



St Alban's Newsletter

29th March 2019, 4th Sunday of Lent Mother's Day



Wednesday Word - FORGIVENESS

Happy Mother's day to all the mums, grannies and aunties in the school. We hope you have a relaxing day. The children are bringing home a lovely wooden tulip for you to keep. You might want to date it and keep it in your memory box for the future.

Spring Flowers

Follow [this link](#) to see some of the flowers which are growing in the school grounds.

RE Monitoring Inspection

On Wednesday the diocese inspected the school; looking at books, talking to children, observing teacher and examining many more aspects of school life. Although we cannot reveal the official outcome, we can say we are delighted with the findings. Our thanks to the children and staff for their involvement, and a special thank you to Mrs Overend the RE Subject Leader.

New Inclusion Coordinator

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Richardson will take up the post as the new Inclusion Coordinator in September. Ideally we hoped she could start after half term but this has not been possible. However, Mrs Richardson will be coming to St Alban's on as many Mondays as she can and will try and arrange meetings with parents.

Easter workshops at St Clements

This week the children have attended Easter workshops hosted by the Church Schools of Cambridge. Hopefully you will have seen the fruits of their learning and understanding in a little white paper bag. We know they had a wonderful time and certainly the organisers loved having our children visit the workshops. Well done children. [Photo Link](#)

Confessions next week

We hope to be able to offer this to the children but this may not happen due to availability of the priests.

Stations of the Cross for KS2 Monday at 6pm

This will be led by the Year 6 Chaplains. The children have been learning about Benediction and the Stations of the Cross is another service which all Catholic children should experience. Everyone is welcome.

Teacher release time for Planning (PPA) next term– Replacing Mrs Rackham

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Sewell who will be covering the Key Stage 2 PPA classes on a Thursday and Mrs Muir on a Friday. Mrs McCrossan will be releasing Reception and KS1 teachers on a Wednesday, covering PPA time. This will only be for the summer term. Mrs Richardson will take on this responsibility in September.

Year 5 Performance

Well done to the children for a very entertaining story from Greek mythology. Thank you to Mrs Burrows for directing the children. [Photo Link](#)

Netball

Congratulations to the netball A Team who went to the city finals this week and won the tournament without losing a goal and a 100% victory. This is a tremendous achievement but their respect for other teams and the friendship they showed was just as pleasing. See photo. Congratulations to Floria and Hannah for all their coaching. The team now progresses on to the regional finals in May. Next week the B Team plays in its city tournament. We wish them every luck. [CCSP site ink](#) [Photo Link](#)

Music School– Well done to all the children who gave a lovely recital on Tuesday after school. Thanks to all the parents who managed to attend and thanks to the teacher Mrs Barlow.

2019

- 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

**HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY**





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Monday 1st April

We have been told that there will be disruptions on the roads surrounding the school in the morning because the Department for the Environment is measuring the carbon footprint of the public. In order to make less footprints please encourage your children to make bigger strides as they walk to school. Therefore, reducing the footprint and getting to school quicker. If you are travelling by car please ask the children/passengers to sit up and be as light as possible on the seats. This will save energy.

Achievement letter

Please send in your child's achievements for the next issue. office@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk

Parking in Hanover Court-

You may have noticed a traffic warden patrolling Union Road at the end of the days this week. This is because we have received complaints from the residents about our parents parking illegally and inconsiderately. Please be more considerate as this is giving our school a bad reputation in the area and is causing the office unnecessary grief. Thank you.

End of term

A reminder that school closes at 3.15pm next Friday 5th April.

PFA Announcement

Last chance – online sponsorship for the Mud Run will close on Sunday 31 March, so far you have raised an incredible £3195 (£3889 inc. Gift Aid!). If you'd still like to sponsor your child, you can do so here <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/mudrunforstalbans/486425> or by returning the paper sponsorship form (with moneys raised) to the PFA post box, by the school office. Thank you so much for all of your contributions.

Get fundraising – our new fundraising webpage is ready for your fundraising activities <https://www.wonderful.org/charity/associationoftheparentsandfriendsofstalbansschool>. You can do something amazing to help to raise money to improve our children's playground. The options are endless: long-distance cycling, walking, swimming or running, could that much-loved beard be shaved for this fantastic cause, or how about a class parents quiz night or a children's film night? You can set up your own events or challenges by clicking the 'Create a fundraising page' button.

St Alban's Recipe Book – please send your favourite family recipes from around the world to hilaryjcrowforth@btopenworld.com – only two weeks to go until the 12 April deadline to be included in the book!

KS2 playground update – we are working with Artisan Structures to develop the designs for the KS2 playground improvements. We hope to share the latest designs with you later next week but if you have any questions in the meantime you can contact us at stal-banspfa@gmail.com.

Fast-Track qualification courses

Adult learning & skills centres all around Cambridge have courses for Maths, English, IT functional skills and ECDL qualifications. [Click here](#) for more information.

Mad Science Training Academy

7-11 year children, 8th-12th April at Parkside Community College. [Click here](#) for more information.

Homework

- Y3 Time
- Y4 Multiples of 9
- Y5 Graphs - Translations
- Y6 Coordinates

Quiz Stations– Assembly was about treating people fairly. Who did Jesus speak to when all others didn't? What did one man do once he went to the city and saw he was healed? Jesus showed us how to be kind and loving. Can you think of times when you showed kindness and love to someone when others were unkind or ignored a classmate?