

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is an absolute pleasure to be able to contribute to the school newsletter so soon since my arrival on 1<sup>st</sup> February as Interim Headteacher. I have had a busy few days as you can imagine trying to learn everyone's names as the new girl! I have to say that I have been made most welcome by staff, parents and children and have seen some great learning as I walk around the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents, staff and school council for organising the 'Movie Night' last Friday. It was great to see so many children and their families coming back to school to enjoy a social time together. I know that with Mr Van Der Merwe and the re-energised PTA will be planning more fundraising events for our school community soon.

I enjoyed meeting many parents at the parents evening this week and there was great enthusiasm from parents and staff when talking about their children's successes and next steps.

I know that as parents you are very aware of the turbulent and challenging times that St Mary and All Saints has had recently and that you rightly have high expectations for a more positive future for the school and children within it. In order to make headway with this we will be having an additional **Training Day on 20<sup>th</sup> February** as well as the already planned **19<sup>th</sup> February**. Apologies for the late notice for this but you will not be disappointed with the impact that these 2 days together will have for staff in enabling your children to be the best they can be at the end of this year.

Looking forward to meeting more of you soon

Candida Hutchinson

## February Half Term Holiday

**February Half Term Holiday - Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2018**

**Inset Day - Monday 19th February & Tuesday 20th February**

**Return to School – Wednesday 21st February**



### Attendance so far Term 3

Kangaroo	96.9%
Koala Bear	90.1%
Penguin	94.3%
Polar Bear	90.9%
Cat	95.6%
Dog	96.8%
Ladybird	89.3%
Caterpillar	94.2%
Hamster	94%
Turtle	98%
Chinchilla	95.6%
Squirrel	92.5%
Tortoise	93.6%
Parrot	93.9%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>93.5%</b>



Timely reminders:

Parents should call school and provide a reason for absence for children every day that they are absent.

In many cases you will be asked for medical proof after a number of illness absences

Remember the first bell is at 8.40 so that children can be lined up and brought in to school by 8.50 when the second bell sounds to show that learning is starting!



We will be running an Attendance Challenge in Term 4, the aim is that your child will need to be in school everyday for the whole of Term 4, which means 100% attendance and no lates.

Mrs Peirce our Education Welfare Officer will be launching the Attendance Challenge this Thursday with an Assembly to all the children.

The reward will be on the last day of term, Friday 23rd March, when we will be having "Skins & Feet", a drumming and dance company in school for all children who have succeeded and achieved the 100%.

Good luck everyone and we look forward to having a lot of children with 100% in Term 4!