



St Alban's Newsletter



13th December 2019, 3rd Sunday of Advent-Gaudete

WEDNESDAY WORD - CHRIST

Congratulations to the KS1 children for their play 'Hey Ewe' and to the Reception children for their play 'Away in a manger'. Both key stages had incredible turn outs and we are very grateful for families organising their day to come and see the performances. Please follow [this link](#) to see some lovely captured moments.

Confessions

Thank you to Father Paul for giving children the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. Father Paul said they were well prepared and were delightful children to chat with.

Do you know a carpenter know a person with a large saw?

Builder or Carpenter Needed! – just for a small project, to cut six 100x200mm oak sleepers to eight required lengths; the work needs doing either in December or January. Please let us know if you can help at sachawatson@totalise.co.uk.

Advent Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported this last week. The children had a wonderful time and our thanks to all the volunteers and PFA for their help and organisation. It was also a great pleasure to have parents stay behind and join the children for the short Carol Service.

Christmas Dinner 18th December

All children are encouraged to have a Christmas dinner. All children will receive a "quality" cracker supplied by Waitrose, with thanks to Liz (Oscar's mum Yr3) from the PFA for sourcing them. We also look forward to seeing the children and staff wearing their Christmas jumpers.

Termly reports

Next week your child will be bringing home their termly report. This is to give you a further understanding of your child's effort and attitude at school.

Attendance

We have reviewed the latest attendance figures. If your child has an attendance of less than 95% you will be receiving a letter outlining that we have some concerns. If your child's attendance is below 90% then Mr McCrossan would like to see you to discuss how to improve your child's attendance. Please note we are aware that there have been genuine reasons why children have been absent and this will be taken into account.

Achievement Letter ([Link](#))

Congratulations to all the children for their achievements this month. A special mention for our athletes who competed in the recent Cross Country races and the choir for all the singing they did during Advent.

Post Box

A reminder to put the name and class of the recipient on the envelope.

A very big thank you to two generous boys and to their friends

Jaden and Henry, both Year 1, had a joint birthday party last Friday which clashed with the Advent Fair. The parents could not rearrange the party and were sad to miss out on the fun at the Advent Fair. They also recognised that their friends would not be in attendance either, and so they asked their classmates not to give presents but instead give donations to the Advent Fair. Thank you boys and your friends because you gave a tremendous £166.



18/12	Christmas Dinner
19/12	Termly Reports Out
19/12	End of Term Mass
19/12	Dressing of the Crib 2pm



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The closing date for Reception class 2020 admissions is 15th January. The school also requires a Supplementary Information Form and to see your child's baptism certificate.

From PFA

As this newsletter goes out, we will be having our first meeting this year to set our goals and plan our calendar. We will hopefully come up with a really tempting range of events to give everyone a chance to contribute to the school, get involved, have fun with the children in the school grounds (shown in research to be so important) and make new friends.

The only remaining thing to do is to thank everyone for everything they have done to support the PFA in 2019 - whatever you did or gave it was greatly appreciated - and to wish you all a lovely end to the term.



From the Governors

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Please follow [this link](#) to see our Safeguarding Policy and other DfE documents which promote safeguarding in our school.

Curriculum

At the recent Performance and Standards committee meeting we discussed the curriculum we are offering the children. This will be reviewed termly, as we want to ensure the planning reflects the teaching. We hope to have the link for each subject area on the website before the end of term.

Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who took time to complete the short survey. We had 36 responses and it seems that everyone "at least" agrees that the school is a safe place and are pleased with the progress the children are making ([details in this link](#)). However, there is one statement/question which needs to be addressed and Mr McCrossan has been asked to look into this and report back to the governors.

Q4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively

There were 9 parents who strongly disagree which is concerning. If you are one of the parents who have this opinion, Mr McCrossan would welcome the opportunity to understand your response either by email or come in and talk with him. We would like to know;

1. Has your child been bullied? Yes or No
2. If so has the school been made aware of any bullying? Yes or No
3. Has the issue been resolved? Yes or No

Thank you very much

Cambridgeshire Skills - Cambridgeshire County Council

[Click here](#) for the Cambridgeshire Skills brochure for the Spring term which is packed full of exciting opportunities for you. Contact information: Tel 01353 613013 or cambals@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Brownies wanted - Girls aged 7-11. [Click here](#) for their poster.

Homework

Year 3	No Homework
Year 4	Translation
Year 5	Time Problems
Year 6	Research, write and publish information about
Advent	

Quiz

This week the children heard about the Feasts of the Immaculate Conception.

What 3 images were on the picture of Mary and what did they mean?

Mary had a sister. What was her name?

Who came to Mary and said she was going to have a baby?

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