

Hi All Saints,

It's the holidays – happy half term! We won't be setting any work over half term. Enjoy the break from school we will all keep our fingers crossed for lots of sunshine.



Message from Mr Pender

Dear Students

I wanted to add a short message of greeting in this week's newsletter to wish you all well as you continue to cope with the challenging circumstances that we continue to live with. Although your daily life and indeed your education have felt very different since school closed back in March I hope you have managed to find a daily routine that keeps you happy, healthy and stimulated. I do urge you to continue to engage

with your school work and finding a balance that supports your wellbeing and the well being of your family. We are now approaching our half term break and this allows you time to take a break from school work. So enjoy the week, relax, have fun, keep in touch with your friends and look after yourselves. I am really missing you all and look forward to the time when we are all back as a community. In the meantime, happy half term. See you soon. Love you.

Fond farewells

Best wishes to Mrs Barker and Mrs Gillen who begin their maternity leave this week. Our best wishes and prayers go with them.

Sadly for us, I have to remind you all that today is officially the last day for two trusted and valued colleagues of All Saints.

Miss Middleton: Miss Middleton has been a teacher at All Saints for four years and was a trainee teacher here as well. During that time she has made an invaluable contribution not only to the provision of RE across our school but to the life of our school in general. When I think of words to sum her up energy, enthusiasm and commitment spring immediately to mind. I know from conversations with students and staff alike that her commitment towards the students she taught, and her high expectations of every student were balanced by unwavering support for them. She is taking a break from teaching to focus on family life and we wish her well, look forward to updates and keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you. God Bless and our love and warmest wishes for the future.



Miss Picknell: I would like to sum up in a few lines the contribution Miss P has made to All Saints over the past 19 years but, as all who know her and have worked alongside her know, that is an impossible task. She is such a fabric of the All Saints family over these past 19 years that it will be, for so many in our community, difficult to imagine the place without her but, sadly for us that time has come. Inevitably, she has secured promotion to Deputy Head, starting her role at Lady Manners in Bakewell (so the baking connection remains) after half term. There is no doubt that she will be an invaluable asset to that school as she has been to this. We toast her future success and reflect with pride on her Servant Leadership over the past 19 years. Service to a whole community, generations of families who have benefited from her support, students who have realised their wildest aspirations due to her guidance and support. Such is the legacy she leaves our/her school with. So, Miss

P you are soon to be an honoured alumni. However, we know, as you do, that you will take a good chunk of All Saints with you throughout the rest of your career and, we are blessed to say, a significant part of you will remain in this school continuing to influence our practice and service to others. A legacy we will

continue to benefit from. So, we salute you, we will miss you but, in your case the closing words have never felt more true "Once a member of the All Saints family, always a member of the All Saints family". Thank you. God bless and our love and warmest wishes for your future success and happiness.

Dear All Saints

Well, this is a strange way to say farewell, but I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all for the part you play in this amazing school community. Whether I have met you in the classroom, on bus duty, through enrichment activities, at school performances or even on-call (!) you have never failed to make me proud to work at All Saints. Although we are currently a virtual family, we are just that - a family. So, look after each other, look forward to the day when All Saints can be back together again and thank you for many, many fond memories.

With all my best wishes, Miss Picknell

Calling all singers! Mrs Nicholas needs you! The music department are hoping to create a lockdown choir recording whilst we are away from school. Please look out for information coming soon on the school's app.

Laudato Si' Week 2020

It's a wonderful world: In 2016 Pope Francis wrote an encyclical (a letter from a Pope) called: Laudato Si. This letter talks about two ideas; one the world is a beautiful gift from God and two that we have a duty to protect our common home. In other words, we should work to protect the environment to make it a safe place to live for the population of the world now and in the future.

In our busy lives it is easy to miss the beauty of our world but look at these pictures **all taken by staff on their daily walks** such beauty on our doorsteps.



How can you celebrate nature?

Learn more about it for example can you identify the bird in the pictures? No not the ducks – the other one is a greater spotted woodpecker (Thanks to Miss Wall for spotting it). If birds are something you know much about follow the link Miss Hindmarsh sent and expand your knowledge <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/identify-a-bird/>

Watch this amazing clip about the Big Bang – Professor Brian Cox explains how looking at rainbows demonstrates the idea of the universe having a beginning. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p011n1zz>

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Do poets express beauty better than any one? Read this poem by John Keats and watch Brian Cox talk about how evidence in star light demonstrates the start of the universe and the big bang. Both show the incredible world we live in.

On the Grasshopper and Cricket

The poetry of earth is never dead:
When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,
And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run
From hedge to hedge about the new-mown
mead;
That is the Grasshopper's—he takes the lead
In summer luxury,—he has never done
With his delights; for when tired out with fun
He rests at ease beneath some pleasant
weed.

The poetry of earth is ceasing never:
On a lone winter evening, when the frost
Has wrought a silence, from the stove there
shrills
The Cricket's song, in warmth increasing
ever,
And seems to one in drowsiness half lost,
The Grasshopper's among some grassy hills.

Can you tell us what a community farm does and why they are important?

Community farms are a way of getting local people involved in food production. They are set up in lots of different ways. Our farm is a co-operative run by volunteers which means we all take turns to feed the animals and plant vegetables but don't have to give up our day jobs to become full time farmers. I think it's important that people, especially those living in cities, learn where their food come from so they appreciate the effort involved

What made you decide to be involved?

When we started we just wanted to grow our own food and all the local allotments had long waiting lists. Over time we have become more interested in local food and the community aspect of the project.

How can this type of initiative help us to live in a more sustainable way?

It helps reduce food miles as we grow and eat food locally and also helps to reduce food waste as once you appreciate the effort that goes into producing food you try to make the most of it. Learning to eat food seasonally also reduces carbon emissions as there is less reliance on fossil fuels for heating greenhouses or transporting food around the world.

What is your best tip for students who want to live in an environmentally friendly way?

Just start doing something! There is a tendency to think we can't make a difference so we do nothing. Small changes are much easier to sustain so pick one thing you want to do and go for it. That might be bringing a water bottle to school every day instead of buying drinks or hanging your washing out on a line instead of using a tumble drier. This quote has been circulating on social media recently and I think it sums it up nicely "We don't need a handful of people doing zero waste perfectly. We need millions of people doing it imperfectly."

Read our interview with Mrs Burrows who is not only our Business Manager in school but is also a key member of her local community farm. She has great ideas for living out the message of Laudato Si in our everyday lives.



If you are able to go out of the house for some exercise look out for the beauty around you. Take some photographs or just pause and take a minute to appreciate what we have.

That can you do to support his wonderful gift of the world?

Watch this short CAFOD video

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Care-for-our-common-home>

The Catholic Education Service have produced some lovely resources for you, including a document which includes lots of inspiring role models and others with has lots of practical ways you can help look after your local environment.

Sunday 24 May 12 noon a moment of prayer around the world as part of the 5th anniversary of Laudato Si

Need more to do?

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- Try Mr Chadburn's boredom quiz he has sent this round on email – look out for the answers and next week's quiz.
- Mr Cassidy is sending out the Maths Puzzle of the week these tricky quizzes will keep your brain active, answers and new questions come out every Monday.
- Plan for the future the government's careers advice website has a substantial range of careers and lots of information about qualifications, salary, and working patterns have a look and see what inspires you <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>
- Want to travel the world some day? Be inspired by our weird and wonderful creation and learn more about it with the national geographic <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/>
- Have a look at the ideas in the Sheffield Star supplement this has activities from schools across the city. <https://learnsheffield.co.uk/Covid-19>

A prayer for you to say at home, with family or in private prayer, Catholic around the world will stop at 12 noon on Sunday to say this beautiful prayer.

COMMON PRAYER FOR 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF 'LAUDATO SI'

Loving God, creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them. You created us in your own image and made us stewards of all creation. You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation. Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us but to all of your creatures and to all future generations and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.

May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.

Transform our fear and feeling of isolation into hope and fraternity so that we may experience a true conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic. Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good.

Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected and interdependent? Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

May our present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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