



St Alban's Newsletter



5th April 2019, 5th Sunday of Lent

Wednesday Word - NEW START

Goodbye Mrs Rackham

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Rackham. She has been an excellent teacher and colleague, and we know she is very reluctant to leave us. However, her new position working across four schools is a great opportunity and we wish her well. Thank you Mrs Rackham.

New Inclusion Coordinator

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Becky Richardson as the new Inclusion Coordinator. She will officially start in September but will be coming in next term to familiarize herself with the school. Mrs Richardson is currently the inclusion Coordinator at Cottenham Primary and has a number of years of experience in this role. We are delighted she is joining the team.

Attendance

Some parents will be receiving an attendance letter from Mr McCrossan if their child's attendance is below 95%. This is to inform you that the school is concerned and if there is a further decrease in the summer term a meeting with Mr McCrossan will need to be arranged. Once again we would like to thank everyone for their communication when their child is absent as we are confident that the majority of absences are down to illness and medical appointments.

Schools Virtual Sports Competition

Well done to children in years R, 1, 2 and 3 for taking part in The School Run's 'Virtual Competition' this term, competing against schools across the country in activities such as throwing, jumping and sprinting. It was great to see your enthusiasm, team work and desire to beat your personal bests. A special congratulations to Reception who won the competition for their year group!

Genr8

Our thanks to Genr8 for the recent assembly. Please find attached instructions to make the cross which the children were shown at assembly.

Stretchchild

This week the children watched an assembly led by Laura from Stretchchild. She spoke about an event happening in the summer which schools have been encouraged to support. More details to follow next term.

Stations of the Cross

Thanks to the Year 6 children for leading the service on Monday evening. Thanks to all the families who attended this and help us spiritually prepare for Easter.

Easter Mass

This will be on Tuesday 23rd April. Everyone is welcome and we would like to invite children to bring flowers to the altar in the Easter procession at the start of mass.

Netball

Congratulations to the Netball B team for successfully retaining the city trophy. Francisco (Yr 5) won 'Man of the Match' and Sarah (Yr 5) won the 'Spirit of the games' award for determination. This is becoming a habit at St Alban's but it is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the children and their coaches Floria and Hannah. Well done everyone.



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Egg hunt

Our thanks to the PFA, especially Mrs Turner for sourcing the Easter eggs free from Tesco on Mill Road. The hunt will take place on Wednesday 24th April at approximately 1:30pm. To first time Reception parents the children have to find a paper egg and this will be exchanged for a chocolate egg. It is a lovely event and you are very welcome to come and join in on the fun.

Achievement Letter: Please see the attachment.

April Fool

You will have read that the department for the environment was around the school on Monday. This was Mr McCrossan's attempt at a joke. Hopefully it didn't cause too much of a disruption to your morning journey to school.

Mr McCrossan wants to thank everyone for their prayers and wishes. His mother is still in hospital and the doctors are monitoring the situation very closely. Have a good Easter break.

We hope you all have a happy Easter and remember we return on Tuesday 23 April

PFA Announcement

Ice Cream Sale – Friday 26 April – there will be seven sales in the summer term starting the first Friday back, so come along to enjoy yummy ice creams whilst supporting your school - sale profits go to classroom materials and school outings!

PFA meeting – Friday 26 April 3.30pm at school – everyone is very welcome to attend, there will be tea, coffee, biscuits and a film showing for the children of attendees.

St Alban's Greatest Show – Friday 17 May – tickets will be on sale early next term. An evening event for all the family – with fashion show, karaoke, disco and licensed bar. Event profits will go towards the KS2 playground. Poster attached.

SAVE THE DATE – SUMMER FAIR – 29 June 2019 – this annual Saturday afternoon event includes children's class performances, Irish dancing, BBQ, bouncy castles and lots of your favourite stalls. Please save the date! Event profits will go towards the KS2 playground.

Sponsored Mud Run – This event raised an incredible £4063.75 online and £690 in paper sponsorship forms, thank you for all your help and generosity with this. All profits will go towards the KS2 playground.

KS2 playground fundraising – We have already raised £10,432.25 of our £25,000 target – WE CAN DO IT!!! Parents and carers, it's time to crack on and plan your own fundraiser, whether yard sale, coffee morning, beard shave, death slide or skydive – anything goes! – it's easy to set up your own fundraising page [here](#). If you'd like to make a donation direct to the KS2 Playground Appeal you can do so [here](#), thank you for all your generous donations!

KS2 playground – please find attached the latest design proposal from Artisan. Contact us at stalbanspf@gmail.com.

Children's events for Cambridge Central and City Libraries

April to June, which includes the Easter holidays and May half-term events. Highlights include a Harry Potter quiz (11th April), an Origami workshop (18th April) and a celebration of the 30th anniversary of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* (15th April). [Link Page](#)

Italian After School Club

Classes will run every Monday for KS2 from 3.15 to 4.45 pm and Wednesday for KS1 from 3.15 to 4.45 pm. For more details please contact Mrs Triola marika.triola@gmail.com

Amey Waterbeach Waste Management Park: Free Family Activities at Easter - [Information Link](#)

Steve Fallon Football - [Summer term information link](#)

Gaelic football Easter holiday session 10 am - 11.30 am Friday 12th April

on the Gaelic football pitch, Coldhams Common. School years 1 - 6. cost £3, contact phil_mullen@msn.com for more information

Homework

Y3 No Homework
Y4 No Homework
Y5 Angles
Y6 Easter homework pack

Quiz

What part of the body is traditionally washed on Maundy Thursday?
Why is there no mass on Good Friday?
What did the soldiers do when Jesus was on the cross?