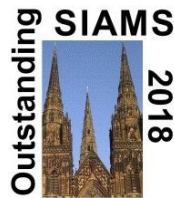




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ALL SAINTS C.E. (V.C.) FIRST SCHOOL & BUSY BEES PRE-SCHOOL
Headteacher: Mrs V. A Bradley

7th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that having evaluated spelling across the school at the end of term, it has been decided that weekly spelling tests will no longer take place this year. Spelling and how it is taught and assessed has been carefully monitored and findings show that weekly spelling tests do not raise the spelling ability of the majority of children. Most children were able to learn words for the weekly test but were unable to consistently spell these words correctly in their writing across the curriculum. Having networked with other English subject leaders from schools in the local area, it was decided a different approach was necessary.

The children will have daily phonics lessons in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and grammar, spelling and punctuation lessons in Key Stage 2. During these lessons a greater focus will be placed on learning how to spell high frequency words and apply spelling patterns correctly when spelling words.

If you have any questions regarding spellings, then please talk to myself or your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Mrs Devenport

English subject leader