



# Head of Academy Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my last Head of Academy newsletter for ASM and I must admit I am feeling emotional thinking about moving on from this wonderful little school!

Our journey together began when I came to the school in January 2019 as an Interim Head to cover illness, going on to be the substantive Head for 2 more years. What a journey it has been leading the school through not one but two lockdowns and navigating the pandemic to keep our children and community safe. I can't thank all of you enough for all of your support, patience and understanding in what has been an unprecedented time. I salute the resilience that all of our children have shown and I am immensely proud of our school community.

## *'Building lifelong foundations together'*

Part of my role has been to develop a vision that reflects what we want for our children; to be strong, resilient learners who are confident to make their way in the world and equipped with the skills to do it!

Our children live out our vision every day at home and in school supported by the exceptional teaching staff at ASM and by their families. This partnership between home and school has been built on strong relationships and communication and I thank our school staff for working so hard to sustain these.

I know as Mrs Secker moves into this role she is also committed to working in partnership with you. She has been in school to meet our new families joining Forde in September and we have met many times to discuss the priorities and vision for the school as it moves forward. I am very confident handing over the reins to Mrs Secker as we very much share the same ethos and she is passionate about giving our children the very best start.

It just goes for me to say have a wonderful summer and I will keep in touch with the school and hope to see you all at some point in the future. Thank you again for all your support, ASM will always have a special place in my heart.

Mrs Edwards

Head of Academy



## Message from Mrs Secker

I am so excited about September and feel privileged that I have been given the opportunity to become a part of the incredible All Saints Marsh family. When I have visited all the children have been so welcoming and I cannot wait to spend more time getting to know them all.

In September I will be inviting parents in for an informal 'getting to know you' event. I know that, as parents, you are extremely supportive of the school and are integral to its success and would love the chance to chat to you all about your vision for ASM and how we can work together.

Have a wonderful summer and stay safe.

Mrs Secker.

## Outdoor Playground Update

I am very excited to tell you about the amazing makeover our playground is having over the Summer Holidays! The famous 'squashy' playground surface needs replacing after being played on for almost 20 years! It has been repaired many many times but we need to replace it with a new surface. As you know we are a very small site and the outdoor area we can use is limited. Replacing the floor and equipment will give us a bigger flexible space that can be used for physical activities and give everyone some much needed outdoor space for PE and playtimes.

Installing new climbing equipment around the sides of the playground will open up the area and give the children some new physical challenges that will be able to be used by our youngest and oldest children alike.

Adding a green surface and wooden equipment will give the outdoor area a garden feel and will be accessorised with a new sensory pathway.

It will also give our undercover Early Years area a new lease of life with the floor being replaced under the cover and the woodwork treated. This project represents a considerable investment by the Trust to support our children and will really make a difference to the quality of the provision here.

I look forward to visiting the school in the future to see the transformation!





## What will I need to know when my child returns in September?

As you will be aware, there have been a variety of different changes to COVID restrictions this week. It is important to us that you feel supported through this and that you have all of the information that you need to feel fully informed upon your return to school in September.

- We will continue to use the different entrances and exits to the school for the 2 Key Stages. These have worked well in reducing the number of people congregating in one area and the steady flow of children coming in between 8.30 and 8.45 means there hasn't been a long queue (arrival after 8.45 will be classed as late). The school day ends at 3.00 pm; please be mindful if waiting outside resident's houses.
- Bubbles are no longer required in schools but they may be reintroduced if required as part of advice taken from Public Health England.
- School activities, such as assemblies, can include the whole school meaning that children can come together for these times of the school week.
- Each school will have an outbreak management plan that they will put into action in the event of an outbreak of COVID-19.
- Schools will no longer have responsibility for contact tracing but may assist with this as advised.
- From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.
- Parents are still required to report all positive tests LFD and PCR to schools as soon as possible.
- We will continue to update and adapt our school risk assessment following up to date government guidance and this information will be available.
- The system of controls such as handwashing, ventilation and enhanced cleaning will continue to form an important part of controlling COVID-19.

### Face Coverings

The government is removing the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they be worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. We would recommend that, where possible, you would continue to wear a face covering when dropping and collecting your child to and from school. I am sure that we all want to ensure that we are doing everything that we can to keep our school community safe and this action will support this. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

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### **Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. If you have concerns about your child attending school, please can I ask that you discuss these concerns with us and we will do everything possible to support you and your child in feeling confident to return to school in September.

All clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people should attend school unless they are under paediatric or other specialist care who have been advised by their clinician or other specialist not to attend. If you feel that this is applicable to your child then, again, please do contact me as soon as possible to discuss this.

### **Positive rapid lateral flow test results**

Anyone with a positive test result will need to:

- self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance
- book a further test (a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test) to confirm the result.

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, your child should continue to self-isolate.

If you suspect your child has coronavirus or has a positive test please do not send your child to school. This is inclusive when:

- they are showing one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they have had a positive test result
- there are other reasons requiring them to stay at home, for example, they are required to quarantine

You should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure that your child returns to school in the correct uniform (including the correct PE kit). When the cooler weather arrives, children are permitted to wear extra layers of clothing if they wish as spaces are ventilated. Please can you support your child to wear suitable layers as near to the colour of their school uniform as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

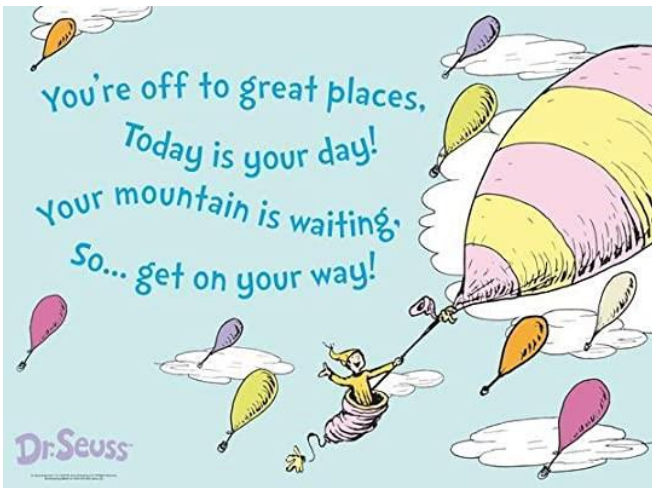
If you would like to refer to the government guidance for parents and carers in full, please follow this link: What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



## Templar Class

It is the last term of the year and as we reflect on how far we have come, we cannot help but marvel at the hard work that the children have done and all the targets that they have met. Templar class have had brilliant science lessons that were based on scientific inquiry and observations this year. Their knowledge and skills continue to develop as they think and work like scientists. This time, we made periscopes and discussed how light helps us to see objects.

The Year 6's have had some opportunities to spend time together as a cohort and to make memories in their last year of primary school by attending some weekly swimming lessons. They even learnt about water safety as part of the Drowning prevention week. We are so proud of the perseverance and resilience that they have shown throughout the year, especially in the last six weeks. They have certainly represented All Saints Marsh well. We wish them all the best at their secondary schools, please do still keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on!



## Courtenay Class

We have had lots of fantastic learning opportunities this term which we have thoroughly enjoyed! It has been lovely to watch the children take on new challenges and show all our school values as they explore the wider curriculum. Circus Sensible has been a favourite for many of the children where they were able to learn how to juggle, spin plates and twirl ribbons. Whilst spinning the plates, they were challenged to pass the plate to a friend without it falling off the stick. It was fantastic to see the teamwork between the children and many chose to work with friends they wouldn't normally pick! Throughout the session, the children became more confident with the skills and all wanted to show me what they had learnt. I loved seeing how much joy they got when they succeeded in each stage of the session, especially when many of them thought they couldn't do it!

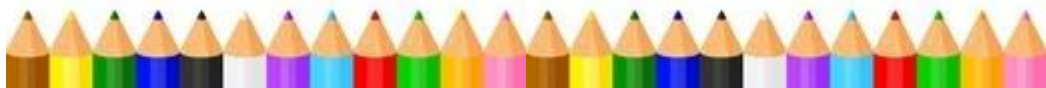
***“I enjoyed twirling the purple ribbon. It looked pretty and was very long! I had to persevere with the juggling because it was really tricky.” - Kaylyn***

***“I liked watching my friends enjoying the different skills! I loved playing on the dinosaur stilts and trying to race each other.” - George***

***“Juggling is not an easy skill to master! It took me the whole summer, but it was so lovely to see the children persevering and having fun!” Tilly from Circus Sensible.***

Other opportunities that the children have enjoyed include the Rainbow Run fundraiser, a workshop with an artist looking at observational drawing, an African story and dance workshop, chocolate tasting and a bread tasting experience! We have had a very busy summer term filled with lots of wonderful learning that the children can be very proud of. Well done everyone for a fantastic year!

I hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing you in September!



## Bradley Class

This term Bradley class have been developing their drawing skills after a wonderful visit from the DAISI artist. The focus of the session was to look at the impact on light and dark when drawing and how to use pastels to create different tones. As a result of the session the class then took on the challenge to sketch trickier objects within the classroom. The pot plant was particularly tricky as the light bounced off in all directions. The lesson that they loved the most was when they got out the shells and had a go at examining them closely. You could hear a pin drop as they were silently concentrating on their sketches, before adding tone using the pastels. Everyone was extremely supportive and complimentary of the progress made and there was many a proud smile at this new skill they have learnt.

***"I didn't think I liked to draw, but I have never drawn like this before. I took my time and really like what I drew. I surprised myself" - Harry***

***"Each shell is really different to the others and it was fun learning how to make them look more real by adding shade and tone. I didn't know how to do it before and I really like my shells." - Hettie***

***"If you look closely at my drawing you can see that I have got the swirly bit looking darker because it stands out on the shell." - Elijah***



## Forde Class

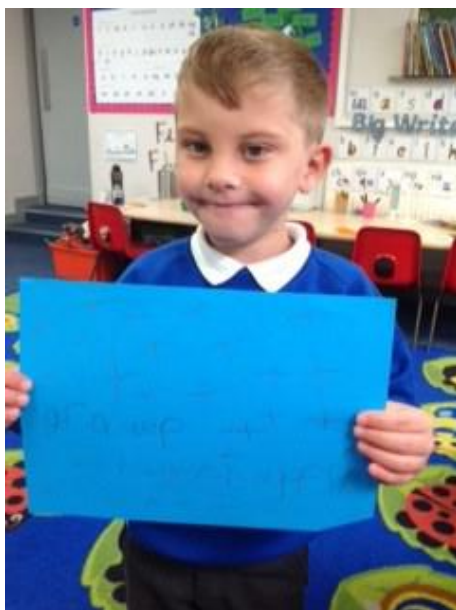
What a fantastic term we have had in Forde class full of rich learning opportunities!

We have been working so hard as geographers to learn all about the seven continents. The children have blown me away by their understanding of the different climates, and have found it fascinating to learn how countries near the equator have a warmer climate because they are closer to the sun!

As scientists, we have been exploring all of the different materials and their uses. The children have been using fantastic vocabulary and asking amazing questions such as, "*Why can some metal bend, but some metal is stiff?*" We have loved talking about all of the different properties of materials!

In RE this term, we have been learning all about Judaism. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this learning and have been incredible at linking it back to areas of Christianity. One of our greatest links was when the children worked out that the Jewish day of rest was called Shabbat, and the Christian day of rest was called Sabbath! They noticed that there was only one letter that was in a different place!

Thank you to all of the parents and carers for being so supportive throughout this interrupted year and your engagement with remote learning. It really has made such a huge difference to the children's learning! I hope you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you in September!





## PE and Sport

This half term we have been looking at our Striking and Fielding skills, mainly through playing rounders. Different year groups have focused on different skills appropriate to their ages but skills they have learnt include: rolling the ball to a partner, underarm throwing and catching, batting technique, familiarising themselves with a rounders pitch, running around the pitch, tactics and game play. It has been lovely to utilise the field off site to give the children some proper space to play in and the weather has been a bonus.

The team building club has developed our ability to work with others by playing games such as Team Ordering Games, Hoop Circle Game, Crossing the Crocodile River, Rob the Nest and Capture the Flag. The children have worked with different children and have thought about how to be successful as a team. And of course they have had fun!

And to top it all off, all the children completed the Rainbow Run at the end of June. It was a really successful and enjoyable event. The children all participated and ran/walked as far as they could within their PE lesson. The effort was astonishing and the children really enjoyed taking part as well as supporting one another.

What a fantastic half-term of PE! Well done everyone!



## Worship

What a trying year it has been for everybody! During these unprecedented times, we are proud of the All Saints Marsh children for continuing to show our school values in school and in the community. It has been wonderful to see perseverance and courage at play around the school and in classrooms as children try new things and continue to practise new skills even when faced with challenges. In Family groups and Collective Worship, we have been focusing on our vision of Building Lifelong Foundations Together as well as our school values. Through reflections and discussions, we continue to find ways in which we can go into the world and help others without forgetting to look after ourselves too.





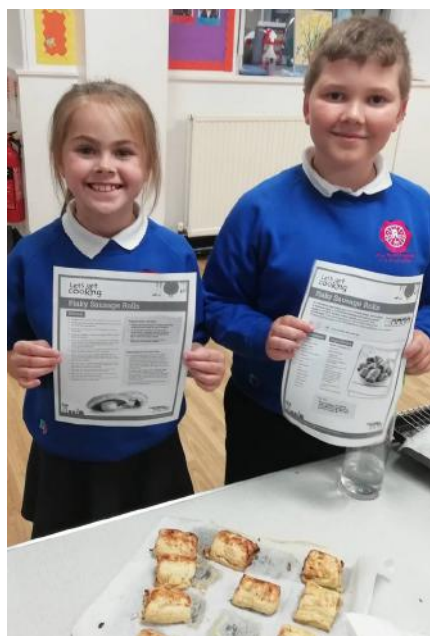
## Extra Curricular Activities



Our extra curricular Rainbow Club have been super busy...sharing the story of the Colour Monster, before creating their own calm jars and monsters and the story about Grandma's dream catcher before making their very own! Aren't they beautiful. Thank you Miss Rippon.



The Healthy Eating Club have had a great time learning new recipes and tasting their amazing creation, thank you so much Mrs Armstrong.



Art Club have thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck into a variety of crafts with so much glitter and sequins! Thank you Miss Monaghan.



## ART at All Saints Marsh

We had an arty crafty start to the Summer Term, where we were delighted to welcome Bemma who ran an African arts project to all classes virtually. The children were introduced to various aspects of the African culture through experiencing delightful tales and village songs that brought a glimpse of life and culture in other parts of the world. We all had a go at repeating chants and participating in a 'call and response' song. Through listening to some interesting facts about the continent, we got to see life through someone else's eyes, which opened our minds to the world beyond our community.

To top that off, the children were treated to a marvellous art day by The Helen Foundation and DAISI who beautifully provided one of their professional artists to engage and inspire each of them to think like artists. Our lucky children received the wonderful opportunity to produce artwork using compressed black charcoal and white chalk. Before creating their masterpieces, the children practised their shading skills and perfected each stroke before moving on to making creative outcomes that involved pastels and observational drawings. The children were encouraged to look for specific details and to accurately represent shadows and lights for each object. We are proud of all classes for showing such great skill and for engaging with their creative sides, and we can all definitely agree that they all did a wonderful job. A great thank you goes out to The Helen Foundation and DAISI once more. We look forward to more inspiring art sessions in the future.



## In the Community

### Rainbow Run

It was amazing to see our pupils demonstrate our school values of determination and perseverance whilst supporting Children's Hospice South West. We raised a totally amazing £400 and ran a total of 87km! Thank you again to all the pupils who took part and families who supported. We are blown away with how well the children have done.

A special thank you to Mrs Stanley from the Spires for organising the day for us.



## Thank You!

Lulu, our reading dog has enjoyed visiting the children and has saved up her pocket money and kindly bought Templar Class a set of new books! Lulu is looking forward to hearing the stories and adventures being read to her. Thank you Lulu





## Circus Skills!

The children had a fantastic day when Tilly from Circus Sensible visited us. She brought along with her lots of Circus equipment to teach the children new skills! The children and grown ups had the chance to learn to juggle, spin plates and explore the broad tricks and skills from the circus tent. The children showed fantastic resilience to practise the new skills and by the end many could easily spin plates from one person to the next. The progress made within one session was fantastic with every child laughing and smiling whilst showing our school Christian values of courage, creativity and perseverance.

***Vanesa- "This is the best thing to do! I couldn't do it, but then I could!"***

***Harry- "It was funny because our teachers found it really hard to do as well and we were all learning together and got there in the end!"***

***Arthur- "I am so happy because I wanted to give up, but I was helped and I could do it and I did it really well!"***





Thank You

I am sure you will all like to join us in saying a HUGE thank you to our PTFA who have worked tirelessly in providing our children with special events over the years such as the Christmas fetes, summer fayres, whole school trips, treats such as wet play boxes, arts and crafts, school discos, non-school uniform days, coffee mornings, cakes and refreshments and much much more!

We would like to say an extra special **THANK YOU** to Mrs Brooker and Mrs Wagstaff who have between them had their children at our school for more than 20 years! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to All Saints Marsh C of E Academy. You will be missed.



As a small committee, the PTFA are always looking for help from parents. This doesn't have to be a regular commitment. Just an hour or two would be great and if you have any ideas, they would love to hear from you. They can be contacted on pftaasm@gmail.com and have their own facebook page.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

The Trustees, staff and parents at All Saints Marsh Church of England Academy place great emphasis on high standards. Our drive to realising these standards encompasses all aspects of Academy life; teaching & learning; relationships; behaviour and dress code, etc. Wearing of the correct Academy uniform is essential. The support of parents is very important in this. It is very important that all clothing is clearly labelled. You are able to purchase uniform from our online suppliers Price and Buckland at <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/allsaintsmarsh>

Please note that blue sweatshirts must be official Academy uniform, showing the badge. Alternative blue woollen cardigans and other types of blue pullovers are not acceptable Academy uniform.



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## Term Dates 2021—2022

### Autumn Term

- Start: 6 September 2021
- Half Term: 25 October – 29 October 2021
- End: 17 December 2021

### Spring Term

- Start: 4 January 2022
- Half Term 21—25 February 2022
- Ends 8th April 2022

### Summer Term

- Start: 25th April 2022
- Half Term 20th May—3rd June 2022
- Non Pupil Days 6th—10th June 2022
- Ends: 26th July 2022

The Head of Academy may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

All requests for a child to be absent from school during term time must be made in writing at least a half term in advance of the proposed absence by completing the absence request form obtainable from the Academy office.

Please call into the Academy Office if you would like to discuss your child's attendance or any aspect of absences.

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