

All Saints Upton CE Primary School



Newsletter

November 2017

We have had such an exciting half term so far with Science and Anti-bullying events, the Book Fair and Library Trips. Christmas is now around the corner and excitement is starting to build amongst the children. We hope that you will be able to join us for some of our celebrations.

e-Safety Alert

We have received a warning from the LEA about a you-tube channel which is highly inappropriate for children. It is called Elsa Gate and appears to be a cartoon like video. Please be alert to the fact that whilst it initially appears to be child friendly, the content is extremely inappropriate and the purpose of the site is highly dubious. Please do not allow your child to access this channel and always monitor their online activities.

Food Bank

Our School Council has been finding out more about the Widnes Food Bank. They visited Peter and Clare at the Church. Peter is in charge of our local food bank and Clare volunteers there. They found out that if you stacked up all the cans that have been collected in the last five years, they would reach higher than the Empire State building times 116! That's a lot of cans! Our school Council is committed to helping by promoting our School Collection Point. We hope that you will all continue to support us in collecting food and necessary items for the Food Bank especially as we enter the festive season. We are very proud to be able to help.

PTFA News

Our PTFA are planning a very busy run up to Christmas. There is a non- uniform day on Friday

1st December where children are asked to bring in donations of chocolate followed by a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 8th December when we are collecting bottles. These donations will be used for the stalls at our Christmas Fayre which is taking place on Thursday 14th December after school. The PTFA are also running a KS1 and KS2 'Breakfast with Santa' which the children really enjoy. As always, we are extremely grateful to our PTFA for supporting the school and working so hard for our children. Please support them with their events.

Space Week

All the children were really inspired by our Halton Space Week activities. They have been talking about the various planets and really interested in seeing the moon in the morning sky. It was lovely to see so many parents at the Planetarium session and the Daresbury staff were very impressed at the enthusiasm shown by our school. Every one of the visitors that week complimented us on the engagement and behaviour of our children. Well done everyone!

It's Cool to be Kind!

During 'It's Cool to be Kind Week' the children did activities around kindness and bullying. Hands were decorated, cut and laminated by the whole school to put on a family tree in the heart of the school. Year 3 and 4 quoted that they enjoyed making their amazing hands. Also, the day they made the hands, they could arrive in school in their own clothes. Annabelle, from year 3, quoted that she like making the hands because she had fun. " I think it is a really creative and you can get to know other people," Some classes had philosophy lessons planned by the teachers. In the year 6 lesson, they learnt

about gossip and rumours through the game Chinese whispers. Year 6 and 5 did a social media takeover by going onto the playground with an iPad taking videos and pictures of the pupils happily playing on the KS2 playground. All Saints is now back to normal working hard.
By Amy Coyne, Year 6



Mad Hair Day

Mrs O'Neil organised a Mad Hair Day on Friday 17th November. Well done to everyone who took part, some of your creations were wonderful! We are very proud to say that we managed to raise £252.70 for Children in Need, a fantastic effort. Thanks to Mrs O'Neil for organising such a fun event.

Dates for your Diary

- Our KS1 Nativity play 'Lights, Camel, Action' is taking place on Tuesday 5th December at 2pm (adults only) and Wednesday 6th December at 10am (Everyone welcome) in the School Hall. Tickets have now sold out for both performances so we look forward to seeing you all there.
- Our Choir will be out and about in Widnes Carol Singing on Friday 8th December. Look out for them if you are out shopping on that day.
- We will be holding our Christmas Service at Church on Wednesday 13th December. Years 5 & 6 are hosting this service and look forward to you joining them.
- We break up for Christmas on Friday 15th December at the usual time.

Racing For Attendance

November Attendance:

Class	Attendance%
Rec	94.7%
Year 1	94.0%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	95.7%

Year 4 was the WINNER!!

Remember our target for the school is 96%

Lateness is a serious issue and can have a tremendous effect on your child's confidence and progress.

Parental Survey

Thank you to all those parent who completed the Parents' Questionnaire. We will have the outcomes up on our Website soon but in the meantime, we are trying to chat to some of you individually about your responses. We value your opinions and hope that we can work together to improve your child's primary school experience.

Playtime Snacks

One issue brought up by parents is the morning snack provision. After due consideration, it has been decided by the Governors that toast will no longer be available to the children at morning play from January. This decision has been taken because of concerns nationally about children's health and the organisation of the toast which prevented the children from being as active as they could be during playtimes. Milk will still be available for your child to buy at morning break. Children are also welcome to bring in a piece of fruit from home, but no other snacks such as cereal bars, biscuits or crisps please. Further snack details will be provided before the end of term.

A Message from our School Nurse

Please make sure that your child brushes their teeth twice daily for two minutes. (The children can time it themselves by humming the Happy Birthday tune four times whilst brushing!) Brush

at least 30 minutes after breakfast to avoid spreading sugar around and don't rinse with water as this removes the fluoride protection. Remember – a can of coke contains 14 teaspoons of sugar! Encourage your child to drink water or milk between meals instead.

We break up on Friday 15th December and the children return to school on Thursday 4th January

I look forward to celebrating Christmas with you all over the remaining weeks of term,

Best wishes,
Mrs Boyden



Halton Space Week