



Friendship

2019-2020 Number 28 | Friday 1st May 2020

With Jesus as our guide,
we will inspire a passion
for learning, high
aspirations and respect for
all.



On the twentieth of March, twenty- twenty,
I was told that I had to shut the school,
I really did not want to close us,
But had to follow the Government's big rule.
I knew it was going to be difficult,
And it all felt so scary and unknown,
But we made the most of our last day together,
Before I sent you all off, safely home.

We've still been here for a few children,
Making sure that they have a great time,
Doing things that we don't always get time for,
In the great outdoors, under beaming sunshine.

I've missed you so much since you left us,
And I think of you in all that I do,
Nothing seems quite right with no children,
And I can't wait to be reunited with you.

I miss the daily "hello" and "welcome"
And the big rush to all get inside,
Seeing no bags and coats hanging down on the
pegs,
The corridors just feel empty and wide.

Daily phonics has stopped with your teachers,
When you learn how to read, spell and write ,
The pride on your faces when you learn new
words,
And knowing that you're getting it right!

Daily worship in the hall is missing,
When we gather, talk, listen and share,
Coming as one to give praise and thanks,
Sing songs, reflect and say our prayers.

Our playground is big, grey and empty,
And is all lonely and bare,
Your games and your chatter are missing,
Spaces are just not right now you're not there

I can't hear you counting and adding,
As you learn in your daily maths time,
There's no sorting shapes or measuring tapes,
Or singing and chanting number rhymes.

At lunch the hall sits silent,
With the tables and chairs packed away,
They've all been cleaned, 'til they sparkle,
For you to sit at on your return one day

Science is not being studied,
And PE lessons are now on hold,
History and Geography are waiting their turn,
And no children's stories are being told.

Arts and crafts are in the cupboard
Musical instruments can't play by themselves
Library books sit there unopened
Gathering dust on the wooden book shelves

What's still here are your wonderful exercise
books,
Great displays with your work on the walls
The photos of reading and writing
And playing with bats and balls

And the love that I have for you is going
nowhere
It's safely locked inside
So when all the germs have been sent far away
You'll be here safely by my side.

Mrs Johnson

Isle of Wight Trip

This trip has been rearranged to May 2021. Year 5 children will still have their places and there are now more spaces available, with this opening up to Year 4 and any additional children in Year 5 who may want to go. There will be a separate letter sent out to parents of children in Year 4 and 5 with more information surrounding this.

Horrible Histories Trip

We have been in contact with Year 6 parents and they will be getting a refund for this trip. The rest of the school will have this money put on to their accounts for the pantomime which is booked for the end of the year.

A message from Mr Chambers...

I just wanted to send you all a message to thank you for all your wonderful messages of support for my family and me during this very tough time. I have had many emails, cards, pictures, letters and video messages from governors, teachers, support staff, parents and children. Believe me when I say, they mean the world to me and they have made such a difference to us. They never fail to provoke a reaction, some make me smile, others have made me laugh and I have even shed a tear or two over the sentiment included by some.

It has been brilliant to hear that most of you are keeping active during this lockdown, whether it's 'PE with Joe', marathon challenges or just practising your skills in the garden. This period of time should hopefully make us realise how lucky we are to be part of the All Saints community and how much we rely on each other.

Once again, a massive thank you. Stay safe and hopefully we shall see each other again soon.

Online Safety

During this time where your children are busy completing much of their learning online, we thought it would be a good idea to share some useful links which will help you to feel confident in tackling online safety with your children.



<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

O2 and the NSPCC are working together to provide an advice line on 0808 800 5002, which is free to call Mon-Fri 9am-4pm. You can ask for advice on parental controls, different apps, online bullying and more.



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Net Aware

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

The net-aware website allows you to view many current apps, the risks, and the benefits of their use.

Governor Greetings

I just wanted to take this opportunity to reach out to you all and say that I hope you are all keeping safe. As a governing board we had a virtual meeting this week and we are all very proud of the All Saints Community for how this difficult situation has been handled. We have received some very positive comments about how school have communicated with parents and thank staff for providing lots of support without putting too much pressure on children and their parents. We recognise that these are strange times for everyone and feel that the best way to get through this is by pulling together and all doing what we can. The teachers and staff are offering ongoing support so please reach out to them if you are struggling or your circumstances change. Please remember to keep in touch with your child's class teacher so that they can continue to safeguard all the children and their families. I am also always on the end of my email for any comments or concerns. I would particularly love to hear any positive feedback about school or staff members which we can celebrate with them in the future. I hope we can all meet again soon, until then, you all remain in my thoughts and I hope you all stay safe and well.

Best Wishes, Sam Barber, sbarber@allsaints-pri.northants.sch.uk