



All Saints' C.E. Primary School

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Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Following on from the appeal in an earlier newsletter, we hope that the children and parents/carers are enjoying putting together Christmas shoe boxes for vulnerable children. In a change to the information provided earlier, this year we have decided to support a smaller shoebox scheme run by Teams4u. They specialise in sending boxes to children and vulnerable families, distributed through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages across eastern Europe. This year, boxes will go to deprived children in Romania, Belarus, Bosnia, and Moldova. Each box is an unconditional gift from one person to another, no strings attached.

If you would like to put a Christmas shoebox together, then please visit the Teams4U website <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-guide/> for more information and helpful videos about what can be included and to print labels. We also have leaflets about the scheme, which include pre-printed labels, which can be picked up from outside the office if you prefer.

Shoeboxes that have already been packed under the guidelines of the previous scheme should be within the rules of the new scheme, but will need a new Teams4u label.

Shoeboxes need to be brought into school on Friday 13th November ready to be collected.

Covid 19

In response to government guidelines and the second national lockdown which started yesterday, we have made some minor adjustments in school to further reduce the number of adults crossing class bubbles. This means that until 2nd December children in KS2 will not be doing French. Children will also be missing their hall PE session (gymnastics and dance) so that bubbles are not compromised. We feel that our top priority at the moment is to keep staff and children as safe possible and therefore keep school open to as many children as possible. The situation will be reviewed 2nd December. Thank you to parents for cooperating with us.

Playground Equipment and Crazes

We are going to re-instate 'crazes' as from next week to provide more variety for the children at lunchtimes. We will start next week with pocket toys. The children will be informed each week and a reminder text will be sent on Friday afternoons for the following week (as from next week). Crazes usually last for a week. We are also in the process of investing in more play equipment for lunchtimes and will be consulting with the children over the next week or so.

News from Alrewas and Fradley Charities

Huge thanks to Deb Masters and her daughter Tasha for raising over £300 for Alrewas and Fradley Charities at their September Table-Top Sale.

And many thanks to all of you who continue to support our Corona Virus Appeal - at our Trustees meeting earlier this month, we gave further grants of £750 to schools in Alrewas and Fradley, (as well as funding a "Memory Bank" for year 6 leavers) and to Alrewas Scouts, to help with extra cleaning and labour costs associated with the Pandemic.

If you, or anyone you know, is struggling financially at this time, food vouchers and grants are available - see our website - alrewasandfradleycharities.org.uk

There are many ways you can continue to help us and our local community - by donating to our appeal on our website, by joining our Monthly Magic Numbers club, and now, if you are an Amazon shopper, by choosing our Charity via the Amazon Smile programme which donates 0.5% of many purchases - just copy and click on <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/220600-0>

Thank you again from the Trustees and stay safe.