



# St Alban's Newsletter



13th March 2020, 3rd Sunday of Lent in Ordinary Time

## WEDNESDAY WORD - GOD'S LOVE

St Patrick's Day 17th March

St Joseph's day 19th March

### Coronavirus

Hopefully you will have read the recent email from Mr McCrossan. We will keep you up to date when we get new information. In the meantime please keep in your prayers all the friends and families who have been affected by the virus.

The school is currently updating its Critical Incident Plan which will be a mechanism to inform parents and other stakeholders about any incidents. Once we have the finalised details we will share them with you.

### Are you interested in becoming a governor?

We have two vacancies on our governing body. We require a Parent Governor and a Local Authority Governor. These positions require an election although the LA governor technically could be appointed by the LA via the school if they had the correct skill set and does not have to be a Catholic. So if you have some financial background/interest or as a parent you want to get more involved with the school please contact the clerk to the governors, Rachael Beale at [clerk@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk) to find out more.

### "Eat them to defeat them"

Our eating vegetables campaign is going very well and it is amazing how much a sticker incentivises children to eat their vegetables. Hopefully you are seeing the same at home. Well done children.

### Curriculum presentation

Thank you to those who were able to attend these seminars and apologies to those who did not receive the cancellation of the evening session. Follow [this link](#) to see what was shared and there is an accompanying agenda narrative to explain some of the points shared. The good news is that Mr McCrossan has rescheduled the cancelled meeting to **Wednesday 25th March at 6pm**

### Lateness

Unfortunately we are sending some lateness reminders out to parents next week. If your child has been late for 5 or more sessions you will receive a letter and we hope that there will be an improvement in the coming months. This is only relevant to a small number of families.

### Year 5 attend a Living in Creation exhibition

Well done to the children for representing the school so well at a recent Church Schools of Cambridge exhibition.

*"We learnt about the Prophet Jeremiah and real stories from the bible"* Aurora Year 5

*"The organisers put a lot of thought and effort to make it real for us. They even put a radiator behind the background scene to make us feel as if we were in the desert"* Leon Year 5.

### Netball friendly match against Milton Road Primary school

The Year 6 netball squad had a great result against Milton Road Primary school on Tuesday. The teams won three matches and drew one match, and only conceded four goals in total, scoring 16 themselves. Great confidence and team play, congratulations to all the players!

### Easter Club

Places have been quickly snapped up. If you would like your child to attend this club for one or two days please see the attached [flyer](#).

## DATES

12/03	Y4, Y5 Tag Rugby Event
24/03	Governors Resources Meeting
25/03	Curriculum presentation
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
21/04	Governors Resources Meeting
24/04	PFA Social Evening
27/04	Football Tournament
27/04	Governors Full body Meeting
05/05	NHS Vision Screening - Reception Class
11/05	SATS Week
11/05	Football Tournament
14/05	Y3,Y4 Tennis Competition
22/05	Global Day
03/06	Y6 Royal Albert Hall
15/06	St Alban's Science week
22/06	St Alban's Day
30/06	Y6 Hilltop till 03/07
04/07	Summer Fair
09/07	Sports Day
16/07	Y6 Leavers' Disco

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## PFA Announcement

Sponsored Ride to Bethlehem - the last week in March is fast approaching and paper forms went home in book bags this week - please do start to get your sponsors filled in or use the [wonderful.org](http://wonderful.org) website page. All forms of wheels and all family members happily included. This year we are delighted to be sharing the money raised with ACT.

If anyone can help on the day itself, Friday 27 March, we need lots of volunteers to help the playground ride go smoothly. Tea, coffee, biscuits and good cheer will be supplied to all those helping out. The pupils are going to see how far they can get keeping the bike moving all day long. An hour or two would be amazing.

A quick reminder too, that **24 April** is our family fun evening. Year 5 have food, music and dancing planned for us all. More about tickets later but **please save that date.**

## From the Governors

The focus this week is **TEACHING AND LEARNING. The following are the priorities for the year.**

**Track progress of children throughout the school.** English and maths predictions are updated termly or when a test has been carried out. The governors have scrutinised the data for each year group and individual groups such as English as an Additional Language (EAL), Free School Meals (FSM) and Special Needs (SEND).

**To improve the standards in writing at greater depth throughout the school.** Ms Seebeck (English Subject leader); is regularly monitoring the books, has made observations, led staff meetings and analysed data. The greater depth children are in line with their predictions but we are hopeful that a few more children in each class will achieve greater depth.

**To ensure Reading is being developed cross all curricular areas or those which are relevant.** Ms Seebeck has introduced monitors to ensure the library/reading areas are tidy in each class. Reading is a strong point in the school with excellent practice embedded. This was a priority because the government made it very clear at the beginning of the year that a focus for Ofsted would be reading. We believe the Teaching and Learning is good in reading.

### To develop a bespoke curriculum

The new curriculum is being developed building on current practice. Please follow [the link](#) to see the recent seminar given by Mr McCrossan.

**To improve the quality of teaching and learning in Science.** Mr Wright (subject Leader) has observed all classes and the quality of Teaching and Learning is Good. The books reflect sustained pieces of work and provide challenge, the walls reflect current topics and the children are able to discuss confidently their learning. This was an action highlighted by Ofsted from our last inspection.

**Continue with the outstanding practice in Phonics** Ms Waterson and Mrs Tait are working closely together to ensure continuity. They have met with parents so they can help their children. The phonics outcomes look as if they will be as predicted which will be higher than the local and national data.

**Easter Activities at Great St Mary's Church:** A drop in activity day on the 4th April 11am-3pm, £2.50 per child, please see the [link](#).

**Bikeability Cycle Instructors needed,** more information please see the [link](#).

## Happy St Patrick's Day to everyone.



## Homework

Year 3 Division

Year 4 Money: Addition and subtraction

Year 5 Reading comprehension, Throwing & catching a ball

Year 6 Ratio and proportion

## Quiz St Patrick

Which country is St Patrick the patron saint of?

What low lying animal do you sometimes see St Patrick standing on?

What flower do you connect Ireland and St Patrick with?

Ireland has a special type of cross. What is it called? ( A clue- it is Mr McCrossan's favourite football team)

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