



**MATLOCK ALL SAINTS'
C OF E (CONTROLLED) JUNIOR SCHOOL
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Address and telephone number

The school's full name is:- Matlock All Saints' CE (Controlled) Junior School
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All Saints' CE Junior School is located on the edge of the countryside with impressive views and we have ample playing fields and hard play areas within a pleasing landscaped setting.

All Saints' CE Junior school has justifiably enjoyed a good reputation in the area and with developments, the school will continue to provide a good education for all children.

A Brief profile:

All Saints' School:

? is a Junior School of approximately 203 pupils serving the Matlock Bank Area of Matlock

? is located in an attractive setting at Hurds Hollow, Matlock

? is a voluntary controlled Church of England school maintained by the Local Education Authority and managed by the Governing Body

With respect, responsibility and integrity, together we succeed.

Values and Aims:

All Saints' C of E Junior School is committed to making every member of our community the very best they can be.

By:

? providing the highest standards of learning and teaching in a safe environment

? creating self-motivated life long learners with a thirst for knowledge

? preparing students for life in an ever changing society

? promoting a healthy happy life style

? upholding a Christian ethos

? utilising our surrounding environment

As a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School, a key aim is to uphold a Christian ethos throughout. In the school community all denominations and faiths are encouraged to learn from each other.

Mission Statement:

Our Christian Values underline our work and play by the 5 C's

Caring

Co-operation

Communication

Commitment

Consideration

The governors and staff will provide a challenging curriculum that is well resourced and delivered through quality teaching for children to develop their own spiritual awareness and to respect all faiths and cultures.

In our Community every person does matter.

Modern Foreign Languages

In line with a new government initiative, Year 3 will be spending approximately an hour a week learning various European languages - during the autumn terms they will be studying French, in the spring 2007 German and summer 2007 Spanish.

In year 4, 5 and 6, the children will be incorporating languages into their everyday school life, by learning phrases which will be useful to them in communicating both with their peers and with school staff.

The staff will be supported in this new venture by Mr Richard Bannister, Head of Modern Foreign Languages at Highfields school. In addition, support will also be provided by Mr Bannister's colleagues at Highfields school and some of his older pupils.

P.E. and Games

The children take part in 2 hours physical activities each week which develop: skills, an awareness of a healthy body and the need for rules. Activities include: dance, gymnastics, field, wall and striking games.

Year 3 and Year 4 children take swimming lessons. The staff at Matlock Lido and teachers provide tuition. Children provide their own towels and costumes for swimming.

We also enter a team in the Gala organised by Derbyshire Dales District Council and take part in Tag-Rugby tournaments and the South Peak Primary Schools Sports Association, over the years we have been very successful in these competitions. We also compete in the Bunting Cup and the 5-a-side football games at Sherwood Hall.

This year we are to participate in hockey tag-rugby, cross country, netball, tennis, rounders and sports at the Highfields School.

Music

Music and singing are an important part of our curriculum. In addition to music being taught in class, extra curricular activities include a choir. Specialist peripatetic teachers visit school each week to give tuition to children in the playing of violin, brass instruments, guitar, cello, keyboard and the clarinet.

Class and School Councils

Two representatives from each class are elected by pupils as the school council to 'chair' and 'minute' discussions in Class Council meetings each week. All representatives meet monthly as the School Council with the head teacher and a member of All Saint's Parochial Council Committee to discuss issues raised at the Class Council meetings. Examples of topics raised are security arrangements, conservation area, wet play activities, positive behaviour, activities at playtime, events for charities, ECO Schools, a timber trail and ideas for funding from PTFA events.

ECO Schools

Our school has achieved both Bronze and Silver ECO Schools status for projects carried out during the past 3 years. Pupils are encouraged to recycle paper, printer cartridges, mobile telephones and put garden waste, fruit skins and cores into the compost bins. We have purchased equipment for playtimes, marked the playground and field to promote positive play and team work. Every child planted trees two years ago donated by The Woodland Trust, The East Derbyshire Woodland Project and Derwent Treescapes.

Green Footprint Project

The school grounds project is a long term project designed to improve the school ground environment and to make better use of them for teaching and learning. Activities carried out during the last year included:

- ? growing an area of wildflower meadow
- ? doing external artworks
- ? another path to the conversation area created by Davis builders
- ? putting up nest boxes for birds and bats
- ? keeping bio diversity records
- ? reviewing the curriculum for appropriate outside learning opportunities
- ? a gardening club
- ? pathways through the conservation area for all year round access
- ? willow tunnels
- ? willow sculptures
- ? 1000 bluebells planted

School Travel Plan

All Saints' CE Infant and Junior Schools have submitted their travel plans to the County Council. Two questionnaires were completed by parents. The financial support we received enabled us to purchase bike sheds for use by staff and Year 6 pupils. There are weekly Walk to School days and termly County initiatives to encourage pupils and adults to walk or car share. We have School Safety Zone Areas on the approaches to both schools.

ABC: Derbyshire's Anti Bullying Commitment

We are registered with the Derbyshire Anti-Bullying Scheme and were awarded the 'Interim Award of Good Practice' in July 2003. This award recognises and celebrates all the work of staff and pupils in both preventing and dealing with bullying. We received the Intermediate Award December 2004. We are now working towards the Award for Excellence.

Collective Worship

An act of Collective Worship is provided for all children daily. It provides a breathing space in the busy whirl of school life. A time to be still and reflect. A time to refresh the spirit. It provides opportunities for pupils to consider questions and responses to beliefs in God in a calm atmosphere. Our Assemblies are of broadly Christian input with opportunity to learn about their own and other religions. In addition, Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Leaving Services are held in All Saints' Church. Rev. Reade and Michael Fentem regularly contribute to our acts of worship.

Parents are reminded of their right to withdraw their children from Collective Worship as detailed in the section head R.E.

Extra Curricular Activities

The school offers several "after school" activities. These include, Kwik Cricket, Football, Drama, ICT, Netball, Art & Craft, Tag Rugby, Sports Club, Choir and Young Film Makers. This year a group of sixth year children will attend the White Hall Centre in Buxton for a week of outdoor adventure activities.

CHURCH SERVICES

As a Church school, we like to think that we share more than just the name with All Saints' Church and throughout the year a number of services are held there. Parents and friends are always welcomed to these.

At Harvest, Christmas, Easter and the end of the school year we have special services. Details of these are given in our News sheets. The services are highlights for us, particularly as they are occasions when the whole school, children and staff, meet together. We hope that from time to time you will be able to join us.