinea pigs too. She loves animals and enjoys feeding the two horses which are called B-Boy and Ned, that live in the field next to her house. She has a best friend called Calla, and she keeps in touch by writing letters to her. She is enjoying being in the UK and we are very grateful and happy to have Matilda and her brothers at All Saints.



PTA News

The PTA still need help in seeking a new DJ that can support them with discos and other events. If you can help with this, or know someone who can, please get in touch.

Please save the date for the Sponsored Run, which is set to take place on Monday 15th May. More information to follow on this soon.



The next PTA meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 18th April at 7pm in the school hall. Please add this date to your diaries and please come along and support our PTA.



Bags 2 School - Next week, we will be sending home bags to be filled with items for reuse; such as clothing, shoes, hats, towels, handbags. Please see the back of the bag for a full list of what can be included. If you have any items that you no longer need or are having a 'sort out' over the holidays, please pop these items in the bag and bring this to school during the week commencing 24th April. The bags will be collected on the morning of Friday 28th April. We do not have any spare bags, but any carrier bag can be used if you have lots of items to bring in. Remember the more you collect, the bigger the benefit to our school! Thank you for your support.

Comic Relief



We have raised a fantastic £385 for Comic Relief, which is an incredible amount! Thank you so much to everyone for supporting this very worthy cause and to everyone who purchased a red nose.

Parents Consultations and Parents View Survey

Thank you so much to all parents/carers for attending parent consultations this week, taking such a positive and active interest in your child's learning and discussing how you can support them to develop in certain areas and make even more progress. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to postpone meetings for Year 3 and 4 on Thursday evening, but we will keep you informed of alternative arrangements for these.

Thank you to those of you, who have managed to take the time to complete the Parent View survey, which governors were promoting during our consultations evenings. It is lovely to see such positive feedback! We would like to encourage as many of you as possible to complete this questionnaire to assist our governors in gaining parents' views. Please visit <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> to complete the survey, which consists of just 14 multiple-choice questions and only takes a few minutes to complete. Instructions are attached with these Notices. Please help by completing this short survey and, if you have any particular areas to discuss, you can contact our Chair of Governors by e-mailing cog@datchworth.herts.sch.uk. Many thanks.

Year 5 CPR training session - Monday 27th March

On Monday, Year 5 will be taking part in a CPR training session. The children will learn all about CPR, will get the opportunity to practise, and also will learn how to move a person into the recovery position. Thank you to Ms Preedy and colleagues, who provide this session free of charge, to give children experience of this life-saving skill.

Year 4 and 5 - Swimming lesson commence from Monday 24th April



Please ensure your child (Year 4 and 5 children) has all he/she needs for the first swimming lesson of the Summer Term on Monday 24th April (second week of term). Please remember that Stevenage Swimming Pool rules are that children are to wear appropriate swimming shorts/costume - no Bermuda style shorts please, no aerosols or talcum powder and earrings are not to be worn. Please ensure your permission slip and child's medical form is returned to the office as soon as possible, if you have not already completed this. Thank you.

End of term arrangement and the start of the Summer Term

The last day of term is **Friday 31st March**. School will finish at the earlier time of **2pm** on this day. Please note that there will **not be any after school club on this day.**

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 17th April**.

Attachments

Please find attached:

- All Saints Church, Easter Party Flyer
- Cleaning vacancy at our School - Advert from Hayward Service Ltd.
- Parent View Survey Instructions.

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