



All Saints' CE (C) Primary School

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Dear Parents

News from The School Governors

The school's board of governors meets each term to draw together the work undertaken by the body's three sub-committees. These committees have the following remits: Curriculum, Personnel and Premises and Lettings.

Recently the Curriculum Committee has been viewing the progress of the following areas of curriculum development that staff are undertaking this year.

- Development of the 'Skills-based' curriculum. This is a focus on the application of skills that are covered in any subject. Quite often the children have a collective voice in deciding upon the tasks that they will undertake within the theme that is a focus for their learning. We try to ensure that the children understand not only the facts that they are required to learn but more importantly the use they may be put to. I believe that this provides a more sustaining approach to learning the huge range of both academic and life skills required later on in their lives. With regard to this last school year's reports focused mainly on the skills that your child was learning in each subject area.
- There have been some changes in the curriculum for Foundation Stage and I have let governors know just how well the staff are presenting these changes that relate to the skills needed for school life in Key Stage One.
- Another curriculum area under review is 'Personal, Social and Health Education of which Sex Education is a part. Governors are required to have a policy for Sex Education and the current one is now under review. In due course we will be in touch with you to collect some of your views about the content of this part of the curriculum.

Crystal Portraits

They will be in again on Monday after school (they've promised to be on time!) for anyone who has ordered extra items. If anyone has not yet paid for their crystal please leave payment in the school office on Monday or bring in after school when you collect your items.

Christmas fayre

Raffle tickets will be coming home with your children next week. Please bring in money and return unsold tickets before or on the day of the fayre (5th December).

Poppy Appeal

We have received thanks for the sale of Poppies in school which raised £43.50.

Children in Need

Various activities many of which were organised by the children both during and outside school have raised a total of £425.02 for Children in Need. Well Done!

Star Group will meet tonight at 8pm – children in Years 5 & 6 welcome.

‘More at 4 Service’

This will take place on Sunday at 4pm families are invited to this participative service.

Information from the Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service has asked that we inform all of our parents of the following service:

For a FREE Home Fire Risk Check by your local firefighters

Freephone: 0800 0241 999

Please quote Agency Ref: R04/LF01

Or visit WWW.STAFFORDSHIRE.GOV.UK

Yours sincerely

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