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NEWSLETTER 11

Dear Parents,



I hope all our families enjoyed the half-term break as much as is possible at this time and have kept safe and well.



Further to the Government's announcement earlier this week, we very much look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on **Monday 8th March** which I'm sure will be here before we know it! A really big thank you to all those parents and carers who have done such a good job of working with your children at home - it has been such a challenging time for everyone; getting to grips with technology and Teams, keeping children motivated and engaged whilst for many of you, I know, have also had to juggle working from home too. We can't thank you enough - it has made our job in school over the last 8/9 weeks that little bit easier. Thank you too for all the lovely messages of support that we have received via email and over the telephone - they have really meant a lot to all the staff in school.



Arrangements for all aspects of school will be very similar to the arrangements that were in place during the Autumn Term. Some reminders below:



Drop-off & Collection Arrangements

We will be maintaining staggered drop-off and collection arrangements to ensure that we keep the number of people on site to an absolute minimum and so that social distancing can be maintained. **Only 1 adult to drop-off/collect please.** We ask that parents/carers leave the playgrounds as soon as children have been dropped off/collected and do not gather around school gates. Just a reminder of class drop-off and collection times:



	DROP-OFF	COLLECTION
AM Nursery A	- 8.50am	11.50am (children attending ASCV too)
AM Nursery B	- 9am	12
30 Hour Nursery C	- 8.40am	3.20pm
PM Nursery A	- 12.30pm	3.30pm (children attending ASCV too)
PM Nursery B	- 12.40pm	3.40pm
Rec Class 1	- 8.40am	3.20pm
Rec Class 2	- 8.50am	3.30pm
Rec Class 3	- 9am	3.40pm
Y1 Class 4	- 8.40am	3.20pm
Y1 Class 5	- 8.40am	3.20pm
Y1 Class 6	- 8.50am	3.30pm
Y2 Class 7	- 8.50am	3.30pm
Y2 Class 8	- 9am	3.40pm
Y2 Class 9	- 9am	3.40pm



Please ensure a **prompt arrival for your child's designated start/finish** to avoid any congestion at the main entrance.

One-way systems will continue to be in operation on playgrounds and we respectfully request that parents and carers comply with these arrangements for everyone's safety. Grown-ups will be required to **wear a face covering** when dropping off or collecting. Please ensure that **siblings remain with grown ups at all times** on spots marked on the playgrounds whilst waiting.

It is lovely to see children travelling to and from school on **bicycles and scooters**. Please ensure children **dismount before entering the playground** and **do not use bicycles or scooters whilst on the playground** as tempting as that might be to prevent any accidents from occurring.

If grandparents or other carers drop/collect children on the playground, please could the safety messages be conveyed to them too. Many thanks for your support.

Attendance

As of the 8th March, all children will be expected to return to school unless they have received a shielding letter or have been advised by a clinician that they should remain at home. We should already be aware of the small number of children that this affects, however, should circumstances have changed, please do contact your child's class teacher or Miss Edwards or Mrs Gregory in the school office so that we can ensure that we can provide remote learning for your child in line with our Remote Learning Policy.

Your child should not attend school if they:

- **have symptoms (a high temperature; a new continuous cough or a loss or change to sense of taste or smell) or live in a household with someone who has symptoms**
- **have tested positive themselves, even if they do not have symptoms**
- **live in a household with someone who has tested positive, even if that person does not have symptoms**
- **are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Please inform school should this be the case as follow-up action may need to be taken. Thank you.

Uniform

From Monday 8th March, children should attend school in school uniform - grey skirt, pinafore or trousers with a white polo shirt, a royal blue sweat shirt and black shoes. On days when children will be doing PE, children should wear navy jogging bottoms instead of their grey skirt, pinafore or trousers along with their normal black school shoes. Children should have pumps in school in a named pump bag which they can change into for PE lessons. Please see separate Year Group Newsletters for PE days.

Lunchtime Arrangements for Reception, Y1 & Y2 classes

From the 8th March, we will be trialling a return to all classes taking their lunchtime meal in the dining rooms rather than the fortnightly rota that has been in place for Y1 & Y2 classes who have alternated between eating a packed lunch meal in their classroom one week followed by a week having their meal in the dining room. This will ensure all children

have a full range of meal options on a daily basis. Parents are also welcome to send in a packed lunch from home should they prefer. In order to do this safely and efficiently, we will be staggering lunchtime breaks: Reception and Y1 classes will have their lunchtime 11.45-12.45pm and Y2 classes will have their lunchtime between 12.15-1.15pm. This should enable us to ensure we can keep children in class/year group bubbles whilst playing and then also whilst accessing the dining rooms.

Personal Belongings in School

Items brought in from home should be kept to an absolute minimum.

All children (except Nursery) should bring a named water bottle each day - no squash or cordial please for health reasons- a book bag for reading books, diaries, letters etc. Book bags should be flat for ease of storage. Backpacks should not be brought into school as we are unable to store these bulky items safely. **No other items should be brought into school please.**

Classrooms

Classrooms will continue to be set up as they were prior to the Christmas break. In Ks1 children will be sat at tables forward facing in-line with Government and Public Health England safety guidance.

Teaching & Learning

On the children's return, we will be focusing on well-being - both physical and mental well-being as a priority. In order to aid our planning and so that we can direct our pastoral support where it is needed, we will be sending out an activity for the children to complete, telling us how they are feeling, what they have enjoyed and achieved during 'lockdown' and any worries that they might have. We would really appreciate your support in completing the activities with your child and returning it to your child's class teacher via Teams or the class selfie email.

Just a reminder that we have posted a 'Well-being' Book on the Remote Learning page of our website/in Teams. This is full of lovely ideas for children (and grown-ups!) which T.T.S have kindly made freely available to download. Do have a look.

We will also be assessing the children's starting points in Phonics, reading, writing and Mathematics in order to identify the next steps that we need to take to ensure the children continue to make good progress. This will also help us to plan any specific support that might be needed for groups of children.

Initially, we will be prioritising PSHE, PE, Phonics, English & Mathematics whilst still ensuring access to a broad curriculum.

Wraparound Care

Breakfast and Afterschool clubs are available for children in both the Infants and the Juniors on the Infant School site. Should you require a place for your child, please contact Janine Perry, All Saints Children's Ventures Manager for further information. Contact details - 0151 924 5137 or 07895926299 or via email manager.ventures@gmail.com

Extra-curricular Activities

We will be resuming a programme of extra-curricular activities after the Easter holiday.

Easter Sport Camp

Active Sport will be hosting one of their very popular Easter holiday sports camps which some parents may find helpful to support child-care arrangements. Active Sport will be sending out more information including how to book a place, once all the children return to school.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day and the enjoyment of reading on Thursday 4th March. Teachers have planned some exciting activities and I know many of the children have already been busy designing masks and costumes. We hope all the children will take part in the activities whether at home or in school. Please see Year Group Newsletters/Teams information for more details of activities for your child and how parents can help us make this a special day too!

Admissions

The closing date for applications for admission to Reception in September 2021 was the 15th January. If your child is due to start Reception next academic year and you have not submitted an application form, please contact Miss Edwards in the school's office or Sefton's Admissions Section on 0151 934 3590 who will be able to help you. The closing date for Nursery applications for children to start in September 2021, was Friday 5th February with allocation of places being made on Friday 19th March 2021. We will still be accepting applications for next academic year which will be assessed according to the admissions criteria should places remain available once the first round of allocations have been made. If you would like an application form or to arrange a virtual tour of Nursery/school, once again, please contact Miss Edwards.

Dates for your Diary

March 2021

Thurs 4 th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 8 th Mar	All children return to school
Fri 19 th Mar	Notification of Nursery places for Sept 2021
Wed 23 rd Mar	6pm Virtual Parent tour
Thurs 25 th Mar	end of term for Nursery children
Fri 26 th Mar	end of Spring Term

29th Mar to 9th April Easter holiday

April 2021

Mon 12 th April	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tues 13 th April	Children return to school
Wed 21 st April	6pm Virtual Parent tour

Whilst it has been a very challenging 9 weeks for everyone, let's hope that there is now a chink of light at the end of the tunnel and by continuing to ensure adherence to guidance and safety measures for everyone's safety and well-being, we can all start to look forward to enjoying a better summer. Do take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Elaine Haney

Headteacher

