



St Alban's Newsletter



14th February 2020, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEDNESDAY WORD - TEACHER

New Catholic School In Hampton

On Wednesday evening Peterborough City Council approved the new Catholic school in Hampton . There were many challenges but all concerns and questions were addressed and answered. This is the first Catholic school to be built in 10 years and we should celebrate this great achievement.

Coronavirus and travelling.

If you are travelling this half term please adhere to the NHS guidance <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. There is no separate national guidance for schools. The school would like to be informed if any family is travelling or has travelled close to China or to any area that is at risk. This half term. Here is a specific section on travellers from Wuhan and China returning to school.

We recommend that you stay at home for 14 days after arriving from Wuhan or Hubei Province (or elsewhere in China if you have symptoms), and avoid public places. Where possible, contact a friend or family member to take your children to school.

We also know there are a number of Asian heritage children in the school who attend Chinese school. The school has been closed until further notice.

Mrs Leslie

After 5 years as the French teacher and a number of years as a Teaching Assistant Mrs Leslie has decided to take a step back from teaching to concentrate on her family life and especially enjoy more time with her grandson. Mrs Leslie has been instrumental in embedding French in the school and she will be missed. She will be leaving us at the end of term but will be available for supply thereafter.

In the meantime we are looking for a new French teacher and will be in touch with any updates.

Absence requests

A small number of parents are making their request just days before the event. This is not good practice and when possible the school should be given enough time to consider the request and be able to have a meeting, if necessary.

You will be aware that all "in term "absence requests are unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. The governing body does not wish to fine families but if there is repetitive requests and your child's absence is high, a referral will be made to the Educational Welfare Officer.

Please respect the process. Thank you.

Year 2 parents

Thanks to those who attended the meetings this week. Please follow the [link](#) for the powerpoint presentation given by Miss Binnie.

World Book Day 5th March

The children are encouraged to dress up on this day and as like last year the whole school will be creating a school story. More information if you click on the [link](#).

Igloo

Thank you to everyone who brought in bottles for the Reception's igloo. It look fantastic! [Link](#) to the photos.

Holiday Club

In the Easter holidays we are piloting a holiday club for two days, 16th and 17th April. This will be run by Premier which is a company known to the school and is currently running the Breakfast Club at St Paul's. Please see [flier](#) for more information.

Happy Valentines to everyone. We hope you have a restful and a safe half term and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday 24th February.**



DATES

- 14/02 Y6 Out - Climate Conference
- 14/02 Y5 Hockey Tournament
- 17/02- Half Term
- 21/02
- 26/02 Ash Wednesday
- 26/02 Parent Consultation Evening
- 27/02 Parent Consultation Afternoon/Evening
- 27/02 'Hobbit' Live Performance (Sponsored by PFA)
- 12/03 Y4, Y5 Tag Rugby Event
- 24/03 Governors Resources Meeting
- 25/03 Netball High 5's Tournament
- 27/03 Sponsor Cycling
- 30/03 Football Tournament
- 02/04 Y5 Class Performance
- 03/04 Last day of Term



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PFA Announcement

THANK YOU for your amazing support for the cake sales this year. With reception raising a staggering £245 we have a grand total of £1028!!!! That pays for the entire of science week - or the bike shed and theatre performance if you prefer. A fantastic contribution to our fundraising.

Next meeting is 2pm Friday 6 March. (Still looking for a help with bike mile apps/spreadsheets.)

From the Governors

The governing body of St Alban's Primary Catholic School has two vacancies, for a local authority governor and for a foundation governor. Members of the community are invited to express an interest by contacting the Clerk or the Head teacher in the first instance, for an informal meeting with the chair.

Below is a reminder of the school priorities. Each week, after half term, we will bring you up to date with the progress in one area.

GOVERNANCE

- To establish a new vision for the school for the next three years
- To develop local partnerships with other schools and educational establishments
- To develop an effective governing body
- To support the Bishop's vision to join the Our Lady of Walsingham Multi Academy Trust

STAFFING

- To establish an effective KS1 team
- To ensure Inclusion continues to be a priority

TEACHING AND LEARNING

- Track progress of children throughout the school
- To improve the standards in writing at greater depth throughout the school
- To ensure Reading is being developed cross all curricular areas or those which are relevant
- To develop a bespoke curriculum
- To improve the quality of teaching and learning in Science
- Continue with the outstanding practice in Phonics

COMMUNITY COHESION

- To develop links with the parish
- To improve the playground
- To develop clearer lines of communication with all stakeholders

St Bede's PTFA Annual CEILI: Friday 6th March 2020, 7pm—10pm, hrossiter2@stbedes.cambs.sch.uk to book tickets, see [flier](#).

ChYpPS February Half Term Activities: please see attachments.

Mad Science February Half Term Camps: Please see attachment.

Breakfast Club at St Paul's: If you are interested there are plenty of places at St Paul's Breakfast Club. Click on the [link](#) to see what they can offer.

Homework

- Year 3** No homework
- Year 4** No homework
- Year 5** Reading and more reading
- Year 6** Fractions and percentages

Quiz This week the children learnt about St Valentine in Class Worship.

- What flower do we think of on Valentine's day?
- When was the last time you said you loved someone?
- Complete this commandment. "XXXX one another as I have XXXXX you"
- What did Jesus do to show us He loved us?

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