



St Alban's Newsletter

20th March 2020, 4th Sunday of Lent in Ordinary Time



WEDNESDAY WORD - HEALING

School Closure

Its quite appropriate that the Wednesday Word is all about healing this week. Lets pray that we will all come back together healthy and with the minimum disturbance to our families.

We are in a very challenging time and we must adhere to government policy, and so the school will comply with the closure. Thank you to all those who have informed us of their need and work situation. Unfortunately, we are only allowed to support those parents identified as key workers and the supported children. Thanks to everyone for their supportive comments too.

If you do require a place please complete the form which was sent out this week.

Learning at home

Yesterday all the children (except Reception Class) brought home login details of a learning platform called **Sumdog** which we feel is enjoyable and provides children with a challenge to their learning. Please take time to go over this with the children as each class teacher will be monitoring usage and uploading different tasks each week and possibly each day. **(If your child was absent we will send a scanned copy of their login details next week)** The office will also be sending you worksheets and weekly tasks to be completed. In conjunction with all of this, an online resource bank called Twinkl has provided free material for schools and parents to use. Please go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code **UKTWINKLHELPS**. You will need to join for this offer, at no cost for the next few months. We have sent home exercise books to help record the work. Please use them and return them to the school. If you have other exercise books at home which your child wants to use then feel free to use them instead. The teachers will not be marking the work but will keep them as evidence of your child's work during this period.

City Kids

The Breakfast and After school club is likely to be closed from Monday until further notice. Parents will be contacted directly.

PFA and Cycle to Bethlehem

We hope you can all join in on the fun and exercise to raise money for ACT (Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust) and our school community. An email was sent out yesterday and we encourage as many people as possible to do some cycling as safely as possible.

Year 4 blow their own trumpet!

What a joy it was this week to see and hear the wonderful music coming from Year 4 who have been learning their wind instrument this year. We look forward to another performance at the end of the year. All the children are expected to continue to practice during the school closure as they will be keeping the instruments at home.

Botanical gardens

Year 2 enjoyed a lovely visit to the Botanical Gardens on Tuesday. They saw plants they had never seen or heard of before.

The Vegetable garden- "Eat them to defeat them"

This has been a great success and hopefully you are seeing a difference at home. The children love the stickers. Please keep your chart until we return.

Photos- Have a look at the photos on the other page!

Easter Club- This will still continue unless we are instructed otherwise. Please contact

kayner@premier-education.com or call the regional office on 01638 751168 for more information.

DATES

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

Cycle to Bethlehem– Support ACT (Addenbrookes Charitable Trust)

1. Email your daily miles to cycletobethlehem@gmail.com
2. Use the wonderful [platform](#) to donate electronically (up until 31 March when it closes for good) or
3. Use the stalbanspfa@gmail.com account to tell us how much you have raised and we can collect the cash later from you.

From the Governors

This week our topic is COMMUNITY COHESION.

Firstly, the governors would like to thank the whole school community; staff, parents and children for working together and dealing with this crisis in a calm and respectful manner. Mr McCrossan has been communicating regularly and hopefully everyone is aware of the current situation and the support the school is offering. We pray that we will all be able to return to work and school as soon as possible. God Bless.

We were all delighted with the turnout at Vision Evening early on in the year and hopefully you are finding the newsletter and the information on the website about the school priorities and the curriculum informative and beneficial.

We are delighted that Father Paul is now our chaplain supported by Mark a young Seminarian. They have celebrated mass with the children and joined them for lunch and popped into classes. It has been wonderful to see and we long for this to continue.

Developing greater lines of communication is always a challenge as you rely on technology and availability. We recognise that this is an area still to be developed but we hope you are aware of the governance of the school by reading this section of the newsletter each week and reading the minutes of the meetings.

The governors will strive to support the school community in the times ahead. Please keep checking the school website and emails



The children colouring their vegetables, playing their instruments and hugging trees. It has certainly been a mixed week at St Alban's. Please look at the website for more lovely photos.

Homework

Year 3 X and div by 10 and 100

Year 4 Money: Addition and subtraction 2

Year 5 Read the book "The hobbit" - (for the next 3 weeks)

Year 6 Maths Revision - Pages 17–22 Fractions

Remember to logon to Sumdog and play your friends!

Quiz—Thursday was St Joseph's Day.

Who is St Joseph the patron saint of?

In the bible there are other Josephs but which one appeared in a musical?

Why did Joseph have to take Mary to Bethlehem?

How do you say Joseph in Spanish, Italian and French?

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