



Aston All Saints C of E Primary School

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"Everything is possible for the person who has faith"

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Parent Survey

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to the parents who took time to fill in the parent survey at the end of last term. We have now received the collated information and would like to reassure you that we have listened to your feedback. It was heartening to see that many parents had recognised the progress already made under the new leadership. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you about how we have acted on the information you provided, and how we will be continuing to develop the partnership between the school, parents and the wider community.

We were delighted with our recent OFSTED outcome and are proud to call ourselves a 'Good School'. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking the staff team at Aston All Saints for their hard work in making this such a positive experience. I would also like to thank all the parents who supported the school during this time- it was very much appreciated.

As a school we are actively working to develop communication. The leadership have added more administrative capacity to the office, so that staff are more readily available. We are also in the process of installing a new digital phone system, which should make our communications more streamlined and up to date. The use of class Dojo for whole school and class specific information has been developed. This includes regular updates, with photos on each class page about what the children are learning as well as photos of whole school events, such as the visit by Bishop Sophie and special assemblies. This should help provide parents with a window into the day to day school activities.

We have also begun work on the school website, which has been redesigned to make it easier to navigate and find information. This will also enable the school to advertise any upcoming events. We will be working on this further to ensure that it showcases the learning and experiences of the children at Aston All Saints. We also have been working on a whole year planner, so that we can communicate key dates at the start of the year to enable parents to plan for these in advance. This will be shared as soon as it is complete - next year's will be ready for the start of the new school year.

The links between the church and the school have also been developed. Messy Church in school is booked until the end of the year. We also welcomed the 'Open the book' team back into school, and assemblies by the team take place for all year groups across the school year. Elliott Walker, from Aston All Saints Church, led an assembly and invited children from Y3-Y6 to a chorister experience at the church. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and we are hoping to develop this link further.

In the Autumn term the worship leaders visited Aston All Saints Church as part of their role, and all year groups will be visiting the church before the end of the academic year. The worship leaders have also been actively involved in planning and delivering a whole school assembly each week. We are also hoping to showcase some of the children's work in the church. In addition to our church assemblies, we held

Christmas services at the church for Y1-6, and these were very well attended by parents. Thank you for your support with this.

We are widening the enrichment opportunities for pupils across school, for example earlier this term our Y4 children sang in the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena, the first time that we have participated in this event. It was a fantastic experience and great success, and will become an annual event in our calendar. The Christmas disco, supported by the Friends of All Saints parent group was also a success and we are planning more events for the summer term.

In the Autumn term the year one children had a phonics workshop for parents to attend and we are building on the positive feedback from this to deliver more of these over the next term and a half. All classes will be having parent workshops around an aspect of their curriculum.

The leaders in school recognise that parents would like more opportunity to speak with the class teachers and have therefore added an additional face to face parents evening to the diary for the summer term. In addition to this we have two more open classroom events planned – one in the Spring term and one in the Summer. These will include information for parents about some of the core areas of the curriculum, such as maths, phonics and reading.

We have welcomed some new staff into our team and they have settled well into their roles. For example, Mrs James is now holding regular school council meetings, working with the anti- bullying officers and is currently training as a ‘ Well Being Champion’ for the school. Mrs Ward has developed our nurture provision and has plans to extend to the outside areas. Mr Lanero is working hard to develop the school ground and maintain the school buildings. Mrs Holmes has led the move to improve communication, including the redesigned website and new digital phone system. These are just some examples of how new staffing has contributed to new initiatives in school.

We look forward to working with you over the remainder of the school year and seeing you at some of the upcoming events.

Thank you for your support

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