

24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now completed 3rd week of the Autumn term and whilst the summer holidays feel like a distant memory, the sun has been shining for us! The playground is finished after some issues with supplies and available labour. The children are so excited to use it!!

Sharing our Curriculum

We've had another brilliant week of learning and children have really settled into their new classes. This year we will building upon the fantastic curriculum development started last year. Children have been enjoying a range of subjects such as Art, Science and Geography and we will begin to share this learning with you over the coming weeks.

Our new reception children have settled well and have even enjoyed working with our older pupils in family groups and with 'Reading Buddies'.

The children have been delighted to return to whole school worship in the hall and we have been exploring our value of COURAGE. This week we have been thinking about people that we think have shown courage such as doctors and nurses during the pandemic and athletes during the Olympic games this summer

Working together with our Trust to Strive for Excellence.

All Saint's Marsh is part of The Learning Academy Partnership, a Trust of 10 schools across Torbay and Devon who work together a some single organisation, ensuring the best for all pupils. As part of this, we regularly work alongside each other sharing great ideas, sharing our expertise as well as reflecting together about our next steps as education never stands still and we are always striving for Excellence. As part of this, we hold reviews in each school and last week ASM welcomed two of our other Heads, Mrs Stephens (Trust Executive Head) and Mrs Huish from Dartington along with an external consultant to share our work on developing the curriculum and look at our next developments. Together with senior leaders here, we talked to pupils and looked at their learning in books, spent time in lessons as well as talking to wider staff. We were delighted to share with the team how our vision and values help to guide us and the importance of 'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'. The children were able to speak clearly about the importance of the whole school family giving them strength, knowledge and skills to make progress and take the next steps in their education and lives.

We look forward to sharing more details with you over the coming weeks, once we receive the final report.



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Keeping each other safe

A reminder that whilst the world returns to some level of 'normal' we are still in an 'enhanced response area' and as such we are being cautious. We are all staying vigilant and would like to thank parents for doing the same by ensuring any child with any one **or** all symptoms has a PCR test.

Year Six Secondary Applications.

We know this year has only just started but parents of Year Six need to be looking ahead and applying for secondary school places by the end of October. It's been great to see that many secondaries are now holding open events and would encourage parents to attend these with their children if possible. If we have advanced warning, we can authorise children to be attend these within school time, please contact Mrs Webber. If you require and support with this application please pop in to the office.

Finally I look forward to welcoming you to an informal 'get to know you' event next week. The Class Teachers will also be available for the start of the session. Our Catering Team will also be providing us with some yummy samples of their homemade food.
Details:

KS1: Monday 27th September: 3.00pm

KS2: Tuesday 28th September: 3.00pm

Yours Sincerely

Mrs L Secker

Head of Academy