



All Saints Notices

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.

Welcome to a new school year

A warm welcome back to all our children and families. We hope you have had a relaxing break over the summer. It was wonderful to see just how excited and enthusiastic many of the children were for the return to school (many parents were ready for it as well, I'm sure!).

As we begin the new school year, it is also a time to welcome new families to our school community; all of our new Reception children and their families and also children in other year groups who have started at All Saints this year. We hope everyone is enjoying a good start to the new academic year and I am sure parents from all year groups will help welcome our newcomers, as we always seem to do so well at Datchworth.

Please read these notices carefully as there are important messages to help our school community work well and in harmony with the villagers of Datchworth.

Here's to a great start to the new school year!
Mrs Browne and Mrs Morrison

Class 6 - Crucial Crew - Tuesday 11th September

Class 6 will be attending a "Crucial Crew Workshop" delivered by various Hertfordshire organisations such as Police and Fire and Rescue services and I am sure the children will find it extremely informative.



After lunch Miss Saunders, Mrs Peacock and the rest of Class 6 will travel by coach to Youth Connections at Bowes Lyon, Stevenage and will return in time for the end of the school day at 3pm.

Good Citizen Award



The Good Citizen Award this week goes to someone who completely embodies the values of citizenship. This person is dedicated, hardworking and no job is too big or too small. He has a great sense of humour, is caring, supportive, has pride in our school and is committed to the safety of our children. The award this week goes to Mr Taylor

who sadly leaves us today to take up retirement and begin a new chapter in his life. Well done Mr Taylor!

Please come back and visit us when you can Mr Taylor.



Farewell Mr T

Road Closure - Monday 24th September 2018

Please note that Bragbury Lane will be closed on Monday 24th September 2018. Please allow extra time to travel to school this day and be aware that there may be an increase in traffic.

Bible Focus

In Collective Worship, our half-termly Christian value is **Generosity** and, this week, our Bible focus was Luke 1: 46-55. Next week our reading will be from Mark 8: 34-35

After school clubs & Music lessons

Rising Stars after school dodgeball and gymnastics clubs and are starting next week. Music lessons will also start next week. Please ensure that music fees have been paid via School Gateway.

Netball club will also be starting up, after school, each Tuesday until 4:15pm. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to join the school netball team and as this will be funded by the school's sports premium, there is no charge.

Below is a schedule of after school activities available at All Saints:

Monday:	Dance Club (Years 4, 5 and 6) Start date to be confirmed
Tuesday:	Netball and Football* (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Wednesday:	Dodgeball*
Thursday:	Gymnastics*
Friday:	Tennis Club* & Explorers Club @ All Saints Church

* please contact rising stars for bookings: multi-sports@risingstars-online.co.uk

Reminders..

Nut-Free Zone



Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts or tree nuts) into area.
Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Nut Free School: We have a number of child with severe nut allergies. It is therefore vital that children do not bring any nut-related items in their lunch boxes or at snack time. Please ensure to check the ingredients on any food products. Please keep chocolate spread at home as these products are likely to contain nuts.

In line with our healthy eating policy, break time snacks are to consist of a piece of fruit, vegetable or cheese and children should be bringing in a drinks bottle containing water only, please no sugary squash or juices.



Uniform: It's lovely to see the children looking so smart. Please remember that every child needs a pair of black, supportive school shoes for outside and black plimsolls to change into - not colourful trainers! If your child has long hair please ensure their hair is tied back for safety and hygiene purposes. Please also restrict hair bands and Alice bands to plain designs, rather than some of the larger, flowery ones that can be found.

Reading Records: If your child has a reading record book, please help to support their learning by continuing to update their record book. This really helps their teacher to assess their reading level/choose suitable books. Once staff have seen a book has been finished and signed in the child's reading record, their book can be changed.



Sickness: Unfortunately, we understand that a few children had been unfortunate to have had a vomiting bug in the school holidays. Please remember if your child has been affected by a vomiting virus our policy and government guidelines state that children should remain off school until 48 hours after their last symptom. This should help to stop any infection from spreading.



Contact information: If you have changed your contact telephone number or names of emergency contacts, child minders etc. please ensure to update us by completing the form attached. Paper copies are also available from the leaflet dispenser by the school office.

Staffing News

We are pleased to welcome Mr K Flood to our school this week. Mr Flood has recently been appointed as our new caretaker. You may have already him working alongside Mr Taylor. Please say hello to Mr Flood when you see him. He has been doing a great job this week taking over responsibilities.

Helping ease traffic congestion at drop off and pick up times

Please help us to maintain a happy community in Datchworth and work in partnership with our neighbours by using the voluntary one-way system that really helps alleviate traffic problems on morning and after school.

With several new families having recently joined our school it is helpful to remind all parents/carers about our voluntary one-way system that helps alleviate traffic problems on a morning and after school.

Please follow the 'school loop', rather than try to drive back down Hollybush Lane on a morning. This helps other parents and enables our neighbours to leave/access their driveways.

The School Loop

Turn onto Hollybush Lane and drive up to the main school entrance. Continue round past the school to the right onto Baines Lane. Then follow this road back onto Bury Lane.

By adhering to this one-way loop, we are able to avoid congestion along the narrow roads by school and show consideration to our neighbours.

Other ways of helping at the busy drop-off and pick-up times are

- Park on Bury Lane and walk along Church Path; this also promotes our school's 'Walk to School' message.
- For KS2 children, make use of the 'Stop 'n' Drop' service which runs each morning from 8:35am, which reduces the amount of parking outside school and enables working parents to quickly head on to work.
- Use Early Bird Club, which runs from 7:45am - 8:45am and/or Comet Club which runs from 3:00pm - 5:45pm.
- Please park considerably outside school and ensure that you do not block residents' driveways or means of access, as well as the school's playground gates or the entrance to the staff car park (members of staff and visitors need to be able enter/exit at all times before, during and after the school day). Please do not park in or block this area at any time. Please do not park near or opposite the zigzag yellow lines.
- Please drive slowly, safely and considerately by school - there are precious school children and often younger siblings and pushchairs to look out for. Please help everyone to feel safe and happy walking on the side of the road at these times of the day.
- Please supervise your child(ren) at all time whilst exiting vehicles and ensure that they are accompanied safely in to school.
- Please do not park in or near to the junction in to Hollybush Lane.

Thank you. Together, we make these arrangements work really well the majority of the time; please help us continue to do this and work with our village community.



WOW! Now That's What I Call Learning!

The 'Wow!' this week goes all the children at our school. Everybody has made a super start to the new academic year, coming back to school with a really positive, 'can do' attitude. We have to say particularly well done to our 20 new Reception children and other new starters who have settled really quickly with smiles and excitement. Well done - what a great start!

