



St Alban's Newsletter

24th May 2019, 6th Sunday of Easter



Wednesday Word - PEACE

Ascension of the Lord– Thursday 30th May (Holyday of obligation)

Unfortunately this feast falls during the holidays as it is always a great occasion in the school. Each class releases a white balloon (environmentally friendly) and watches it ascend into the skies. This is to develop empathy with how the apostles must have felt when they saw Jesus, the man they all loved, leave to be with His Father in heaven. If you have the opportunity to do something similar with your son/daughter please do so.

Vision Evening

Thank you to everyone who turned up to this very important meeting on Wednesday evening. It was great to see so many parents, governors, teachers and former pupils. Follow this [link](#) to a document which was produced on the night highlighting some of the priority areas identified by the forum. This is not a definitive list as we will be looking, in more detail, at what was written at each table. We would also welcome any further comments from parents who were not able to attend and people who want to contribute more.

The next steps will be for the governors to collate and organise the information, and then create a draft school improvement plan which will be circulated next half term. This will be open to discussion and comment and a representation of our stakeholders (Parents, teachers etc) will be invited to give their final input. By the middle of the autumn term we will all meet in a similar forum as the Vision Evening where each priority will be shared, the key personnel identified, time frames understood, and the three year development plan will be ratified by the governors.



Mr Wright and his wife are looking forward to their second child!

After half term Mr Wright may not be at school for two weeks as his wife is due to give birth. We know everyone will be pleased to hear this good news. Mr Wright is expecting to be on Paternity leave from the 6th June for two weeks but we wanted to let you know in case the baby comes sooner. Mr McCrossan will be covering Year 4 for most of Mr Wright's leave. We wish Mr Wright and his wife well!

KS1 teacher

As mentioned in previous newsletters Miss McEwan is sadly leaving us and we have appointed someone. Unfortunately, we are not able to disclose the new teacher as a matter of courtesy to her present school as it has not yet been announced to her school. Mr McCrossan has agreed with the other headteacher to announce it at the same time in two weeks. Sorry for the delay with this but we do have a teacher for next term.

Ignite

We were very pleased to welcome the Diocesan Ignite Team on Monday. The team spent the day with the children doing lots of fun activities and learning about the mass, culminating in a KS2 mass. Father Luke who spent the day with the children in Year 3 was very complimentary about their knowledge and understanding, and their attitude to learning. Well done Year 3.

Enjoy the holidays. The school reopens on Monday June 3rd

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- 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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Netball– Champions Again!

Congratulations to our netballers who are, once again, regional champions. This is an amazing achievement for the school as we now have won this title 4 out of 5 years, and the year we didn't win was because it clashed with the Yr6 trip to Hilltop. Well done children and a big thank you to Floria and Hannah!

Boys toilets

Apologies for the smell as you pass through the yellow area. There was a block in the pipes from the urinal and the pipes needed replacing. This has now been fixed.

St Alban's Global Feast Day 21st June

We are all looking forward to sharing and enjoying food from all our countries. However, we do not have many countries represented. Don't miss out on your country not being celebrated! All you have to do is commit to bringing in a dish on the day. Last year we had a tremendous support from parents in the last week but this year we want to coordinate something bigger. So don't leave it to the last minute please!

PFA Announcement

Ice Cream Sale – today! Hosted by Year 4. Please remember to come and buy before heading off on your half term holidays.

St Alban's Greatest Show – huge thanks to the organisers, volunteers and everyone who attended last Friday, making this such a fantastic event for our school community. Particular thanks to the Year 5 parents who put so much work into organising the evening.

Next Ice Cream Sale – Friday 7 June – hosted by Year 3.

PFA meeting – Wednesday 12 June 3.30pm, there will be tea and biscuits and a film playing for children of attendees. Everyone is very welcome!

Bag2School – collection day Thursday 13 June - Bag2School donations bags are coming home this week for you to fill with clothes and shoes for collection from school. Time for a wardrobe clean out over half term!

Summer Fair – Saturday 29 June - We're now beginning to make plans for what we hope will be another highlight in the St Alban's calendar, the Summer Fair which will run from 12pm until 3pm. You can contribute your fair ideas to us at stalbanspfa@gmail.com, we'd love to hear from you.

KS2 Summer Party – 17 July 6.30-8.30pm – organised by the Year 6 parents - pop the date in your diaries! Siblings are also welcome.

PFA contacts - stalbanspfa@gmail.com or please come and talk to us in the playground.

Disability Football Festival

Sunday 7th July 10am-2pm at Impington Village College. Contact Phil Mullen: Phone 07948-407950 or email phil.mullen@cambridge-united.co.uk

Half Term Tennis Holiday Camp

27-31 May at Cocks and Hens Cambridge Tennis Club. [Link Website](#)

ChYpPS half term holiday activities [Information link](#)

Norwich City FC Girls open trial [Information link](#)

Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club half term activities Visit their website for more information. <http://www.cambridgeltc.com/>

Free family activity day at Waterbeach waste recycling centre Tuesday 28th May. [Click here](#) for more information.

Homework

- Y3 No Homework
- Y4 No Homework
- Y5 Finish reading Hobbit book and subtraction tasks
- Y6 Climate and landscape chapter - project

Quiz

We are coming close to the end of Easter time.

- What word is repeated after mass and our prayers during Easter?
- How many Sundays are there in Easter?
- When does Easter finish?
- What day is a holyday of obligation next week?