



St Alban's Newsletter

10th May 2019, 4th Sunday of Easter



Wednesday Word - LIFE

Monday 13th May – Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Vision Evening 22nd May at 7pm

We are looking forward to as many people as possible at this meeting. To help you prepare for the evening follow [the link](#) to see a document which highlights the areas of the school which were discussed at the previous Vision Evening 5 years ago. If you are able to attend please could you inform the office and if you require crèche facilities please make this known too. Remember this is about your child's education at your school.

St Alban's Feast Day/Global Day 21st June

If you are able to make a traditional dish for the children to share please let the school know asap. Also, don't forget to send your recipes to hilaryjcrowforth@btopenworld.com, or alternatively to the PFA email stalbanspfa@gmail.com. We know we are going to have tasty delights from the Italian community represented. So let's hope we can have food representing all of our children at the school such as; Paella, Sushi, tacos, hummus, fajitas, sauerkraut, noodles, lebkuchen etc. We are ticking off the different countries which will be at the feast day, so who is next?

Writer of the month

Congratulations to the following children for being Writer of the Month in each class.

- Reception Charlotte for her super dinosaur sentences
- Year 1 Nina for retold story of Cinderella
- Year 2 Mirabel for descriptive writing of the dolphin child
- Year 3 Mawuli for descriptive language to create a dolphin shape poem
- Year 4 Adriana for her survival story
- Year 5 Jozefinka for her own playscript based on William Shakespeare's works
- Year 6 Adebare for his descriptive mystery opening

SATs week

Next week all of the children will be assessed in Reading, Spelling and Grammar, Arithmetic and Maths. This is a very important time for the children and the school so it is important that all the children have a restful weekend and come to school on time. Good luck children!

Heavy rainfalls and cancellation of clubs

Thank you to everyone for making arrangements this week when we had to cancel the clubs on Wednesday due to heavy rainfall. Hopefully we will have less and less disruption as it gets warmer.

Coach of the year

As you know the children at St Alban's achieve a lot and at a very high standard. This is due to their commitment and the standard of teaching. We were delighted to hear this week that Phil Mullen has been named Coach of the Year for all his work he does with children in Cambridgeshire. This is a great award and we congratulate and thank Phil for all the After School Clubs he runs. Well done Phil.



2019

- 13-17May SATS week
- 17 May Greatest Show
- 22 May Vision evening
- 23 May Regional Netball finals
- 27 May Half term Holiday
- 5 June Yr6 Hilltop meeting at 5.30pm
- 5 June Yr5 and Yr6 RSE meeting at 6.00pm
- 10 June Yr1 Phonics assessments
- 11 June Yr1 Phonics assessments
- 13 June Yr3 performance at 9.30am
- 13 June New Reception parents meeting for 2019
- 14 June Choir at West Road at 6pm
- 20 June Yr3 trip to Wimpole hall
- 20 June Yr2 trip to Colchester castle
- 21 June St Alban's Feast day
- 29 June Summer Fair
- 01 July Italian evening
- 02 July Yr6 at Hilltop
- 03 July Yr1 performance at 2.30pm
- 10 July Strawberries and Cream evening
- 11 July Sports day
- 15 July Yr6 and Yr3 visit the Walsingham Shrine
- 16 July Open evening
- 17 July Moving Up morning
- 18 July End of term mass
- 18 July Sports assembly pm
- 19 July Yr6 Leavers assembly

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Online tool for Learning French

This year the school has invested in an online language learning programme called Language Nut. The pupils have been using the programme in French lessons at school and some have been following this up by going on the programme at home. Please do encourage your child to use the programme at home. It should be possible to access it on laptops, tablets and smart phones. After teaching some items of new vocabulary, the programme provides games for the children to practise reading, writing, listening and even speaking in French. Simply type 'Language Nut' into your search bar, and it is easy to find the programme. Each pupil has been given their own log-in details which are fairly easy to remember (but are also written in their French books at school - and should have been transferred to their homework diaries). Once they have logged in, they should chose the French option. Then I would suggest going to the 'Vocab Trainer' section to learn and practise vocabulary.

I would encourage pupils to explore any area that interests them, but currently each class is looking at a different section which relates to our class work:

Year 3 - Section 7, Going to School/Item 3 - in the classroom

Year 4 - Section 1, About Me/Item 5 - family members

Year 5 - Section 16, Music/Item 3 - types of instruments

Year 6 - Section 7, Going to School/ Item 1 - Morning Routine

Please let me know if you encounter any problems with the programme, and do have a little go yourselves to see what your child is learning!

Have fun, and watch your child earn lots of points as they progress! From Mrs Leslie (French Teacher)

PFA Announcement

St Alban's Greatest Show – Friday 17 May – join us for a fantastic family evening event, with fashion show, karaoke, licensed bar and raffle! Event tickets are on sale in the playground or you can purchase online [here](#) and collect tickets on the night as you enter. Please return raffle tickets to the PFA postbox, these may also be purchased on the night.

2nd hand uniform sale – thank you to everyone who visited last week's sale which raised £113. Enormous thanks to Mrs Birdsall for putting this sale on for us all.

KS2 Playground – we have recently applied for Lottery funding to help to fund this project, but we won't know for a few months if we have been successful. We hope for, but cannot bank on, a positive response, so please try to help to raise a few pennies with your own fundraising events from home or work – every little bit will help us include more of the aspired-for playground. You can set up your own fundraising page [here](#) for your fundraising run, walk, swim, cycle, beard shave, death slide or skydive – anything goes!

TSA Sports half term activities

Football, multi-sport & dance courses at Teversham & Queen Emma primary school. [Click here](#) for more information.

Learning at work week

Learning and Skills Centres are holding 'open days' as part of this campaign, where you are welcome to pop in, meet tutors and find out how they can help you improve your skills for work. Go to www.cambsals.co.uk or [Click here](#) for more details.

Homework

- Y3 multiplying 3 numbers
- Y4 Rounding
- Y5 Long Multiplication Practice
- Y6 Reasoning quiz 5

Quiz This is the month of May and Mary. Who are these Marys?

- Our Lady of W..... (England)
- Our Lady of F (Portugal)
- Our Lady of L..... (France)
- Our Lady of K..... (Ireland)
- Our Lady of M (Bosnia and Herzegovina)