

Allanson Street Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21st September 2018

This week: It was lovely to welcome the last intake of Reception children who will begin their learning journey with us.

Next Week: On Wednesday, we are having our Harvest Assembly. We are asking for donations of 'dried' food packets and tinned food which will be taken to St Helens Foodbank. On Thursday, our Year 1 children will go on a trip to Build a Bear to choose their class bears. We look forward to hearing all about the adventures the class bears get up to during their stay with the children. On Friday, our Reception children will go on a trip to Delamere Forest.

Attendance Matters: Please remember the importance of good attendance during the school year. The national target for attendance is now 96%. If your child is absent for a total of more than 7 days during the school year then he or she will fall below this target. School staff and the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) can offer support if you are struggling to maintain good attendance for your child so please let us know if you have any specific issues. Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) are issued if absences are recorded as 'unauthorised' over a period of time. **This includes possible fines for holidays taken in school time.** This half term our EWO's will be making contact with all parents whose children had attendance below 90% last year as this is classed as 'persistent absence' and we must work towards reducing the numbers of children missing so much school.

Harvest Festival: On Wednesday afternoon this week we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival.

This year we are asking for donations for the St Helens Food Bank (packets, tins, jars) to be sent into school on Wednesday. Thank you very much for any donations.

Macmillan coffee morning cake sale: some of our parents are organising a cake sale for the children at playtime on Friday morning (28th Sept). If anyone can donate any cakes (as a harvest donation or an extra donation) we would be very grateful. Cakes will be on sale for the children for 50p on Friday.

Sports News

We have around 80 of our school children performing a cheerleading routine at Saints next Friday. The first rehearsal was today and it was a great success. The children will also practise on Monday. We have lots of excited children waiting for this event. Next week the school games competitions begin. There is a Year 2 Football Tournament and a Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament. Good Luck to all involved.

We have had amazing turnouts for all the clubs on offer so far. Please keep it up. If your child is attending a Sports Club after school, could you please ensure they have the correct clothing and trainers.

Clubs week beginning 24.9.18 :

Monday - Year 5/6 Girls Football (Ellis)

Tuesday - KS2 Thriller Dance (Lucy)

Year 5/6 Boys Football (Ellis)

Wednesday - Year 3 / 4 Boys Football (Ellis)

Thursday - Year 3 / 4 Girls Football - (Ellis)

Year 1 / 2 Thriller Dance (Lucy)

Friday - Netball (Mrs Farnell)

Bike Security

Please can I remind all parents and children to make sure that bikes are locked securely to the bike rack. Many children leave scooters in the rack and there is no way to make sure a scooter is secure as they cannot be locked. Please help us to avoid the upset and distress of having property stolen and make sure all bikes are locked. Thank you.

Word of the Week (talk about it and use it as often as you can!)

Nursery - helpful **Year 1** - explain **Year 2** - international **Year 3** - spectacular **Year 4** - alternative
Year 5 - dilemma **Year 6** - endure

Celebration Assembly Medal Winners- Well done to the following children:

Year 1: Harry M, Leon C, Miley J and Elliot H

Year 2: Curtis A, Keira G, Harrison C and Ethan W

Year 3: Keira Grace F, Layla C, Stephen S and Kaine A

Year 4: Scarlett D, Oscar B, Curtis P and Olivia O

Year 5: Aiden S, Bethany W, Lucy R and Kylan A

Year 6: Millie J, Kian C, Holly M and Dolly D-B

Young Citizens of the week. KS1: Maibon B **Lower Juniors:** Hayley A **Upper Juniors:** Olivia M

Many thanks

Have a good weekend.

P Farnell (Headteacher)