



St Saviour's School

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Upcoming Events

February 9

Last day of this half term – non uniform

February 12

Half Term starts for one week; school closed

February 19

Back to school

March 26

Annual reports out to parents

March 27

Last day of term. Non uniform day

April 15

Start of Summer Term

January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

A slightly belated Happy New Year to you all! Welcome to our latest newsletter, we have had a really excellent start of term with pupils being so settled and focused on their learning. They were obviously excited by the weather earlier this week and had two lovely days playing in the snow and ice on the field and playground. You will have received Curriculum Newsletters yesterday with information about the children's learning this term, any special events/dates and to notification of PE days etc. We will be inviting parents in during this term to observe and/or join in with learning so watch out for further information about this from class teachers.

Updates:

Staffing

- We will be saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs O'Halloran and Mrs Le Cornu next week, they have both worked at the school for many years in different roles, most recently supporting pupils in The Haven, and will be sorely missed. Between them they have worked at our school for 42 years (WOW!)
- We welcome Ms Mezei to our school next week, she will take up a role as Keyworker in The Haven. We also welcome Miss Salter who has joined our EYFS team 3 days per week.

Sport

- This Friday we will be holding our first football match this year and the school team will be playing against St Clement's School team. The match takes place after school on the school pitch and we welcome any support in the form of parents and pupils staying to watch and cheer the team on. All pupils must be accompanied by an adult.
- Our school has been offered an opportunity to be mascots to the Jersey Bulls team and next Saturday (20th) a number of Y5 and 6 pupils will attend the match at Springfield. Representatives from Jersey Bulls will join us in our school assembly next Friday (19th).



Parents

ADHD Awareness and Support Group for Parents/carers - medication talk

- The next parent/carer support session run by CAMHS will be taking place on Monday 29th January 2023, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at Samarès School with a focus on ADHD medication. A 45-minute presentation will be delivered by Dr Catherine Keep and Specialist Nurse Prescriber Alison Pell, from CAMHS. CAMHS administrators will also be available to answer any questions you may have about upcoming appointments. In addition to the talk, attendees will be able to access peer support afterwards.
- To book a free ticket please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adhd- parent-carers-support-group-meeting-medication-registration-794242178737?aff=oddtcreator>

PTA meeting – new recruits...

- As previously shared, a meeting/get together for anyone interested in finding out more about how to support your child/ren through this really helpful association. You only need to have a very small amount of time available every now and again. If you are interested in finding out more about what this is, please come along to school on Thursday 25th January at 7pm.

School Uniform

- You may be aware, through the media that the Government Policy on school uniforms is changing. As a school we are in the process of reviewing our uniform and would like your opinions before any decisions are made about what this might mean for our school. Please look out for a survey link which will be sent before the end of this month. Your opinions really do matter so sparing a few minutes to answer the survey questions and give feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Curriculum

- In December Miss Bateman and Mrs Jones visited schools in Halifax to see and learn more about teaching maths through White Rose Maths. They visited two schools which are White Rose Maths hubs. The visit was really informative and we are reviewing our current maths teaching with a plan to develop and improve our current offer. The aim is to further raise standards in maths across our school. We have begun a partnership with St John's School in Jersey and will be working closely with them over the coming terms to develop and share best practice. As a first step, this week pupils from Y3 to Year 6 have begun daily times tables practice in an engaging format that they (the vast majority!) seem to be enjoying so far. Pupils in Years 1 and 2 have started Fluency Bee, which is a regular, fun and engaging way to learn and practice number bonds.
- On Monday, we have a Voice 21 programme lead visiting our school to observe our Oracy practices and recognise progress we have made since their last visit in 2023. As part of the visit the support staff will have a training session on Quality Talk in groups.

In line with our open-door policy please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. Please either ring or email to let me know you would like me to get in touch with you.

We welcome any feedback so that we can improve on any aspects to make things even better for all of the pupils at our school. There may be times when we cannot change things in line with your suggestions, but we will be able to explain the reasons behind this to you.

Yours most sincerely, Mrs Williams

