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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we come to the end of the first half term we have so much to share and celebrate!

### Harvest

Year 5 led a wonderful Harvest Celebration at All Saints' Church on Tuesday this week filled with singing, musicians performing, poems, story-telling and even a news bulletin. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the Ilkley Food Bank collection. These items have now been delivered for distribution.



### Music Mark



We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Music Mark for the second year running in recognition of the high-quality music provision we offer in school. A special well done to Mrs Binney who leads this area.

### 5 Stars for our Catering Team

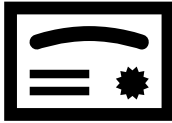


Last week we received an unannounced visit by the Food Standards Agency to check the school kitchen and food preparation and we are delighted to report that the team passed with flying colours, maintaining their 5-star Food Hygiene rating! Well done to our wonderful Catering Team, led by Mrs McClusky, who had to continue their lunch preparations with the inspection going on around them!

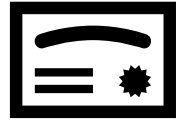


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## Headteacher Awards – 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October



KS1



KS2





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### Handwriting Champion!

A big well done to Cecily in Year 5 who recently earned the top prize in the annual Rotary Club of Ilkley Handwriting Competition! A super effort and thoroughly deserved.



### Nell Bank

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, the Year 3 children had a fantastic day at Nell Bank. Through first-hand experience, the children discovered just how challenging life was during the Stone Age period



The day was full of exciting activities, with the morning spent practicing how to light a fire using a bow drill, flint and steel. Using artefacts and hands-on activities based in the Roundhouse, the children had an opportunity to create their own cave paintings, and discover essential tools for survival, such as using natural materials to weave everyday

useful objects.

Finally, the day finished with the children working in small groups to use natural materials to build their own den shelter.





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**Ilkley Manor House** Our 'Roman army' of Year 4 pupils marched over to the Manor House on the afternoon of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October to find out about Ilkley's history as a Roman fort. As well as seeing the remains of the fort wall behind the building, they investigated artefacts and discovered many unknown facts about the town they all go to school in!



### Archaeology Club

The members of last year's archaeology club were recently able to help All Saints Church trial a new workshop. The feedback on the group was that "their questions and interest were really impressive". Thank you to Mrs Quinlan for organising and well done to everyone involved.





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### Environmental Awareness

Katie and Thea in 6B kindly volunteered to lead last week's Collective Worship for the whole school, speaking confidently, engagingly and passionately about the importance of looking after our environment. They shared some great ideas about how to recycle or repurpose items, including a 'Box Monster' game! Thank you, girls!



## Languages Day

Last week we had lots of fun celebrating languages within our school. Each year group started the day by answering the register in their chosen language. As our school language, taught in KS2, is French there was a prominent focus on French. Throughout the day class teachers introduced numbers, colours and farm animals to different classes. Children in reception listened and joined in with French nursery rhymes. The catering team offered brioche for the snack of the day and the lunch was Greek themed. We were also in for a treat throughout the whole week as we had some special visitors who kindly gave their time to us and visited our classes. Each class was lucky enough to have a talk from a parent who came in to talk about their experiences of languages. The feedback from the children was wonderful. Lots of questions were asked and their curious minds are more aware of the wonders a language can bring. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the parents who came in, THANK YOU.

Mrs. McInnes

In KS1 children practised their numbers in French.



In Yr5 they created language leaves with many different ways to say hello.



In lower KS2 children sang songs about different colours and many farm animal noises were heard along the corridor whilst they were signing along to 'le vieux Macdonald a une ferme.'



In Yr 6 children focused on 'WHY'. Why is it important to learn a language? They created postcards celebrating languages.



### Pupil voice

'The talk we had with Tim was amazing and it makes me want to learn a language as well.'

'It was great and fascinating and has inspired me to start to learn a new language.'

'The talk was informative and I learnt some Spanish.'



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### Staying Safe Online

Teaching the children about staying safe online is a key element of our PSHE and Computing curriculum. To help demonstrate its importance, we were very grateful to host the Saltmine Theatre Company, who delivered their online safety production, 'Blast Off', to the whole school, and ran follow-up workshops for our older KS2 children. Their innovative and engaging approach really helped to reinforce the **key messages** for the children:

- Stay in the Safe Zone
- Protect your Identity
  - Be Kind
- Call for Help



A huge thank you to Mrs Osborne, our safeguarding governor, for organising the visit.



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### **Extra-Curricular Events: Cross-Country**

The Wharfedale Primary Cross-Country League is up and (well and truly) running! We had a fantastic 57 entrants from all across school at the first race of the year on 7 Oct, hosted by Westville House at Ilkley RUFC. We followed this up with a similarly great showing at Addingham on 14 Oct, which was a KS2 event only.

Here's a write-up of the first two races from our trackside reporter, Thomas G in Year 6:

*Over the last two Saturdays, many of us have taken part in the first events in the Wharfedale Cross Country league. They have been held Ilkley Rugby Club (hosted by Westville House School) and at Addingham Primary.*

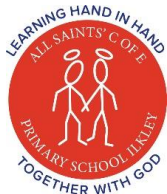
*A lot of runners have shown up, although we could always do with a few more...*

*Everyone who has run so far has smashed it, and we have even had a few race wins and podium finishes (one even managed that with a lost shoe!). The crowds have all screamed for anyone who has run past - motivating them to cross the line.*

*Anyone from Reception to year 6 can compete. Have you got it in you to represent All Saints?*







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### **Future Races**

18 Nov:	Ghyll Royd	2 Mar:	Our own event! Held at Ilkley Lido
3 Feb:	Ben Rhydding	16 Mar:	Relays at Nell Bank (KS2, invitation only)

### **PTA**

A huge thank you to our PTA members and all the volunteers for running such a successful and enjoyable NEON Disco. All funds raised go directly to supporting improvements in school for the children and are greatly appreciated by everyone at All Saints'! We look forward to the ball and upcoming Christmas events.

### **Staffing**

We are sad to let you know that Mrs Hollis in the School Office will be leaving us to take up a finance post at Prince Henry's School, Otley. We thank her for her service to All Saints' C of E Primary School over the last five years and we will all miss her friendly face welcoming everyone on a morning. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best with her new challenge.

### **Parking**

Please could we remind parents about safe and considerate parking around the school grounds and not to use the disabled parking bays unless issued with a Blue Badge.

### **Mobile phones**

To promote effective safeguarding at all times, please can we remind parents that mobile phones should not be used on the school grounds. Children bringing mobile phones onto the premises must also not use phones when on the school grounds and hand them in at the start of the day.

### **Outstanding Payments**

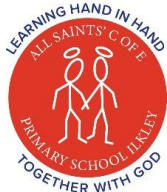
Please could we ask that any outstanding payments for dinner money and/or Little Saint's Out of School Club be made so that all accounts are fully up to date at the end of the half term.

### **Diary Dates**

There are a few updates to the diary dates for the year so please look out for those highlighted. These are a change of dates for the Year 5 and 6 parent lunches.

Wishing everyone a wonderful half term.

Helen Dunn



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### DIARY DATES

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Parent Consultation Evening	31.10.23
Parent Consultation Evening	2.11.23
Year 2 Parent Lunches	13.11.23 -24.11.23
Reception Stay and Play	13.11.23
3S Class Collective Worship and class visit	14.11.23
Reception Stay and Play	15.11.23
Reception Stay and Play	17.11.23
Children in Need Day	17.11.23
Cross Country, Ghyll Royd	18.11.23
3W Class Collective Worship and class visit	21.11.23
Reception Nativity	5.12.23
PTA Christmas Fair	9.12.23
Carol Service Year 3 and Year 4, All Saints' Church	12.12.23
Year 1 + 2 Carols and Mince Pies, All Saints' Church	13.12.23
4PH Class Collective Worship and class visit	9.01.24
Year 3 Parent lunches	15.01.24-26.01.24
4H Class collective worship and class visit	16.01.24
5C Class collective worship and class visit	30.01.24
5Q Class collective worship and class visit	6.02.24
Year 1 St Valentine's Performance	9.02.24
Cross Country, Ben Rhydding	3.02.24
Parent Consultation Evening	20.02.24
Parent Consultation Evening	22.02.24
6J Class collective worship and class visit	27.02.24
Cross Country, All Saints' (Ilkley Lido)	2.03.24
Year 4 Parent lunches	4.03.24 -15.03.24
6B Class collective worship and class visit	12.03.24
Drama group performance	15.03.24
Reception Spring Show	22.03.24
2F Class collective worship and class visit	16.04.24
Year 6 parent lunches	22.04.24-3.05.24
2BD Class collective worship and class visit	23.04.24
Year 2 May performance - Pentecost	3.05.24
1M Class collective worship and class visit	7.05.24
KS2 SATS	13.05.24-16.05.24
1MS Class collective worship and class visit	21.05.24



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Year 6 Residential	10.06.24 -14.06.24
Year 5 and Reception parent lunches	17.06.24-28.06.24
Year 6 Leavers' Service	18.07.24