

All Saints' C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to first wish you all a very Happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and spending time with your families and friends.

As the new term begins I am looking forward to seeing children back in school tomorrow and I wanted to just draw your attention to a few matters in readiness for the new school term.

Snow

It is highly unlikely that we will ever need to close the school due to snow conditions. Where there is snow and ice please take extra care in your journey to and from school and give yourself extra time so that children can be on time and ready to learn. In school we will risk assess and manage conditions so that children can enjoy the snow safely (assuming there is enough to enjoy!) In the very rare set of circumstances in which we would need to close the school we will communicate as quickly as possible to support working families and parents can access remote learning with signposts on our school website. Again I stress that this is highly unlikely but plans are in place for very rare occasions that this is necessary.

Art Exhibition

Last term we communicated about a children's art exhibition that we will be holding on Tuesday 13th January in our school hall. Hopefully your children have all been using their creativity over the past few weeks but this is a gentle reminder to bring in artwork on Monday 12th or Tuesday 13th January ready for display in the school hall. Parents are then welcome to come and see the exhibition from 3.15pm having collected their children from class. The exhibition will be available to view until 6.00pm.

Communication

As always further information about the school year will be sent to you soon including information from each of the phases regarding Enrichment homework and individual phase newsletters.

Staff, as always, will be happy to help with questions you may have and the best way of contacting them is by using the email addresses below or the main office email address.

eyfs@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk for contacting Ducklings or Cygnets

year12@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk for contacting Lions, Leopards or Tigers

year34@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk for contacting Badgers, Foxes or Otters

year56@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk for contacting Turtles, Starfish or Seahorse

Staff will reply to these as soon as possible but I'm sure you will understand that this may not be immediately possible as they may be working with the children. Likewise, when out of school hours, staff may not respond immediately as they will be with their own families and busy with their own home lives.

Attendance

Finally, I would just like to remind you all of the importance of good attendance and punctuality, for both social and academic progress. **The school gates open at 8.30am and the register is taken at 8.45am.** This is when the school day begins and children must be in school by 8.45am everyday in order to achieve the 32.5 hours of education they are entitled to as set out by the Department for Education. This prompt start to the day has so many benefits for a child and lots of early work and support is available during this time. Good attendance is considered 95% or above. Where attendance falls to 90% or below it is considered a serious concern and children fall into a persistent absentee category. We monitor attendance regularly and should your child fall into this category we will be in contact with you in order to support you and your child with attendance.

We are very much looking forward to the new term with lots of exciting trips, visits and theme days planned as part of the school curriculum. We look forward to working together with you to make it another successful and exciting term for our children to ensure that 'Every Child Shines'.

Kind regards



Mr Philip Brown

Headteacher

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