

All Saints CE (Aided) Primary School and Nursery

News and Events

20 July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the summer term, it has been another challenging but rewarding year at All Saints. What a relief to be back to 'normal' with the return of Sports Days, swimming Galas, the Summer Fair, exams, trips, productions and school reports!

As this is my final newsletter, I would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the changes that have taken place at All Saints during my five years as Headteacher.

Way back in 2017, I overheard a pupil saying, 'We never win anything at All Saints!' One of my first priorities became to raise the profile of sport to boost self-esteem and instil a sense of pride in our school. After resurfacing the playground, marking multi-sport courts and employing a sports coach, during the following years we achieved Bronze, Silver and then the Gold Award for School Sports. The Sunshine Lottery helped to fund a new minibus, increasing opportunities further and our children got to experience success in a range of inter-school competitions.

Another project I am particularly proud of was the creation of an outdoor learning classroom. The Ground Force team, consisting of staff, parents and children spent many weekends digging, planting and building, using materials donated by the community, creating an outdoor space with so much potential for learning.

There have been unprecedented times during the past three years, including the Covid pandemic. One of my proudest achievements is how well we supported our families through these times. Every child at All Saints was invited into school during the first lockdown whilst children in other schools stayed at home. We kept our children safe and kept them learning!

Over the years, I have rethought my vision, replaced values, written newsletters, organised events, sorted out issues, led Collective Worship, worked tirelessly to inspire, motivate, help, commiserate. Teachers have come and gone, but this year, in particular feels like the end of an era. After a period of stability, the time has come for many members of staff to move on to new adventures or challenges. Every single member of staff has been a valued member of the All Saints team and will be greatly missed. I know you will join me in wishing them luck, health and happiness as they begin their next chapter.

The following members of staff are moving on at the end of this year.

- Mr Hatton and Miss Jordan, both are going abroad to teach in a school in China.
- Mr Sayer, Miss Cole and Mrs Reed are all moving on for professional development to experience teaching in a new school.
- Mrs Chard will be taking lots of holidays and may do a bit of supply teaching between her travels.
- Miss Watterson has been waiting to conquer the world since before the pandemic and finally gets to follow her dreams.
- Mrs Jackson is retiring after 16 years in Nursery.
- In the office, Mrs Bryson-Bond and Mrs McClay are retiring and Mrs Pike is going to work with the school nursing team.
- Last but not least, Miss McClay, who began her journey with us as a TA many years ago is moving on to take up her first teaching position.

However, I must remind you that there are lots of exciting changes on the horizon, with a new headteacher, new staff and All Saints finally becoming part of the Frays Academy Trust. I know the school will go from strength to strength!

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Our Vision Statement, 'Opening the door to learning and life' reflects our determination to inspire every child achieve their potential

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to lead All Saints CE Primary School. I am incredibly proud of the young people who have walked out of All Saints at the end of their learning journey, confident, proud and independent. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who have travelled with me on this amazing journey. Thank you for your kindness, help support over the years and thank you to those who contributed to my gift – I will love swimming with sharks!

Kindest regards and best wishes,

Tracey Stanton

イ A Sk-Final Thought: YESTERDAY IS HISTORY, Tomorrow IS A Mystery, Today IS A Gift. That's Why It's Called The Present.





COMING UP—	
SEPTEMBER	
1—Thursday	INSET DAY
2—Friday	INSET DAY
5—Monday	INSET DAY
6—Tuesday	First Day of Autumn Term—school opens at 8.30am
A full list of Term Dates can be found on the School Website	