



NEWSLETTER – October 2022

Welcome back to a new school year. I trust you all had an exciting and relaxing summer. The children are settling in really well and it is lovely to see their enthusiasm for the new school year.

DEADLINES

Secondary School Applications for September 2023

Please note that it is now time to apply for a secondary school place for your child in Year 6. The application form is available on the council website at:

<http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions> (Right click and open hyperlink)

The closing date for applications is Monday 31st October 2022.

Applying for a Primary School place for September 2023

If your child has their 4th birthday between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, you need to apply for a school place for September 2023. The application form for completion is available on the council website at:

<http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions>

(Right click and open hyperlink)

The closing date for applications is Tuesday 15th January 2023.

Failure to apply on time for school places will affect your chances of obtaining a place for your child at your preferred school.

Reception 2023 - New Parent Open Sessions

Thursday 20th October - 9.30 to 10.30am

Thursday 3rd November – 9.30 – 10.30am

Thursday 10th November – 6 – 7pm.

If you know any family who is looking for a school place and would like to come and have a look around our school, please pass on this information.

Darren Edwards – Inspirational Speaker

On Monday 10th October, we are looking forward to welcoming Darren Edwards who will be speaking to the children about resilience.

Darren is a former Mountaineer and Army Reservist who was paralysed in a near death climbing accident at the age of 26. Since then, Darren has become an active para-adventurer and expedition leader who has become a passionate champion of the phrase “strength through adversity”. Adventure has been at the heart of Darren’s recovery. Since sustaining his life-changing injury and becoming paralysed from the chest down, Darren has focussed his recovery by taking on new and ambitious challenges – whether that be learning to free dive to depths of over 30ft on one breath, or in becoming the first disabled person to kayak from Land’s End to John O’ Groats – a distance of over 1,400 kilometres across some of Europe’s most challenging coastal waters. In 2022, Darren is aiming to become the first disabled person to complete the iconic World Marathon Challenge (seven marathons, seven continents, seven days). Each of Darren’s adventures have tested the limits of his physical and emotional recovery, and has allowed him to further develop a sense of mental resilience which has helped Darren to overcome adversity after adversity.



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P.E. Kits, P.E. Days and School Uniform

Our P.E. days are as follows:

| Year Group | P.E. Day |
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| EYFS | Friday |
| Year 1 | Thursday |
| Year 2 | Thursday |
| Year 3 | Friday |
| Year 4 | Monday |
| Year 5 | Tuesday |
| Year 6 | Wednesday |

Children should wear blue/black shorts and a white T-shirt (no fashion/football logos please). As the weather is getting chilly, navy/black joggers and sweatshirts can be worn. Please find attached an up to date school uniform and P.E. kit list for your reference.

Please ensure all uniform is clearly named.
Lost property boxes are in our school porch.



Absence in Term Time

As you will be aware the law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. The Department for Education allows the Head Teacher the discretion to consider authorising a leave of absence in term time **only in "exceptional circumstances"**. If you take your child out of school this will be recorded as unauthorised leave. In the case of an unauthorised leave of absence of 5 consecutive school day, the Education Welfare Service will be notified of the holiday taken and a Penalty Notice may be issued.

You can find our full Attendance Policy on the school website:
www.allsaintscevakingssthorpe.org.uk under the tab: About Us – School Policies.

Kingswood Catering

Just a reminder to order your child's lunches on line at Kingswood Catering **before midnight on the Wednesday before the week they are required.** This reduces wastage of food and saves admin time. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals or part of the Universal Free School Meals scheme in Year Reception to Year 2, please order on line. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Hill in the Office. Please find attached a recent letter sent out to all Parents and Carers about Pupil Premium for your information.



Diary Dates

Below are some of the events happening in school up to December. Please be aware that these may be subject to change and there will be more dates to follow.

| October | |
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| Mon 10 th | Darren Edwards – Inspirational Speaker |
| Tues 11 th | Year 5 Trip to New Walk Museum |
| Thurs 13 th | Parents Evening – 3.30 to 6pm |
| Tues 18 th | Flu Immunisation – School Nurses |
| Thurs 20 th | EYFS Tour - Sept 2023 – 9.30 – 10.30am |
| | Parents Evening 3.30 – 6pm |
| Fri 21 st | Bake Sale – 3.15pm in Playground (weather permitting) |
| Mon 24 th to Fri 28 th | Half Term – School Closed. |
| Mon 31 st | School Open for new term |
| November | |
| Tues 1 st | Year 6 trip to Peterborough Cathedral – All Saints Day Swimming Starts for Class 5 St Paul |
| Wed 2 nd | School Photographer – Individual Photos |
| Thurs 3 rd | EYFS Tour – Sept 2023 – 9.30 – 10.30am |
| Tues 8 th to Fri 11 th | Year 6 Residential |
| Thurs 10 th | EYFS Tour – Sept 2023 – 6 – 7pm |
| December | |
| Wed 14 th | Christmas Dinner Day |
| Fri 16 th | End of School Term – 3.15pm |

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School Uniform and Dress Code

Girls' Uniform

- Royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt with school logo
- Dark grey skirt, pinafore dress, culottes or tailored trousers.
- Gold polo shirt with school logo
- Summer uniform – royal blue and white check or striped dress.
- Plain royal blue baseball cap (optional)
- Black shoes
- Girls may wear white socks or thick black/navy or cream tights.

Boys' Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirt with school logo
- Dark grey trousers
- Gold polo shirt with school logo
- Plain royal blue baseball cap (optional)
- Black shoes
- Dark socks

Sportswear for Boys and Girls

- Royal blue or black shorts
- White T-shirt
- Black joggers
- Trainers
- School cardigan or sweatshirt with logo

Hair tiebacks, Alice bands and hair slides in school colours – blue/white or yellow.

A maximum of one pair of stud earrings which need to be removed or taped over for P.E./Sports activities.

Multiple earrings and any other body piercing, make up, nail varnish, hair colouring or high profile haircuts are not acceptable whilst at All Saints Primary School.

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