



# All Saints Catholic Primary School

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## *Caring, Sharing and Loving*

Liturgical Year and Cycle: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time | Cycle B

Key Scripture: Mark 1: 14-20

The children's mission for this week is **"to do something good for someone else."** This is based on the Catholic Pupil profile "Compassionate and Loving."

**19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Coffee Mornings**

We will be arranging more coffee mornings between now and the end of term. **in the school hall.** I will post the date of the first one on Clasdojo next week. This will give you an opportunity to find out more about what's happening in school and a chance to discuss anything related to school life. Everyone is welcome.

### **Mass in School**

It was lovely to see family members attend Mass in school last Wednesday. Please remember that you are all welcome to join us for Mass either in school or in Church.

### **First Holy Communion**

As a Catholic school we are committed to promoting Catholic values. Therefore it is really important that even if you are unsure if you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion this year, please come and speak to either myself or Father Richard for more information. If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion then please can you fill out the form that has come out with this letter and return it to the office asap. If you don't have a form, then please come to the office and collect one. Classes will school this Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, with Mrs. Storey, followed by the first class in All Saints Church, on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 11:15am following Mass at 10am.

### **School Starts at 8:50am**

Please can I remind you that your child must be in school by 8:50am every morning. The Local Authority are monitoring lateness of children, which in some cases can be treated the

same as an unauthorised absence and could lead to a fine. Also, if your child is late they are missing out on the start of lessons which over time, will have a negative effect on their education so please can I ask that your child is in school, on time every day

As a reminder, please note there will be no afterschool clubs on Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup> due to a staff meeting.

### **Safeguarding**

As I mention on many of my newsletters, keeping the children safe in school is my first priority. The continuation of replacement fences being erected around and in the school grounds, ensures that the school site is even more secure and safe for your children. If you have any questions about how we safeguard your children in school, please come and speak to either myself, Miss Meadows or Miss Basini.

### **Healthy Eating**

As you may remember, in the summer term last year, I raised the issue of only healthy snacks and drinks being brought into school. This did cause a bit of a problem with some parents who disagreed with me but it was a success in the end. However, recently I have noticed that some unhealthy snacks and drinks are being brought back into school such as chocolate, biscuits and squash. I understand that some children have specific diets and this does not suit everyone but many children have told me that they are happy to drink water and eat healthy snacks at break time. The children from the "Health and Wellbeing" group have produced (of their own accord) posters promoting healthy eating as they can see the importance of it. As Headteacher, I have to listen to what the children want and therefore I am asking again if you will try your best to only send your child to school with water instead of squash and no unhealthy snacks for break time. The children have access to a variety of fruit every break time in school which they love and look forward to. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

As always, If you need to speak to me, please contact the school on 01495-303631.

Mr. J Price (Headteacher)