



## Principals News

Hope you are all keeping well and staying safe during these challenging times.

We are thinking of you all and hoping that the pressures will ease real soon.

We have had a busy month this month and have been under the spotlight with three separate inspections. The first was a Health and Safety inspection led by Elite Safety in Education. This was a full morning whereby our statutory and compliance documents were scrutinised. This went well and the gentleman ended his report with:-

"All Saints National Academy was a pleasure to visit with a warm welcome being received from all staff. Thank you to Nicky Baddeley for her preparation, cooperation, support and time extended to me during the course of my visit.

Thank you for allowing me to visit your wonderful Academy during these challenging times"

Our second inspection was on 19th November and this was with OFSTED. It was a very different experience as it was held virtually. The inspection was led by Heather Simpson who is our HMI who has been on the journey with us here at All Saints since the academy was subject to the category of Special Measures back in May 2018. She was joined by an additional inspector called Deb Jenkins. It was a special inspection that they are completing as part of National research during the Covid-19 pandemic. It was looking at how we had addressed the changes necessary through the pandemic and how the children have responded to these. She met with myself, Mrs Skidmore, Mrs Bagley and Mrs Bassi. She asked questions relating to the topics of safeguarding, behaviour, the curriculum and remote learning and attendance. The findings from this inspection will not add to our progress towards the journey out of Special Measures, however it was a positive experience and she thanked us for our preparation and responses during such challenging times. The full letter will be available within the next few weeks.

Our third inspection was a full Trust review, again held virtually and this took place last Friday. This was led by our Diocesan Improvement Advisor Kerin Jones and the Trust Director of Learning Joanna Austin. It was a full day inspection and involved a scrutiny of our documentation, they had examples of children's work, they listened to some children read and also spoke to children about the academy. They spoke with staff and leaders and were impressed with their experience across the day. One of the comments made during the final feedback was:-

"The staff are ambitious and optimistic and want the best for the children"

A very busy start to the half term but again such valuable times to showcase the fabulous work that is going on in what again is such difficult times.

I would like to thank you on behalf of the team for all your support and co-operation.

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MRS BADDELEY

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



Christmas dinner day  
11th December

Christmas holiday starts  
Friday 18th December

Academy Re-opens  
Tuesday 5th January

### ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT

Good attendance is so important because it helps prepare children for the routines needed during their adult life. Coming to school everyday also supports children's abilities to make and keep good friendships which play a vital role in growing-up. Good attendance also supports children in making good progress in their learning.

We are thrilled with the ever-improving attendance at All Saints and thank you for your ongoing support with this. The best attending class are awarded £5 per week which they can choose to spend or save until a larger amount is accumulated. Last year 3/4GB were the best attending class and had a huge pizza party with their winnings. Look out for new attendance awards coming soon. Children will be able to collect tickets for coming to school everyday and being here on time. The more tickets you collect the bigger the prize you can win - just like at the arcades.





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# NEWSLETTER

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## BREAKING NEWS!

### CONGRATULATIONS

We have welcomed a new arrival to the team during October. The beautiful and safe arrival for the Meers family of a gorgeous little girl.

Darcie-Mai joined the family and has already stolen their hearts. We would like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs Meers and hope we can meet Darcie-Mai real soon.

### COVID MARSHALLS

Many thanks for your ongoing co-operation and support. Just to make you aware that Walsall Council have now employed COVID MARSHALLS who will be monitoring the streets to ensure that the guidance is being adhered to. WE have been made aware that they will also be monitoring schools at pick up and drop off times. Fines could be sanctioned.

### CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

We will be finalising dates for the activities that will be happening across the academy to celebrate the festive period. We are limited on many activities and the style of activities we have had in the past, however we still aim to have fun and put smiles on the faces of our children and staff. Watch this space for further details coming your way soon.



## PLAYGROUND REFURB

Rain did not stop play the week after half term when the KS2 playground had its refurbishment. After many years of a concrete jungle, the time came to invest in this area and create a space that the children deserved. We had consulted with the children before lockdown on what they would like to see on a new playground. They asked for more places to sit, somewhere to dance and perform, places to read and draw and activities to take part in. We hope that we achieved this! Apart from filling the planters with soil and some lovely plants and trees, it is wonderful to see. Here are some of the comments from the children.

"Our new playground is amazing I love the climbing frame"



"I love the new equipment especially the climbing frame and the grass is amazing"

"My favourite is the climbing wall, we can show pure resilience on this"



### FIRST AID TRAINING

A couple of weeks ago, Year 5 and 6 received first aid training from a company called Safe-Aid. They were taught some aspects around basic first aid but also got the chance to learn CPR and also how a defibrillator works. They learnt where our defibrillator is located in the academy if they were ever asked to go and fetch it. They had a fabulous time and were really grateful for having this opportunity.

