



# All Saints C.E. Primary School

## -- Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 --

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### **Parent Governor Election**

We are pleased to announce that following the recent election, Mrs Elizabeth Lawler has been appointed as Parent Governor.

I would like to thank all those parents who participated by voting in the ballot and to the other parents who put themselves forwards in the election.

### **Contact Tracing over half Term.**

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 having developed symptoms before 3:30pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May (or 2 days after being in school), please contact Ms Golden by emailing [headteacher@allsaints-alrewas.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@allsaints-alrewas.staffs.sch.uk) urgently and we will make relevant contacts aware of self-isolation advice.

### **Retirement**

Mrs Tiso will sadly be leaving us at the end of term as she is retiring! She has worked tirelessly as a teaching assistant in classes throughout the school for almost 21 years and is known by many of the children and parents in the village. She is a very experienced well-loved member of the staff and we will all miss her greatly.

### **Leaflet for Parents (County Lines)**

Please follow the link for important safeguarding information

<http://allsaints-alrewas.staffs.sch.uk/sitetemplate/allsaints/uploads/Safeguarding/Look%20Closer%20Leaflet%20for%20Parents.pdf>

### **How are we putting reading at the centre of our learning?**

One of the outcomes of the last year has been a decline in children's enjoyment of and engagement with reading.

To inspire and engage our young readers we are investing in high quality books, have subscribed to a resource called Literacy Shed Plus and are re developing reading areas in the classrooms.

Each half term will begin with two **Launch Days** where children will take part in a wide range of creative activities, across the curriculum linked to a book. The outcomes of Launch Days will then form part of their classroom display and inspire their reading and writing. Children will be encouraged to contribute artefacts to their classroom display that link with the chosen book.

The whole school began Summer Term 1 with a range of launch activities. For example, Year 1 began the term with The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch that linked to their topic of 'Beside the Seaside'. Books that link, across genres, are displayed in the book corner alongside artefacts, photos of the children enjoying their own Lighthouse Keeper's lunch, models and art work.

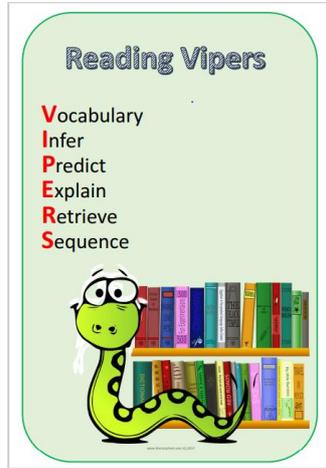
We look forward to sharing photos of all the year groups' book corners at the beginning of next half term.



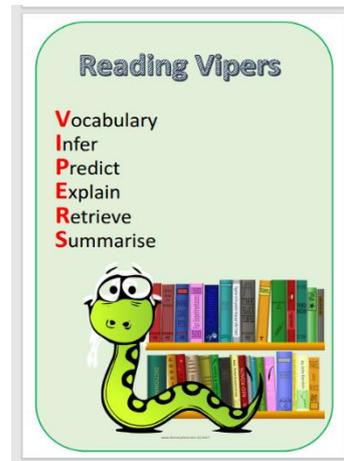
The book corner in Year 1, Summer 1 2021  
**Launch topics Summer 2 2021**  
**Reception – Journeys**  
**Year 1 – Neil Armstrong and The Moon**  
**Year 2 – Space**  
**Year 3 – UK Counties with focus on Lichfield**  
**Year 4 – continuing with Counties & Cities**  
**Year 5 – The Local Area – Alrewas**  
**Year 6 – Alrewas – a Thousand Years**

### How are we developing reading comprehension?

From EYFS to year 6, we are using VIPERS to develop understanding of what has been read.



KS1



KS2

Vipers are a range of reading prompts, based on the National Curriculum, that are designed to develop the skills needed to gain a deeper understanding. Each reading lesson will have a focus VIPER. Children answer a range of questions based on the 6 strands. Your child may have VIPERS questions set for homework.

Below is a stage 2 (Year 2) example:

Unit focus: Traditional Tales  
 Text focus: Narrative

## STAGE 2

### Friends Forever (Ghana)

Once upon a time, Mouse and Frog were friends. They had been friends for a long time, but there was a problem. Mouse lived in a hole in a tree, which was dry enough for Mouse and damp enough for Frog. Whenever they saw each other, Frog would visit Mouse in his den.

Over time, Frog became annoyed at Mouse. "Why do we always have to go to Mouse's house?" he would ask himself every night as he went to sleep.

#### VIPERS QUESTIONS

**V** Which word tells you that there was a bit of water in Mouse's house?  
**I** Why was frog annoyed at Mouse?  
**I** Why do you think Mouse didn't visit Frog in his pond?

Frog didn't say anything to Mouse. For many weeks, they carried on acting like friends. Frog pretended that nothing was wrong and Mouse had no idea that his best friend was slowly becoming his enemy. Mouse was such a good friend that he didn't notice Frog acting strangely.

**R** For how long did they act as friends?  
**P** How could Frog have solved the problem at this point?  
**V** Write another word or phrase for strangely.

## **How can I support and encourage reading at home?**

### **Reading at home**

It is essential that children are heard to read regularly and that they take time to complete home learning tasks set.

As we move into a new phase in the pandemic and as research suggests low transmission risks from books, children will be bringing group guided reading (GGR) books and their exercise books home.

### **EYFS**

The children will be bringing home new reading records.

Please use this for home/school communication. When you have read with your child at home, please note it in the book. We will use it in the same way at school.

Reading learning activities are shared on Showbie each week.

Please share a book every day.

### **Year 1 – 6**

The children will be bringing home new reading records. Please use this for home/school communication. When you have read with your child at home, please note it in the book. We will use it in the same way at school.

Please hear your child read at least 3 times a week.

In addition to their reading record the children in Years 3 to 6 will be set homework each week, related to the reading that they have done in school. These may be posted on Showbie or may be a continuation of learning in school, stuck in their GGR exercise book.

**Please can all children bring in their reading record every day and their GGR books on the relevant day.**

### **Recycling**

Thank you to all of you who are now regularly using the Terracycle bins at the front of school. We recycled 1500 crisp packets last month and another shipment has gone off today.

We can now recycle the following items:

- Any brand of crisp packet and outer packaging
- Any brand of cheese wrappers
- Washing powder/dishwasher tablet packaging
- Floor/anti- bac wipe packaging
- Any cracker/biscuit wrappers/packaging



All items need to be empty but not washed out.

So, please save up your items at home, pack items within one another to save tons of plastic bags, and then pop in the bin at the front of school or by the Tier Hairdresser entrance and all items will be sent off to be recycled. The more we can recycle, the more vouchers the school will receive to spend on the children.

Polite reminder: If possible, please avoid fanning/knotting/scrunching your crisp packets, as they need to be flat to send off. See photo for help. One fold or flat packed is so helpful when sorting it all!

Thanks again for all your support.



### **Alrewas Herons**

Kwik Cricket

Fun, introductory softball cricket coaching for boys and girls aged 6-9. Ideal for beginners. Every Monday starting 12th April;

School Years 1 and 2: 5.30 - 6.30pm

School Years 3 and 4: 6.30 - 7.30pm

Contact: Ian Cross on 07721261293 or [iancross100@hotmail.com](mailto:iancross100@hotmail.com)

FIRST WEEK FREE NO OBLIGATION TRIAL

We are also running "Girls Only" sessions every Friday, 6.00 – 7.00pm starting 16th April.

Contact: Ellen Hodgkinson on 07769 863065 or [ellenhodgkinson@outlook.com](mailto:ellenhodgkinson@outlook.com)

Under 10 Incrediball

Bridging the gap between Kwik Cricket and Hardball, our Under 10 incrediball group is the ideal step up for those in School Years 3-5. This year we are running both a girls team and a boys team with matches every Tuesday. Training is on Mondays, 6.30 - 7.30pm starting on 19th April.

Contact: Tim Aston on 07866 730887 or [timaston@needwoodcottage.go-plus.net](mailto:timaston@needwoodcottage.go-plus.net)

Under 11 Hardball

A full league cricket programme for boys and girls in School Years 5-6. This year we are running both a girls team and a boys team. Matches are on Mondays with training on Thursdays, 6.00 to 7.30pm starting 8th April.

Contact: Matt Williams on 07510 631568 or [mattydub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mattydub@hotmail.co.uk)

**All our volunteer coaches are ECB qualified with training in First Aid and Safeguarding Children and DBS clearance.**

For more information look on our website at [alrewas.play-cricket.com](http://alrewas.play-cricket.com) or contact Tim Aston on 07866 730887 or [timaston@needwoodcottage.go-plus.net](mailto:timaston@needwoodcottage.go-plus.net)

**Half Term**

Children now have half term holiday, please note that they do not return to school until TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> June. Enjoy your break!