

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year 2020!



Welcome back to a new term and a brand new decade!

This term's topic is **'A World of Difference'** – a theme which has great scope for learning in many areas of the Primary Curriculum.

Class newsletters will further show how objectives will be met in each year group.

In this year's first whole school assembly, we reflected on making New Year resolutions. We talked about how we can achieve positive and realistic changes through trying our very best to meet them. We looked at how our school's learning behaviours have a significant influence on our success in achieving our goals and dreams – central to our school's vision:



2019's Christmas Carol Concert - A Great Success!

I appreciate all of your collective comments and the subsequent praise relating to the carol concert that the children performed at the end of last term, which celebrated Christmas 2019! It was great to see All Souls' Church full to the rafters with the family and friends of the school. The children were tremendous; their enthusiasm and talents certainly shone through! My thanks go to all who were involved, together with All Souls' Church for hosting the event.

School Run Clubs

Sign-up sheets for the new half term clubs are available. Clubs will start Week beginning 13th January 2020. Please sign up for only **one club per pupil** – to allow the opportunity for others.

Monday	Netball by invitation only – Mrs C Kelly - Playground/School hall
	Craft (Sewing) – All Years – Mrs J Grumbt – Year 1 Classroom
	Computing - Years 1 and 2 – Mrs L Kelly – Year 2 Classroom
Wednesday	Football - Year 4, 5 and 6 - Mr J Forrest - Playground/School hall
	Art - Years 1 – 6 - Miss N Webb - Year 3 Classroom
Thursday	Sports – Years 1, 2 and 3 - Mrs N Higgins - Playground/School hall
	Italian – Years 3 to 6 – Mrs I Winterbottom – Year 5 Classroom
	(Please note change of day!)

The above clubs are provided, free of charge, by the teaching staff at SAVS – they run from the end of school **until 4:15 – please collect your child from specified location.**

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club

SCL's breakfast club and afterschool club will cease to operate from February half-term. As stated in the letter sent out this week this was done by the company due to lack of numbers attending the provision. We are seeking an alternative provision and will inform you of any progress in this matter when we are able.

Pupil Sickness

Unfortunately, we have been experiencing a period of sickness at school which is not uncommon at this time of year. With this in mind, below are a few reminders:

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please report their absence to the school by 10am each day of the absence by calling **01344 622118**.

For sickness and/or diarrhoea please allow **48 hours after last episode before returning to school**. This will be recorded as an authorised absence. We appreciate that can prove to be inconvenient but is necessary to reduce the likelihood of the spread of the illness to the wider school.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

School Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform the school colours are **purple and black with grey trousers/shorts or dress/skirts**. The following items are available from the school office:

- School Sweatshirts (black) with school logo £10.50
- School Cardigans (black or purple) with school logo £10.50
- School Polo-shirts (black or white) with school logo £8.50
- PE T-Shirts (red, yellow, green and blue) with school logo £5.00

Children should also wear black shoes suitable for school and a winter coat at this time of year.

Parents Evenings

The Spring term's parent's evenings will take place on Monday 16th March and Wednesday 18th March 2020. Put the dates in your diary – sign up sheets will be issues closer to the event.

Staffing

We welcome Miss Shazra Siddiqi to our school, who will be teaching Year 4 this half term. We are in the process of recruiting a teacher on a more permanent basis and we will let you know about our progress in due course.

Kate Rimell

Headteacher