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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. We have some exciting events coming up with World Book Day on Thursday 8th March, Comic Relief on Friday 15th (further details to follow!) our Reception Spring Show and our Drama Group Production amongst all the visits, visitors and other activities and celebrations we have planned. We also look forward to seeing our Year 4 parents over the next couple of weeks joining us for lunch.

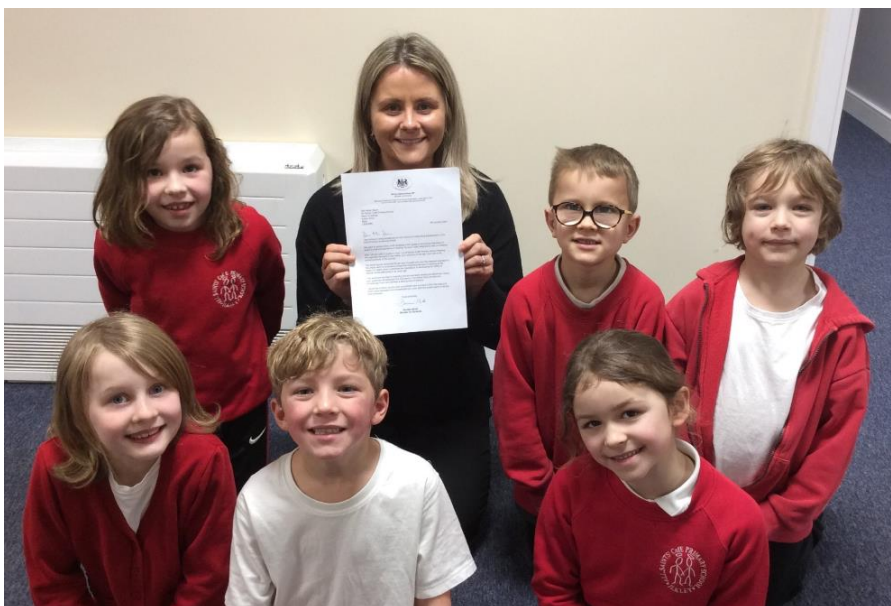
World Book Day

We would be delighted to welcome parents wishing to read a book to their child's class again this year so please do get in touch if this is something you would enjoy. We had some very entertaining and engaging performers last year! Our book swap has begun and can be found in the school office entrance so please do pop in with your child to exchange a book. The teachers are busy taking photos of themselves reading their favourite book for our quiz and we are looking forward to buddying up with our partner class to share our love of reading. We will of course share lots of photographs with you in the next newsletter.

Phonics Success

All Saints' Primary School Ilkley has been recognised for its 'outstanding achievement' in the 2023 Phonics Screening Check, receiving a congratulatory, signed letter from the Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP, Minister for Schools.

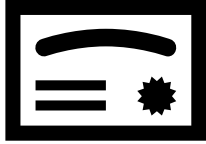
The 100% pass rate places All Saints' in the top 1 per cent of all primary schools in the country for phonics results. I am sure you will join me in congratulating the staff and pupils for their commitment and hard work in securing this great achievement!



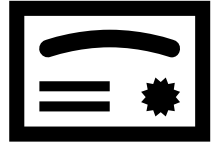


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Headteacher Awards



KS1



KS2



Thank you to all our Headteacher Award recipients for the fantastic difference you make to our school through your helpful attitudes and living our school values. Well done! We are incredibly proud of all of you!



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Year 3 visit to Abbey House Museum

Earlier this week, our Year 3 children were transported back to the 19th century at the Abbey House Museum in Leeds. The children strolled through the Victorian streets, engaging in the authentically recreated shops, pub and houses.

Through this immersive experience, they were able to really experience what life was like during the Victorian period. They learnt that not all children would go to school and instead, they would have to work in factories. They found out that Victorians would also wash their clothes in urine and how Britain became the largest empire the world had ever seen. We all had such a brilliant time!



Year 5 and 6 visits to Ripon Museums

After an amazing half term of learning all about Victorian Ilkley, Year 5 and 6 children showcased all their knowledge and expertise on our Ripon museums visit. During the day, we were able to experience life in a Victorian workhouse, including sweeping the floors and polishing the brass. You will be pleased to know that all the children are now capable of folding hospital corners when making their beds! When taking on the role of guardians, decisions had to be made over who would be entitled to a place in the workhouse. The children took over a Victorian courtroom, where they had to decide the fate of a young boy caught stealing a loaf of bread. After giving a guilty verdict, they were sentenced to time in a real Victorian prison cell. An exciting day was had by all whilst strengthening our knowledge of rich and poor Victorian Yorkshire.





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Leave of Absence requests

As a headteacher I receive many Leave of Absence requests during term time. Our Attendance Policy sets out clearly that Leave of Absence during term time will only be approved in exceptional circumstances. Examples provided as 'exceptional' are:

- Service personnel returning from a tour of duty abroad where it is evidenced the parent will not be in receipt of any leave in the near future that coincides with school holidays.
- Where an absence from school is recommended by a health professional as part of a parent's or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue.
- The death or terminal illness of a person close to the family.
- To attend a wedding or funeral of a person close to the family.

These 'exceptional' circumstances are different to what would be classified as 'special' circumstances which do not meet the criteria, such as celebrations for a milestone birthday for example.

Often, where Leave of Absence is sought for exceptional circumstances, additional information and documentation is required, where possible, please do ensure this is included with the application.



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Extra-Curricular Sports

Y5/6 IGS Winter Football League (Girls) – Wednesday 21st February

All Saints 9 Burley Woodhead 0

On another windy night, the girls produced their second magnificent display in a row to defeat a depleted Burley Woodhead team. After hitting 8 goals last time, the girls increased that to a superb 9 this time! Rosa grabbed a hat-trick, including some great finishes, whilst further goals were spread right around the team with Erin, Sophia, Hattie (2), Tilly S and Emily all getting on the scoresheet.

With the opposition struggling 0-6 at half-time, Bea and Emily kindly played the second half for Burley Woodhead which certainly helped their cause. Emily was set the challenge at half-time to give Tilly O some action in our goal, which she duly achieved with two strong shots herself before setting up another. But it truly was a dominant display from the team and a thoroughly deserved victory!

Team: Tilly O, Bea, Faith, Maggie, Erin, Emily, Rosa, Hattie, Sophia, Tilly S

Mr P's Player of the Match: Rosa – fantastic hat-trick (plus special mention for Bea and Emily for being the best opposition players in the second half!)

Y5/6 IGS Winter Football League (Girls) – Wednesday 28th February

All Saints 0 Ben Rhydding 0

The girls were back on the pitch last night in a top-of-the-table clash against Ben Rhydding. Playing on a rather (too) large pitch on the sand astro, the girls had to quickly adjust to new footwear and new conditions. With so much space, play spread between different areas of the pitch and counter-attacking was common. The Ben Rhydding striker (who many of our team new well!) caused us a lot of trouble but a combination of some good saves from Tilly O and the goalpost saved us on numerous occasions. Rosa then had a shot just past the post for us and the girls grew into the game very well to earn a valuable point. The final two matches of the league next week should (hopefully!) see us secure our place in the top four for finals night.

Team: Tilly O, Bea, Faith, Maggie, Erin, Emily, Rosa, Hattie, Tilly S

Mr P's Player of the Match: Erin – put in the yards up and down the pitch!

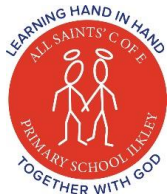
Future Fixtures (Girls)

Double-header 2: Wednesday 6th March – 3:45pm vs Menston, 4:30pm vs Addingham

Finals: Wednesday 13th March or Wednesday 20th March (depending on final league position)

Y5/6 IGS Winter Football League (Boys) – Wednesday 28th February

All Saints 2 Burley Woodhead 1



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All Saints 3 Menston 1

In a double-header, and hot on the heels of a Year 6 trip, the boys put in a pair of energetic performances to secure two vital victories. Adding to the pre-match panic, our regular goalkeeper, Ismaeel, dropped out with an injury meaning a late call-up for Henry H between the posts. It was great that Ismaeel (and some of the girls team) came along to show their support on the evening.

In the first match, the boys put in a dominant display to defeat Burley Woodhead. Ewan and Oscar grabbed the goals, although the dubious goals panel may be looking at Ewan's claim on the first! The second match against Menston was certainly against stronger opposition and the tie was finely poised at 1-1 for long periods. Alex had opened the scoring with a neat finish at the back post before a thunderbolt from a Menston player levelled the match right on half-time. The second half was certainly tense with effective pressing meaning that chances were few and far between. Thankfully, the boys kept plugging away and the Menston defence was finally unlocked by a wonderfully weighted pass from Thomas C that allowed Henry M to tuck in from a tight angle. Inspired by that goal, the team pressed forward to finish the game off and another superb move led to a fabulous assist from Alex for Thomas C to tuck in.

Team: Henry H, Ben, Thomas G, Ewan, Thomas C, Henry M, Wilf, Oscar, James, Edward, Alex

Mr P's Player of the Matches: Thomas C – everywhere! And a fantastic assist, then goal to win the Menston match

Future Fixtures (Boys)

Finals: Tuesday 19th March (not yet 100% confirmed, but provisional league table had us in 3rd place). Would be Tuesday 12th March if not.

Cross Country

In the penultimate league round of the season, 47 runners braved the extremely muddy conditions at Ghyll Royd school last Saturday, 24th February. Just getting through the bog to the start line was an achievement! It was fantastic to see some new runners again, and a particular well done to our Year 1 boys' team who were made up of a magnificent 11 entrants. Well done to all of our runners; the podium finishers are listed below.

Podium Placings (1,2,3)

Individual: 1st – Leo H (Y3 boys), 2nd – Toby C (Y1 boys), Thomas G (Y6 boys), 3rd – Abigail B (Y2 girls), Oliver R (Y2 boys), Florence L (Y4 girls), Bea E (Y5 girls), Tom R (Y6 boys)

Team: 1st - Y2 girls, Y3 boys, 2nd – Y1 boys, Y4 girls, 3rd – Y2 boys, Y3 girls, Y6 boys

Remaining Races

16 Mar: Relays at Nell Bank (KS2, invitation only)



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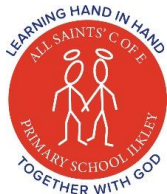
Eco council

Our newly formed Eco-Council are brimming with ideas and enthusiasm about how we can ensure All Saints' is making a positive difference to the environment in our school, local community and beyond. Initial plans are to attract and support wildlife by providing birds feeders and a bug hotel in the school ground. There is also a bake sale in the pipeline to raise money for the Worldwide Fund for Nature - details to follow. We look forward to reporting back on new developments and progress over the coming months.



Parking

We continue to receive emails from local residents and parents frustrated with parking issues in and around the school grounds. This not only causes significant upset, but is often unsafe and also takes up considerable school time dealing with the issue. This is time taken away from being able to focus on the children. Please can we remind parents to abide by parking restrictions in and around the school including only using the drop-off area for dropping off, not for parking, whilst walking children to or from the building.



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Diary Dates

!!The dates for the Year 6 end of year production for Year 6 parents have now been added!!

Cross Country

We were very much looking forward to seeing our families at the All Saints' Cross-Country races this Saturday and are incredibly disappointed that they have had to be cancelled owing to the forecast and conditions. We hope you are able to enjoy a lie in and some extra family time together as a result!

Wishing everyone a great weekend,

Best wishes,
Helen Dunn

DIARY DATES	Date
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
2E 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
Year 6 Residential	10.06.24 -14.06.24
Year 5 and Reception parent lunches	17.06.24-28.06.24
KS1 Sports Day (PM)	19.06.24
KS2 Sports Day (Year 3+4 AM, Year 5 +6 PM)	20.06.24
Reserve Sports Day KS1 (PM)	26.06.24
Reserve Sports Day KS2 (Year 3+4 AM, Year 5 +6 PM)	27.06.24
Year 6 Production	10.7.24 2pm
Year 6 Production	10.7.24 7pm
Year 6 Leavers' Service	18.07.24 pm