



St Alban's Newsletter

27th March 2020, 5th Sunday of Lent in Ordinary Time



WEDNESDAY WORD - COMPASSION (see attached)

Dear Parents

Many thanks for your support by following the government's guidance. It is critical we continue to do this to beat this virus. I hope the activities set by the teachers are helpful and you are able to keep a learning routine for the children. If this has not been possible then I am confident you will be managing your family life in a way which you are comfortable with. These resources are only an offer of help. If you are not accessing them because you do not have a computer at home then please feel free to contact the school and we will do our best to help.

We are monitoring Sumdog which is the only indication we have of children doing some learning at home. If you have not seen your child on Sumdog please encourage them to do this because the vast majority of children are enjoying it and are frequently completing the tasks. However, please restrict the screen time to no more than an hour a day, preferably 2 x 30 minutes sessions.

The school is continuing to support key worker children and other children who are listed as needing support. As we approach the Easter holidays the school will be opened but **only for those parents who have key workers in the family and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.** I will be in contact with these parents directly to make arrangements.

Please read my letter below to your child

Please keep everyone in your prayers especially those who are frontline workers.

God Bless

Joseph McCrossan

Dear children

I hope you are all keeping safe at home and listening to your parents. I know this is a very strange for you but we must keep safe. I have a few questions for you.

Are you washing your hands and singing the songs? Do your parents know the songs yet and are they washing their hands frequently? I hope you are all saying your prayers and praying for all the people who are looking after the sick.

You have been given school work to do and I hope you are completing the tasks. The teachers have told me that a lot of children are doing the tasks on Sumdog and you are on there quite a lot, Good! The teachers are watching it every day and we know if children are just clicking any boxes until the tick comes up. We want you to take your time and try and get the answers correctly at the first attempt.

Remember, your mummies and daddies are at home trying to do their job, keep the house clean, feed you and keep you safe. Please help them by doing what you are told or by helping around by doing things such as tidying away after yourself, going to bed when asked to or playing nicely with your brother or sister.

I am missing you all very much as I know the staff are too. The school is very empty without you but we will be back together soon.

"Be happy and safe, and we look forward to seeing you when this is all over"

Mr McCrossan

Physical Activity at Home: please see the [link](#)

Fitzwilliam Museum: Resources to share with your children and their families at home, see the [link](#) please.

Very important notice!

Please read the next page to see how the school community is trying help each other.

DATES

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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What's been happening in the school?

- The school is undergoing a deep clean.
- Staff have been timetabled to come into school to help with the supervision of children.
- The staff are planning and researching lessons for next week and the first week after the holidays.
- The staff are planning the summer term curriculum.
- All staff have been liaising with each other via their WhatsApp group.
- The Local Authority gives us regular updates about the latest guidance from the government

How can we help you?

We know a lot of pdfs have been asked to be printed off for your children. If there is an issue with printing or this is an expense which has an impact on your weekly budget please contact the school. We want to help.

Lunches

If you are entitled to school lunches especially all of KS1 and Reception please feel free to contact the school to arrange collection of "Grab bags" which will be a baguette, biscuit and fruit.

A message from the PFA

We have proceeded with our sponsored ride, after much deliberation. Given the sunshine and the opportunity for some of us to get out and cycle for a common cause - we are slowly making our way to Bethlehem. Please do keep sending those miles in to cycletobethlehem@gmail.com. Let us know how you are doing so we can share our progress. For those unable to get out - a Joe Wicks session counts as a virtual mile so you can take part too! Wonderful.org closes on 31 March - so online donations will need to go to the bank account after that - but we will keep riding until we make it.

Money raised is being split between **ACT** and the **new benevolent fund** (and purchasing a deep clean carpet cleaner for the school).

The Benevolent Fund: A small group of 4 parents will be glad to consider requests in complete confidence - asking for an outline of your situation and how any money will be used. It is envisaged to help those amongst us who are struggling the most financially from abrupt changes in circumstances, with a small amount that could make a difference. It will be honour based, and requests are welcomed to stalbanpfa@gmail.com. Please encourage those amongst us who you are keeping in your prayers to come forward.

A message from your teacher!

Mrs Paul "I'm missing all your smiling faces.. Have you spotted any birds this week? As I'm writing this there is a greedy wood pigeon devouring all the bird food from my bird feeders.

Mrs Seebeck "I hope you are all well and working hard to complete all the set tasks I have sent to your parents. Keep smiling and laughing. Arohanui."

Mrs Muir "Keep up the good work and don't forget to develop your writing and editing skills, and don't forget to log on to all Sumdog areas!"

Ms Waterson/Mrs Tait "Keep up the super work and remember -READ READ READ"

Mr Wright "Keep up your hard work, you are all doing so well. Good luck next week with the outdoor science investigation. I look forward to finding out how you all got on"

Miss Binnie "Keep looking after your sunflower and nasturtium plants. I'm monitoring Sumdog every day, remember your spelling test on Monday"

Miss Brett "I have been pleased to see so many of you on Sumdog. Make sure you are practising all of the skills set. I will be logging on to play you"

Mrs Leslie "Keep practising your French"

Mrs Burrows "Well done to all those keeping up with their music. For those of you who are missing singing, there are some good free resources at <https://www.theschoolmusicalcompany.com/> (click on the top of the page) which you may like to have a look at!"

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