

# NEWSLETTER

## Term Two 2023



Hello!

I cannot believe we've already reached the end of term 1 – it feels like we've barely begun! We are delighted but never surprised at how well your children settle into the 'old routine' and hope that you are finding the children as happy as we see them when they are with us.

I cannot thank the staff enough for working so hard to support each other and the children in finding new routines and settling so quickly.

As always we've had a bumper 7 weeks of activity - we hope you enjoy the pictures!



## THIS IS ME

We always choose to start our year at The Den with a host of activities recognising the brilliance of all of the children!

Activities involved getting creative with drawing ourselves (now up on The Den's class wall) and getting even more creative playing with our painted dolls.

The children really loved recognising all of our collective and individual talents and qualities.

Primary Treasure Chest © 2011

# Kind Hands and Feet



A simple and fun way to remember to be kind to each other! We've been looking at the 'rules' of The Den and have reminded ourselves of the ways to do that....including by decorating the ceilings and walls with our very own hands and feet!



## Food Diary

Each term we review and change our snack provision. We always ask a range of children to provide us with feedback on what they really like and what they're not so keen on!

Next term we have the following menu:

Week starting	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
30/10	Pizza Slice	Bagels with range of toppings	Yoghurts served with Fresh Fruit	Wraps with range of fillings
6/11	Wraps with range of fillings	Pizza Slice	Bagels with range of toppings	Yoghurts served with Fresh Fruit
13/11	Yoghurts served with Fresh Fruit	Wraps with range of fillings	Pizza Slice	Bagels with range of toppings
20/11	Bagels with range of toppings	Yoghurts served with Fresh Fruit	Wraps with range of fillings	Pizza Slice
27/11	Pizza Slice	Bagels with range of toppings	Yoghurts served with Fresh Fruit	Wraps with range of fillings
4/12	Wraps with range of fillings	Pizza Slice	Bagels with range of toppings	Yoghurts served with Fresh Fruit
11/12	Yoghurts served with Fresh Fruit	Wraps with range of fillings	Pizza Slice	Bagels with range of toppings
18/12	Christmas Treats	Christmas Treats	Christmas Treats	

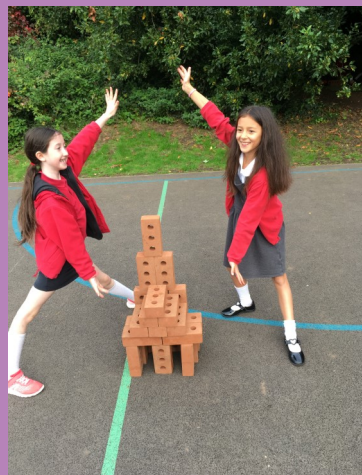
Fresh fruit is available every day

No two days at The Den are the same! But we do have our routines and overarching principles.

# A Normal Day?

Children are collected from school and welcomed into The Den with the register and circle time. This often consists of sharing news, answering questions set by the staff and to let children know what the plans are for the night.

Then it's snack time - perfect to recharge after a long day at school before it's time to play!

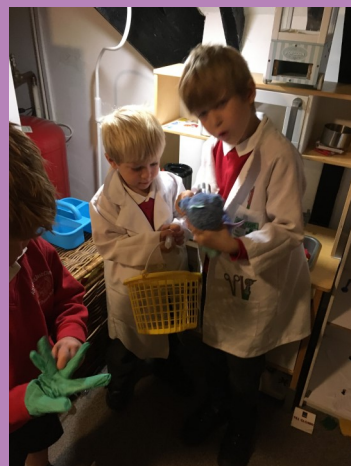
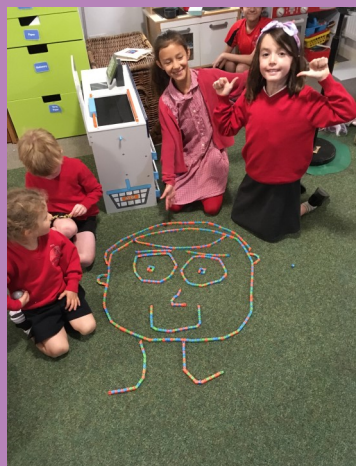
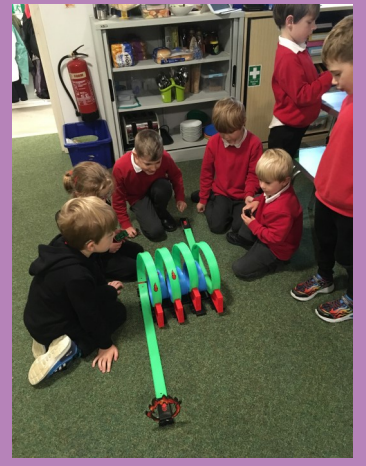




We always try to get outside if the weather allows. Play can be:

- free flow - guided by the kids and their needs and interests
- semi structured - using our 'green area' to have certain activities out to play with
- staff lead - where activities are demonstrated and facilitated by staff.

There is a whole host of planned activities for children to engage with. As always - they are the most creative when it comes to a 'normal' evening of play!



# Hall Board



With the nights drawing in and the rain hampering outside play we've been getting creative inside!

To cheer up the rather drab notice boards in the hall we've added our very own autumnal scene.

Some of the junior children helped to create the magnificent base tree. It was adorned with leaf printing and various animals, depicting those found in woodland in the autumn. We're looking forward to seeing the board develop throughout the year!



# LITTLE STARS

We've been blessed this year with 8 new reception children joining us and a further 3 children from other years starting at The Den this September.

We are always so proud of our more experienced 'Denners' who never fail to welcome new children to our crew. The new starters have settled in with routines and Den life beautifully - it's as though they've always been here!

We don't really advertise locally, and word of mouth is the best way to spread our word. Please do share your experience with other All Saints parents and local friends who might wonder about wraparound care at All Saints!



# Thank you

We'd really like to thank three families who have been part of our journey for many years and have recently donated either financially or with resources that have helped us enormously.

We will miss your wonderful children at The Den but have been privileged enough to spend the money on new toys for our current children.

Many thanks to the Brown family, Caley family, and Webber family.

We've reinvested in a mega job lot of Gravitrax - a unique, interactive marble track system which unlocks infinite possibilities to build entire track worlds! It's endlessly expandable - so there are no limits to the children's creativity which has proved really popular with our budding engineers!

*...from all the staff and children at The Den*



## **What's coming up next term?**

Halloween - Fun Fireworks Activities - Windy Week

LOTS AND LOTS of FUN

And of course, 2 weeks of Christmas Craft!

## **All Saints School Clubs**

Just because your child is at The Den doesn't mean they can't take part in school clubs!

Just let us know and we'll make sure your child is either dropped off or collected (dependant on the club/member of staff), or you could even choose to swap days for the duration of the club!

Children will still get their snack on their return to club!

## **Term Dates**

### **Term 2**

Monday 30th October Term 2 begins

Wednesday 20th December Term 2 ends

### **Term 3**

Thursday 4th January Term 3 begins

Thursday 8th February Term 3 ends

Friday 9th February INSET

### **Term 4**

Monday 19th February INSET

Tuesday 20th February Term 4 begins

Thursday 28th March Term 4 ends

### **Term 5**

Monday 15th April Term 5 begins

Friday 24th May Term 5 ends

### **Term 6**

Monday 3rd June INSET

Tuesday 4th June Term 6 begins

Monday 8th July INSET

Tuesday 23rd July Term 6 ends



# OUR TEAM!

Mrs Anna Griffin - Owner and Manager of Setting

Mrs Jackie Stanfield - Manager

Mrs Cara Penny - Deputy Manager

Mrs Rachel Attride - Playworker

Mrs Lucy Haskins - Playworker

Mrs Katie Pitts - Playworker

All contact for information about bookings, finance and general enquiries should continue to come to Anna [thedenclevedon@outlook.com](mailto:thedenclevedon@outlook.com) and all day to day information should go to the managers at The Den on **07519 897202**

## SAFETY UPDATES

Please remember that when picking up your child you must wait at the bottom of the field until a member of staff comes to you. Coming up to the playing area should only happen if invited by a member of staff. This ensures all children are kept safe.

Please ensure that ALL adults who are allowed to collect your child are on our Magic Booking system. You can do this by navigating to:

[Children](#) > [Select your Child](#) > [Contacts](#) > [Add a collector](#)

In the event of a new collector, as a last minute resort, please call the phone at The Den (not Anna) on **07519 897202**

*And finally...  
Great News...  
We're 5 Star Again!*

