



Youlgrave All-Saints Primary Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to everyone! I hope you've all enjoyed the festive period. I have been really impressed in the way that children have returned to school and settled back into the swing of things!

I would firstly like to welcome Joy Burgess to the school team, Joy is now working in school 3 days a week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays) as head of school, supporting myself and the staff team. Joy will be outside in a morning meeting parents and carers, so please say hello, she would love to get to know you all.

Please see the class pages to find out what your child will be learning this term. Topics across the school this term are:

- Class 1 (Pacific Ocean) - School days (History)
- Class 2 (Atlantic Ocean) - Misty Mountains, Windy Rivers
- Class 3 (Indian Ocean) - Sow, Grow and Farm

If you have any queries relating to the school curriculum, please speak to your child's class teacher.

With kind regards and best wishes for the New Year.

Sophia Barker
Interim Executive Headteacher



Let us know when.....

There has been a change of contact details - if you have a new phone number or email address, please let the office know, so we can update your child's records.

Change to collection arrangements - if your child is being collected by someone different, or that isn't on our list, please let the office know.

Change to medical needs - if your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, we need to know. There are forms to complete in the office and staff need to be made aware.

Change in circumstances - if there has been a change within your family/ personal circumstances which you think may affect your child, please let us know, so we are aware that they may need extra support.

Key dates:

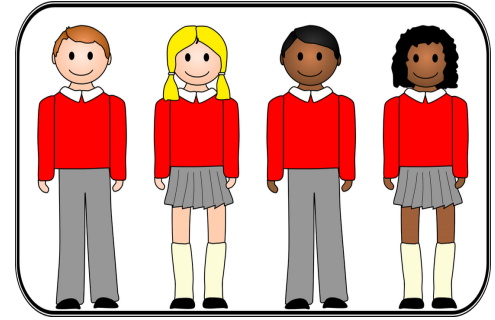
- Tuesday 11th January - After School Sports Club resumes for KS1 with Miss Tonks (Dance/Yoga) 3.30pm-4.30pm
- Wednesday 12th January - After School Sports Club resumes for KS2 with Mr Scully (Winter Sports) 3.30pm-4.30pm
- Wednesday 12th January - After School Art Club for KS1 3.30pm-4.30pm
- Tuesday 16th January - Swimming restarts for Class 2
- Tuesday 16th January - Biscuit Club for Y6 3.30pm - 4.30pm, weekly with Miss Hemmingway
- Thursday 18th January - Biscuit Club for Y6 3.30pm-4.30pm, weekly with Miss Hemmingway
- Wednesday 24th January - Derbyshire Community Health Services visit for Class 3 - Sleep Session
- Wednesday 24th January - 'Puppet Assembly' with Mr and Mrs Briddon.
- Thursday 1st February - Class 3 Netball tournament at Great Longstone Primary School (in school time)
- Wednesday 7th February - Class 3 Wheelchair Basketball event at Great Longstone Primary School (in school time)
- Friday 16th February - Break up for half term
- Monday 26th February - INSET day, school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 27th February - School re-opens for pupils.

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Uniform

A big thank you to all our parents and carers who make sure their children arrive at school in the proper school uniform. However, there has been a rise in the number of children who are not wearing the correct uniform, or are wearing jewellery items that are not permitted for safety reasons. If ears are pierced, please ensure that only stud earrings are worn. They must be removed for PE, or covered with tape if they cannot be removed. Earrings cannot be worn for swimming. Please can we ask you to check the school's uniform policy, on the school website if you are unsure of anything.



Open School Reading Event!!

We are delighted to be holding an open school event, next Friday 26th January in school. This is to focus on reading throughout the school. Class 1 will be showcasing their Phonics learning, whilst Class 2 and Class 3 will be focusing on the new Accelerated Reader scheme. Parents/Carers will have the opportunity to work with their child/children and also to see how the schemes work, so you are equipped to support your child/children at home. There will be handouts to explain the schemes given on the day too. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible. The session will be 9.15am-10.00am. We hope to see you there!!



Snacks

We encourage children to bring a snack into school for their morning breaktime. However, there is a rise in children bringing in unhealthy snacks such as; chocolate and crisps. The school is proud of being a 'healthy school' and encouraging children to look after their health. We would therefore ask you not to send your child into school with these items.

If you are stuck for ideas for healthy food options, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier->



PTFA

The PTFA and Preschool Staff would like to thank everyone that attended and supported the Christmas Fayre before Christmas. It was lovely to see so many of you there, and the children had a great time.

The next event being planned by the PTFA is a fashion Show around Easter. Please keep up to date with the PTFA's Facebook page, and we will update you in due course with dates/times etc!!!



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Congratulations again to our **YR children**, who are still the highest attenders in school, with a fantastic attendance of 98.77% since the start of September!!!!

In today's Collective worship we presented **12 children** with certificates for **100% attendance** since the start of September, what a fantastic achievement!! We also presented a star token to **37 children for having a 95% or more attendance** rate. A huge well done to all of you, and to everyone else who is trying hard to come to school every day wherever possible. It really does make a difference to children's education.

As a school we are currently at **95.66%**, which has decreased a little from last time, this time of year there are lots of germs about, so it is not unexpected. Please remember that a cough and cold does not mean your child cannot attend school.

Thank you.



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.77%	91.35%	97.15%	92.04%	96.51%	94.90%	94.94%

Celebrating our Attendance:



Thank you and Well done!

A huge thank you and well done to Florence for an amazing Christmas present that she gave us on our last day before the end of term. Florence has used her own money to donate to 'Toilet Twinning', a charity that provides toilets to communities around the world. We now sponsor a toilet in Zambia which is a wonderful way to help others!

Thank you Florence.



Perseverance

Our new Collective Worship theme is Perseverance and we are encouraged to use the scripture quote, 'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me'. In our weekly Collective Worship we will be looking at how we can use Perseverance in our daily lives.



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Well Being Messages

January can often be a difficult month for many people - Christmas is over, the weather is cold with winter stretching ahead of us still and the nights are longer. Many of the things that we do to cheer ourselves up (walks in the countryside, outdoor exercise, playing in the park and enjoying the sunshine) are all harder to achieve. However, there are some ways that we can help ourselves beat those 'January Blues'. See the tips below for some ideas to try out.

Parents Toolkit:

Check out BBC Bitesize for their wellbeing tips designed for parents to help you support a healthy, happy childhood—with advice on food, sleep, mindfulness, as well as ways to look after you and your child's mental health.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z63htrd>

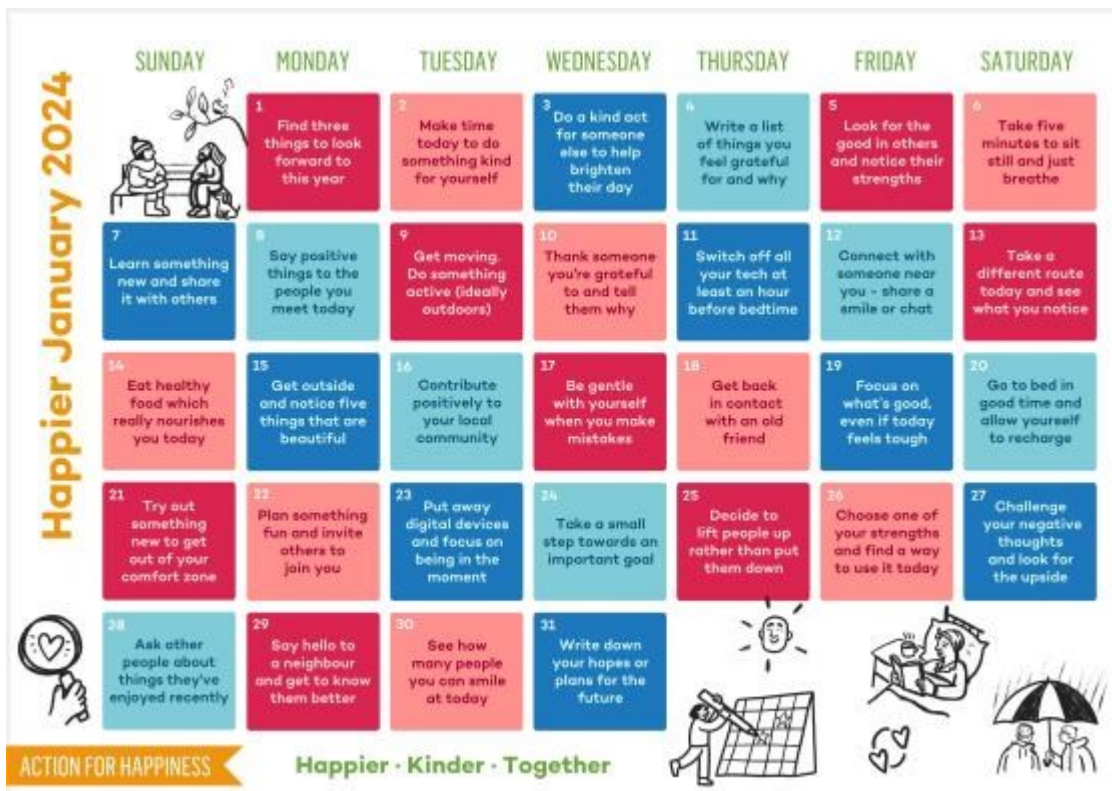
Action for Happiness Calendar:

Happier January 2024. Action for Happiness is a charity that promotes a happier and more caring society.

<https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar>

Top Tips to Beat the Blues:

1. Make the most of the daylight
2. Exercise
3. Eat properly
4. Get enough sleep
5. Identify your worries
6. Get lost in a good book
7. Be kind to yourself
8. Be tech smart and switch off



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