

# All Saints CE First School

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## Welcome

A Happy New year to all our families and it was a delight to welcome the children back to school after the holidays.

## Staffing

A few amendments have been made to the staffing structure after Mrs Abbott moved on. Mrs Broome is our new TA and is supporting children across the school. As we no longer have a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant to cover lessons, there is an updated arrangement to cover the Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA) for teachers. Mrs Brookes has Y1 – Y4 together on a Thursday after-noon with Mrs Broome and teaches art so Mr Lee can have his PPA time, and Mr Lee with Mrs Broome has Y1 – Y4 together on a Friday after-noon and teaches PE to allow for Mrs Brookes to have her PPA time. There are 29 children in total so this is still a very good staff to pupil ratio of 1:15; in many other schools the ratio is 1:30.

Mrs Brookes remains unwell and so our regular supply teacher Mrs Poole is covering the Bumblebee class and Mrs Brookes PPA cover on a Thursday. She knows the children, school and routines very well and the children all know her too. Mrs Brookes is kindly providing the planning each week so the children's learning and progression is maintained.

We are thrilled to share that Mrs Lawton passed her Qualified Teacher Status in December 2023 and is now our Early Year's teacher. Congratulations Mrs Lawton!

## School Lunches

We have a new cook and assistant in the kitchen, Miss Cheryl, the cook and Miss Kirsty, her assistant. They are providing the dinners each day and are getting to know all of our children and their likes and dislikes. Welcome to the team, ladies!

## Term Dates

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Laches Wood Parent Information Meeting at 3.20pm
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Y3 & Y4 Football competition at Oldfield's Hall Middle School
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Laches Wood Outdoor Educational Visit
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Chinese New Year Special Dinner
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – End of Half Term
  
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – School Re-opens
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Visiting Poet – Andy Tooze in school
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Parent's Evening
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday Special lunch and Service
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Orienteering Event for Y3 & Y4 at Oldfield's Hall Middle School
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Easter Service in All Saints Church at 1.30pm
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – End of Term.
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – School Re-opens

## **Boccia Competition**

A huge well-done to our Y3 & Y4 children who represented the school in a Boccia competition at Windsor Park last week. The children were split into different teams alongside other Trust First School children, one team finished second and one team third so we are all very proud of them. Many thanks to parents for taking and collecting the children so they could take part.

## **Building Works**

Over the next half term there will be some ground and roofing works being undertaken at All Saints.

There will be scaffolding going up along the front of the school along the entrance pathway, this will be erected over the half term break whilst the children are away from school, it will stay in place for the duration of the works and providing the works go to plan the scaffolding will be taken down over the Easter Holidays.

The gate and pathway will be open for drop off from 8.45 – 9.15am and for pick up from 3.00 – 3.30pm. Outside of these times the gate and pathway will be closed to ensure the safety of our parents and visitors. If you need to come to school outside of these times please use the main gate and carefully cross the car park.

Please note that the car park will also be used by contractors for their welfare units etc. therefore please ensure that at drop off and pick up you use the side gate entrance and pathway into school not the car park entrance.

For drop at breakfast club and collection from afterschool club please use the main car park entrance.

To ensure the safety of everyone please ensure your child is supervised at all times when arriving and departing school.

Thank you.