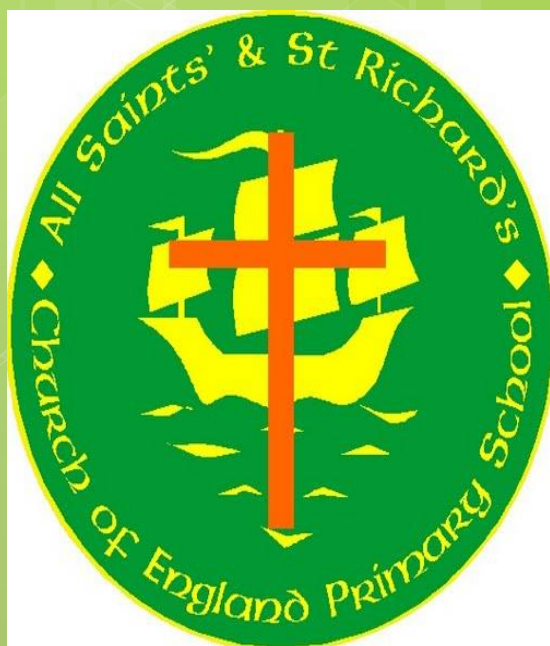


# All Saints & St Richard's Church of England Primary School



## School Newsletter

issue 7



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the year comes to an end I have been thinking about all of the different aspects of the past few terms. I'm sure you will agree that it has been a busy start to the year at ASSR and with so many changes, everyone has pulled together as a community in a positive way.

It has been a pleasure to join the wonderful family that is our School. I have enjoyed getting to know all of the children and love seeing their happy and smiling faces every morning at the door.

It has been another fun-filled and exciting term in the classes, including flying saucers landing in the Treetops playground, forest school adventures in Sparrowhawks and Buzzards visiting the observatory at night.

I was pleased to see so many of you at our Nativity Service last Thursday and at the Church Carol Service on Sunday. The children certainly did a brilliant job and there was a wonderful atmosphere in the church.

You will notice that the number of after school/before school clubs has increased for next term. We are adding more extra-curricular opportunities for the children which will either have a small cost or will be free. This is something that we believe is a strength and we always want to include all children in these activities. Unfortunately I have noticed that behaviour in some of these clubs has not always been as good as it is in class and I have spoken to all of the children about this. Please help us by ensuring that your child understands that the expectation of behaviour in our clubs is the same as in class. It is important that the clubs and activities are enjoyed by everyone and that the leaders (many of whom are volunteers) are able to run the clubs to the best of their ability, without having to deal with behaviour issues. Thank you.

This term we have been working on updating our Website. It is nearly finished now and we hope to launch it in Term 3. This will provide more information and opportunities to develop our school further in the future. You may have noticed our 'Pebbled Cross' at the front of school. Each pebble has been chosen by a child in our school. The pebbles reflect our family values and signify the importance that we put on each child being an individual within a small, supportive and empowering learning environment. The cross has had a bit of a revamp recently and we have sent letters to new parents asking for children to bring in their own unique pebble. If for some reason your child does not have a pebble on the cross, please send them in with one if possible, as we would really like to ensure that all children are represented on the cross.

I would like to thank all of our amazing members of staff, strong governors, dedicated PTA and wonderful children and parents for what has been a truly enjoyable and positive start to my time at ASSR.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Best Wishes

Gavin Davison



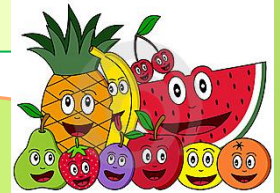
**Teacher  
Appreciation**

HELP!



### Parent help!

Can you or do you know someone who can help provide hay bales, marquee rentals, hog roast or any local beer suppliers. Heathfield Community College are holding a 'Writing Festival' next June '17 and are looking for people to support and quote for this event. If you can help please speak to school office. Or HCC direct.  
Many thanks



### **OUR HEALTHY SCHOOL!**

In terms 3 & 4 we will be having a whole school focus on our health as a school. We have been successful in obtaining a grant for £10,000 to help us with this, and so you will start to notice some changes about the school.

As part of this funding we will of course be focusing on food! I am really pleased that we have secured the Kitchen Academy to run a series of Healthy Cookery classes throughout terms 3 & 4, starting with a whole school cookery day on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. We do need some parent helpers to assist with this so if you are available (KS2 am, KS1 pm) then please let me know.

We will also be launching a new FREE parent/child circuits club running on Thursday morning from 8am, in addition to continuing the free early birds athletics club which will now move to a Tuesday morning. We will also be running some free lunchtime activity clubs – details to follow.

Thank you to all of those who have given (and are intending to give) responses to our survey – this is an important tool for us!

**<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PMGCKXP>**

Wishing you all a happy & healthy Christmas and New Year.  
Mrs Lane



### From Mrs Whittaker –

Last Wednesday, our school choir went to sing at a special Christmas lunch held for OAP's at Punnetts Town village hall. Our children sang beautifully, and also played 'Little Donkey' on the handbells. Our performance finished with Lily and Tayen playing 'Walking in the Air' on the fife. The children were highly praised for their fantastic performance, and their impeccable behaviour.

After they had sung, the ASSR choir were lucky enough to meet, and receive a small gift, from Father Christmas! All this, and then the children were back for the start of afternoon lessons!



**Work of the Week!!**  
**By Sparrowhawks class**



Sparrowhawks have been learning about the advent crown, and their colourful advent wreaths are currently displayed in All Saints Church.

Sparrowhawks finished their 'Light & Dark topic' by writing poems about stars, which they performed beautifully at Thursday's Christmas service. They went on to perform the song 'Star Light Star Bright' and 'Little Donkey' with handbells. Well done to every class member who helped make our performance so special!



Gold Awards

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**December**

Darcy Pring  
Archie Peter  
Ruby Windus  
Cillian Macneil  
Isabelle Fogg  
Dexter Wayne  
Harry Fletcher



A Huge thanks to everyone who kindly gave presents and cards to ASSR staff.  
Thank you!

**ATTENDANCE**  
**Term 2**

BUZZARDS – 95.5%

SPARROWHAWKS-96.4%

TREETOPS – 97%



Treetops are the winners this term!!  
Congratulations!!

**Offers of Help!**

**Volunteers – All of our classes would really appreciate if you or a family member ie. Grandparent etc could spare an hour of your time to hear the children reading each week. Please speak to school office for more information.**





## P.T.A Update

What a great term for PTA events! We have been involved in a few community events, movie night, Christmas present sale and gifts from Father Christmas. The autumn party was a great success and maybe we will do this again next year.

With all these events and some funds still to be counted you have already raised over £650 for the PTA pot. Some has been spent on Christmas gifts from Father Christmas, KS2 fruit, birthday books and we hope that we have enough now to purchase a new shed for the sports equipment.

There are plans in progress for next year. A sponsored welly walk in conjunction with High Weald Heroes. There is a 3 mile walk named and planned by the children at the school. It is hoped to make it a big event with lots of great activities.

There are also plans for a race night for the parents. If you have any ideas or want to get involved in some way please speak to any of the PTA team.

Have a fantastic Christmas and thank you to all the parents who have helped, supported and baked over the year.

Rachel



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** (changes/additions highlighted in yellow from previous issue)

2016:	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA - Autumn Party from 3.30pm – 6pm
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA running a craft stall @ Horam preschool Christmas Fair
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	PTA – Movie Night – from 3.20 pm-come and watch a Christmas movie.
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	'Bags for School' – collection today! Early am
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Heathfield Town Centre 'Christmas Afternoon' – timings to follow
Week of 5 <sup>th</sup> December – 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Secret Santa Gift Week – more info to follow
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA – Children's Christmas dinner and film
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Pantomime Trip
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** (changes/additions highlighted in yellow from issue 2)

2017:	
<b>Tuesday 3rd January</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Wednesday 4th January</b>	<b>START OF TERM 3</b>
<b>Monday 13th – Friday 17th February</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 15th March	Big Dance – Assembly Halls, Tunbridge Wells - Buzzards
<b>Friday 31st March</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th April</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th April</b>	<b>START OF TERM 5</b>
<b>Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Thursday 20th July</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
<b>Friday 21st July</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>

**BACK TO SCHOOL!**



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