



All Saints Notices

28th June 2019

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.

All Saints Primary School, Datchworth's SIAMS Inspection Report We are 'Excellent'!

We are extremely pleased to announce that the outcome of our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspection on 14th June, is a grading of '**Excellent**'. The school received the highest grading of excellent and the two additional judgements (Collective Worship and the Effectiveness of RE) were also graded excellent.

This is the highest outcome possible under the new inspection framework and the old 'outstanding' grade and the criteria that would previously have attracted an 'outstanding' grade have been merged with those for a 'good' grade. The new grade of 'excellent' has a higher threshold than the old 'outstanding' grade and is only awarded in **exceptional** circumstances. This shows just what a fantastic achievement for our whole school community this is and fully recognises all of the hard work of everyone involved.

The final report certainly highlights many of the great things that happen to enable both pupils and adults to flourish at All Saints. During the inspection, all of the children were wonderful representatives of our school and spoke so knowledgeably and proudly about what happens each and every day. It was felt that our vision was clearly shared by all and shone through in everything that was observed. Here are a few of the many excellent findings:

- "...staff have all worked together and tirelessly under the inspirational leadership of the headteacher. Pupils therefore continue to flourish."
- "Relationships at all levels are exceptionally supportive, enabling a high degree of well-being, hope and resilience."
- "There is overwhelming gratitude from parents who talk of the school's exceptional support in developing pupils' emotional strength."
- "Pupils' behaviour is excellent because they know and demonstrate the values underpinning the school's Christian vision. Pupils talk about forgiveness and reconciliation as the best way to live, work and play together."
- "To be the best they can be by 'walking together, discovering life' epitomises leaders' vision and aspirations for all pupils to succeed. Pupil attainment is high and above national averages...Pupils increasingly make good and, at times, exceptional progress."
- "The curriculum is creative and inspirational, enabling pupils to explore the spiritual and ethical aspects within a range of subjects."
- "The quality of teaching and learning in RE is consistently good and often excellent...Learning is tailored to challenge the most able whilst enabling all pupils to make good progress."
- "Pupils are inspired by the school's Christian vision to become passionate advocates for change in a range of social action projects."
- "Pupils, staff and parents speak of collective worship as an essential, meaningful and important aspect in the school day...Pupils feel valued for their contribution, gain a deeper insight into the meaning of worship and a keen sense of involvement."

Areas for development:

- Develop the links with a partner school in Nepal enabling pupils to further understand the needs of those in the larger global community.

As well as it being very pleasing to have such wonderful things written about our school, it was also incredibly rewarding to see the response of so many members of our school community in wanting to speak and write in praise of all that we do. My sincere thanks to pupils, staff, families, governors and volunteers for their contributions to the process and their hard work and support every day to make our school **the best that it can be**. I am extremely proud to have had our achievements recognised in this way and look forward to us continuing and building upon, our fantastic work as a church school.

Stuart Whiteland
Headteacher

Dr Will Topping
Chair of Governors

Inter-Village Athletics, Tuesday 10th July Aston St Mary's C of E Primary School 9:15am to 12pm



This year's inter-village athletics will be taking place at Aston St Mary's C of E Primary School. The children who have been selected and notified that they will be taking part in this year's event **should arrive at 9am at Aston St Mary's wearing their P.E. kit. Parents who are helping with lifts and children who require lifts should arrive at our school office at 8:40am.** Thank you to those parents who have very kindly offered to help with transport. Children will need to bring their uniform in a bag to change into for afternoon lessons. They will also need their drinks bottle, a snack and if necessary sun cream and a sun hat. Please be aware that parking will be very limited and if you are wishing to attend the event, please try as much as possible to car share to minimise the number of cars taken and park at the village hall.

Class 3 visit Henry VIII at Hatfield House Wednesday 3rd July

Please remember that children in Class 3 have their trip to Hatfield House on Wednesday. The coach is scheduled to depart from school at 9:15am and will return to school by 3pm. Please ensure your child is dressed according to the weather. Pack a rain coat if necessary and/or sun hat and apply sun cream as they will be spending some of their time outside. Please also ensure they have plenty of water. We are sure all children will have a great time.



Pilates Sessions to help raise funds for the PTA



We are delighted to inform you that we will be hosting Tuesday evening Pilates sessions next term, beginning on Tuesday 10th September. The classes will take place in the school hall, from 6.30pm until 7.30pm, and will be led by one of our parents, and qualified Pilates instructor, Mrs Sophia Finn. The cost is £6 per session, and you are asked to sign up for a block of six sessions in the first instance. Payment to Mrs Finn will be made on the evening of the first session. A sign-up sheet will be available from Monday 1st July in the main entrance porch. If you would like to join the class but will not be at school on Monday morning, please contact Mrs Sharpe in the school office after 9.30am. Places are limited to 20, and will be available on a 'first come first served' basis. The final session of the first half term will take place on Tuesday 15th October. We would like to thank Mrs Finn for her wonderful idea for raising funds for the PTA, which will benefit every child in the school, and for giving her time and expertise so generously.



WOW! Now That's What I Call Learning!



This week's 'Wow!' goes to Matilda in Year 5, who has written a poem at home, which she was keen to share with me. She was inspired by a quote that she discovered on the Internet, which she used as the first two lines of her poem and then created a beautifully heart-felt verse about 'Best Friends'. It is lovely to see how much learning continues at home for many of our children and how keen they are to explore, practise and improve to be the best that they can be. Well done, Matilda!
(A copy of Matilda's poem is attached).

Class 5 - Cricket Competition

The Class 5 cricket competition has been rearranged to take place this Thursday at Datchworth Cricket Club. Please ensure your child arrives **early for registration at 8:45am** and that they have plenty of water with them. Please check the weather forecast and apply sun cream, pack a sun hat and/or rain coat, if necessary. Each child will need a packed lunch and healthy snacks. The competition is scheduled to finish around 2:30pm and we anticipate being back to school by 3pm.

Bible Focus

In Collective Worship, our half-termly Christian value is **Respect**. Our bible focus next week will be Mark: 4: 1 - 20, Parable of the Sower.

Football Superstar!

A huge well done to Elliott in Class 5 who has recently been selected for the football squad to represent the Stevenage District Primary Schools. Over 60 boys from schools in Stevenage and surrounding villages took part in the trials that ran over the last four Mondays. Congratulations Elliott, this is a fabulous achievement!



Year 1 & 2 - Trip to Knebworth Gardens, Park & Dinosaur Trail Friday 5th July

In keeping with their 'Victorian' topic, Years 1 and 2 will be visiting Knebworth House on Friday 5th July. Children should arrive promptly for registration at 8:55am and will be leaving school at 9:15am by coach. Please ensure children have sun lotion applied and a sun hat with them. Please check the weather on the day and if rain is forecast, please pack a jacket. Children will need a packed lunch and drink in a disposable carrier bag with their name clearly identifiable. Please do not send any fizzy/sports drinks, cans or glass bottles. The day should be very educational and enjoyable for all. The children will return to school by 3pm.

Good Citizenship Award

Congratulations to Hannah in Class 6 who is the winner of the citizenship award this week. Hannah is always extremely polite and has such exemplary manners. She is thoughtful, kind and respectful and demonstrates all of our Christian and British values. Hannah is a good role model to the younger children in school and is a wonderful sister to her brother, Harry. She is always happy and is a lovely friend to others. Well done Hannah!



All Creatures Great and Small - Pet Service



Thank you to all that attended the Pet Service last Sunday in the grounds of the church. It was lovely to see so many pets of all sizes at the service where we thanked God for our pets and the joy they bring to us.

Datchworth School PTA News and Events

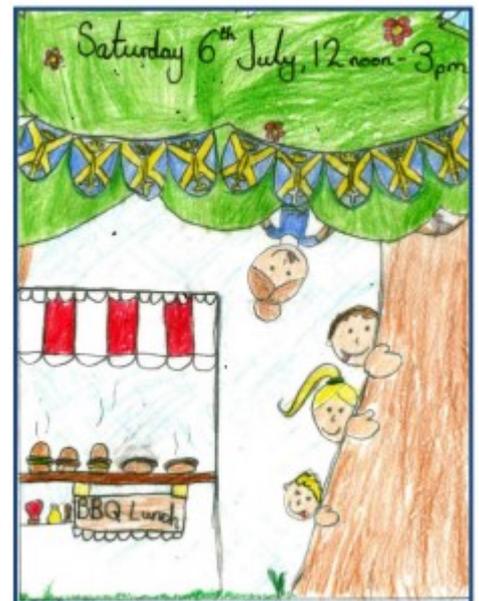
Colouring Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the drawing competition to design the fete flyer. We had a wonderful range of fabulous, colourful pictures and our resident artist, Mrs Sharpe, judged the competition on behalf of the PTA. The WINNER was Connie in Class 4. The drawing made Mrs Sharpe smile at all the happy faces peeking out. Connie wins the much renowned VIP pass to the fete on Saturday 6th July where she gets a free turn on ALL the stalls.

We also want to say a big WELL DONE to the following class winners:

Reception - Robin
Class One - Olivia
Class Two - Benjamin R
Class Three - Lauren
Class Four - Connie - OVERALL WINNER
Class Five - Caitlin
Class Six - Annabelle

They all get a fete voucher entitling them to 5 turns on the stall of their choice.



Summer Fête @ All Saints Primary
Saturday 6th July 12pm - 3pm

School Parking Reminder

As you will be aware, the field next to school has kindly been opened by the Pearman family for parking and to ease congestion in Hollybush Lane. Please use the field as much as possible and especially on Wednesday 10th July (Sports Day), park sensibly and as considerately as possible so that we can fit the increased number of cars expected in a logical and ordered way that helps other parents. Please do not park or drive on our neighbours' grass verges as this causes damage that takes months to recover. To help parents dropping off, please remember that there is no parking outside the main playground gates or stopping at any time in front of the staff car park. This often prevents staff from leaving to get to meetings on time and from organising our 'intricate parking jigsaw puzzle' to fit in all the staff's cars early in the mornings.

Reception Class Arrangements: Changeover Day

As you will be aware, as part of our arrangements for supporting our new Reception children's transition to primary school in September, we arrange a number of sessions for them to visit in the summer term. To help with this, we also give the children a chance to meet their new teachers and staff with whom they will be learning.

Over the next few weeks, our new Reception children will be meeting **Mrs Browne and Miss Allen**, who will be our Reception teachers from September; **Mrs Wills** will continue as our Early Years Teaching Assistant next year.

This will help our new Reception children and ready them for their learning next year, ease the transition ahead of September and give staff a chance to build up an idea of pupils' strengths, interests and areas for development.

Year group arrangements for all other classes will be announced at our special **Changeover Morning** assembly on **Thursday 11th July**, which is national secondary transfer day and changeover morning for the very large majority of primary schools. This is always an exciting occasion and we look forward to sharing this news with children on the day. Please respect this and resist the temptation to ask members of staff ahead of this announcement, so that we can all enjoy the surprise and the excitement on Changeover Morning.

Children will then bring home a letter outlining year group arrangements that evening. Thank you for your understanding and support with this and we look forward to sharing this with the children and yourselves in two weeks' time.

Dates for your diary



As you know, the Summer Term is a very busy term with lots of important events such as **Open Evening, Sports Day, Summer Performances**, and our **Leavers' Service**; to name a few. Please remember to use the diary sheet, which has been emailed to you, to diarise these important dates. A further copy can be found on the school website at <https://datchworth.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/>.



Ice Cream Fridays

Ice Cream Fridays will continue, after school, every Friday until the end of term (excluding 5th July).

Children attending Comet Club/Explorers are welcome to buy ice cream - please remember to send your child in with their money. Leaders will escort them to/from the ice cream sale.



Summer Swimming Intensive Courses

The Tony Woodhams Swim School will be running separate intensive courses (lessons every morning) over the summer holidays for weeks beginning 29/7, 5/8 and 12/8 at Tewin Cowper JMI open air pool in the mornings.

The price is £30 per child per week (£5 reduction for two siblings as well!).

If you are interested please contact: Tswimschool@gmail.com 07762107801