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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents

This week we welcomed the Regional Schools Commissioner Hannah Woodhouse alongside our Trust Lead Tracey Cleverly, the Chair of Trustees Richard Vaughton and other members of the Trust team. It was a wonderful opportunity to show off our wonderful school and they were all impressed by the lovely things which the children were able to tell them about what makes All Saints' Thurlestone special! I was a very proud Headteacher!

Also this week, the KS2 classes were delighted to welcome Julius Caesar via Zoom to inspire their learning about Roman Britain in History and all of the children had the chance to enjoy our special Italian themed lunch. I can confirm that the pizza was delicious!

Have a great weekend

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L. Garside'.

Miss Garside  
Executive Head of Academy

### **Harvest Festival Thursday 14th October**

You should have received separate correspondence this week with details of our Harvest Service. Please contact Mrs Brodie in the office if you have missed this correspondence.



### **Advance notice of a road closure - West Alvington**

Over the half term holiday, our sister academy West Alvington is having some building work completed. To enable the builders access to the front of the building there will be a road closure in place from SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER 2021 for a to SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER 2021



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# TOGETHER WE EMPOWER EXCELLENCE



Roads affected - A381 WEST ALVINGTON CROSS TO ILBERT ROAD, WEST ALVINGTON The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - A381, A379, A381 AND VICE VERSA.

FREE gardening equipment for our School

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to grow. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to.

Your chosen school will be able to exchange their Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.

### **Nursery Sessions Available**

We are delighted to announce that we are now able to take children from the date of their 2nd birthday. We currently have nursery sessions available that you might wish your child to attend. Attendance at nursery school gives children a valuable introduction to school, helping them to develop positive attitudes to learning and to mix easily with other children, assisting the transition process. Steeple Cove Nursery offers a safe, happy and stimulating environment where children can thrive, grow and learn whilst having fun.

- Term Time
- Free Childcare for 2 year olds
- Free Childcare for 3 and 4 year olds
- 30 hours free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds
- Childcare Choices
- Paid sessions available
- Accept Tax Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers

### **Attendance**

It is really important that children are in school every day. We have noticed an increase in holiday requests and absences which are unauthorised. Excellent attendance really does make a difference to the progress your child makes - and improves their chances in life. If they aren't here, they can't learn!

### **Sickness**

If your child is unwell and won't be attending school, please remember to call the Academy Office on 01548 560494 by 8.30am for every day they are not attending.

## Help at Home Focus

“There are perhaps no days of our childhood we lived so fully as those we spent with a favorite book.”  
– Marcel Proust

The Ilsham English Hub, have some fantastic ideas and resources to support your children to develop a love of reading and discover a wealth of new books and stories. You can find so many lovely ideas by following the links on this page:

<https://www.lapsw.co.uk/ilsham-english-hub/supporting-schools/>

## Storytelling



Retelling stories demonstrates understanding of the story itself. It helps children to understand key aspects of the story and also incorporate things such as the voices of the different characters. It is something you can do with props at home or children can draw and make the characters or they can just look at the illustrations in the book and retell what is happening.

Video: an example of a well-known traditional tale being re-told

Another fun way to retell stories at home is to make one yourselves with any phone/tablet device by taking small clips of key parts of the story and adding them together with a movie maker app. Take a photo after each small movement of each character – then put it together in an app such as iMovie and set time to 0.4 seconds. You can then add voices over the top if you wish.

Video: guess the story made here

The children love to watch these back and also they are great to share with family and friends.

Create an area that can be used as a pretend stage and take your child's favourite story and create a 'show' to retell the story. Create different voices for the different characters as you retell it. This is a great way to develop story language, boost children's confidence and aid crucial language development.

As part of retelling stories, children learn to order the events and they can gain a deeper understanding of what they have read.

## Story maps

Story maps are great to do with children to help them to retell the story. These help them to focus on the story sequence, study the theme, characters, settings, problems, plot events, and resolution-and on the relationship of characters.



## Parent Workshop – Listening to Your Child’s Views.

Helping your child to express themselves and tell you how they feel about life at school (and life in general) is important. It helps to make sure they get support that’s going to work for them. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end of the session.

18th October or 16th November 2021. Online 10.30am - 12.30pm.