



St Alban's Newsletter



15th February 2019, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday Word - TRUST

Inclusion Coordinator

We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed a new inclusion coordinator, subject to references and checks. More details later.

Miss Ellis

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Miss Ellis (teaching assistant) this week. Unfortunately, due to family circumstances Miss Ellis felt she had to resign. We would like to wish her the very best for the future and thank her for what she has given us in the past 6 months.

World Book Week 4th - 8th March

7th March is 'World Book Day'. We have decided to veer away from dressing up in costumes and towards a celebration of children's writing and reading.

Read to your children- During the world book week, we would encourage all parents to increase children's bedtime story reading session. Start a 'The big breakfast' reading club at the local coffee shop. Create your own family book club to encourage shared discussions about books.

We need books - We will be organising a book drive. Could all unwanted reading books be set to school so we can fill our classroom libraries?

Science Image Competition

Over the last two weeks, children in Year 5 and Year 6 have been representing St Albans in the local MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology (LMB) Science Image Awards.

During the two week period, the children were required to use a hand-held digital microscope (DinoLite) to take images of biological samples (including insects, plants and leaves), which they collected. Following this, a selection of images were carefully selected and then submitted to the LMB to be used in the competition. The winning school, which will be announced towards the end of the academic year, will be awarded with a digital imaging device. Second and third placed schools will also be awarded with science-related prizes. Well done children for representing the school in this wonderful competition and thank you to the LMB for giving St Albans the chance to take part in the Science competition.

For further information regarding the competition and to view some of last year's sample images, please visit: <https://www2.mrc-lmb.cam.ac.uk/microscopes4schools/award.php> (Photo link)

Attendance update from the Service Director for Education

Please read the letter from Jonathan Lewis which gives an update for parents/carers about attendance. We are very fortunate at St Alban's as our attendance is good but we have to make you aware of possible implications if your child's attendance falls below 90%.

[\(Link to Letter from Jonathan Lewis\)](#)

Playground disruption

During half term the Key Stage One playground will have some work carried out. The school needs to reroute some drains into the system under Lensfield Road. We have been told it will take five days, so hopefully when you return there will be no disruption.

2019

25/02	Year1 OLEM
04/03	Year2 OLEM
04/03	World Book Week starts
06/03	14.00 - Ash Wednesday Service
11/03	Parental Consultation
12/03	Parental Consultation
13/03	Year3 OLEM
18/03	Year4 OLEM
18/03	Science week starts
19/03	Y3 Fitzwilliam Museum
25/03	Year5 OLEM
28/03	Y5 Performance PM
01/04	Reception - Priest Visit
01/04	13.30 - Station of the cross Rehearsal
01/04	18.00 - Station of the cross OLEM
23/04	Easter Mass OLEM



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PFA Announcement

Cake Sale

Thank you to Year 1 for hosting last week's cake sale and to everyone who came to shop and donated. The sale raised a fabulous £202!

Mud Run

The children will all take part in a sponsored Mud Run on 8 March. They will be negotiating a challenging course of climbing, crawling, jumping, sliding, running and lots more! Please encourage friends/family etc. to sponsor your children, either using the sponsorship forms which have been sent home in schoolbags, or online. (hyperlink to <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/mudrunforstalbans/486425>)

The Cambridge Half Marathon

The Cambridge Half Marathon takes place on 3 March. If you are taking part, please consider helping to raise money for much needed improvements to the KS2 playground. We have set up a charity page for runners wishing to do so here. (hyperlink to <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/halfmarathonforstalbans/486304>)

PFA Meeting

The next PFA meeting takes place on Wednesday 27 February at 3.30pm at school. Come along to discuss fundraising ideas over some coffee and cake! Everyone is welcome - we will have a film playing for children of attendees.

KS2 playground - responses to the project design brief are arriving and we very much hope to have news for you imminently about this exciting project, for which we will be ardently fundraising over the coming months!

If you'd like to contact us or have queries about any of the above, you can find us in the playground or email us on stalbanspfa@gmail.com.

Cambridge City Council Half Term Activities

Follow the link [16-19 February](#) [20-22 February](#)

The Cambridge Science Festival

11 March – 24 March 2019. With hundreds of free events on everything from Astronomy to Zoology, the 2019 Cambridge Science Festival welcomes adults, teenagers and families to explore science with researchers from across Cambridge.

<http://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/>

Waterbeach Waste Management Park

Free Family Activity Days 19th-21st February, booking essential telephone 01223 815490 or email wasteeducation@amey.co.uk. [Click here](#) for more information.

Homework

Y3	No homework
Y4	No homework
Y5	To write your own script
Y6	Percentage word problems

Quiz

This week it is about Francois' presentation

1. What do Koreans have for breakfast?
2. What countries have been at war with Korea?
3. How do children travel to school?