



St Alban's Newsletter

15th May 2020, 6th Easter Sunday of in Ordinary Time.

Thursday 21st May is the Ascension of the Lord



WEDNESDAY WORD—HELPER (Please follow this [link](#) for the online version)

From Mr McCrossan

A lot has happened in the past week and the school is doing everything it can to implement the guidance from the government. We are carrying out risk assessments of the school building and assessing the capacity of the staff before we make a decision about what we can offer. My thanks to the Year Reception, One and Six parents for returning the questions so quickly. This will contribute to the risk assessment.

Moving forward, I would like to give you a precise plan on returning to school but I am sure there will be further changes. However, what I can tell you is the following:

June 1st—The guidance states that schools can offer a gradual return to school on the week commencing the 1st June. We are aiming for this day but until we carry out our risk assessments we are not in a position to confirm this. So the first day back may not be the 1st.

Part time schooling

The majority of parents (YrR, Yr1 and Yr6) want a part time return even though the government is saying that classes must return full time. However, our Local Authority understands that this is not possible for some schools and so will support a part time return for schools. In our cluster this is what the majority are doing.

Staggering the intake— We cannot commit to all three classes and eventually all classes returning to school at the same time. We need to assess what staff capacity we have and what room is available. Therefore, your class could start later than others.

Normality— We are in exceptional circumstances and we are not able to offer the same curriculum as before, and the children will not necessarily have their class teacher and be in the same room. This will be a significant change for Reception and Year 1

Class sizes—Each class will be known as a bubble and each class cannot exceed 15 children. Whichever bubble your child is in they will remain there until the end of term and be taught by the same and only teacher for the rest of term. NB: We will determine the bubble size for each class after the risk assessments are completed.

Attendance— We will need one week's notice if you intend your child to attend school (YrR, Yr1 and Yr6 only). The bubble will have a maximum number of children and so any other child coming in could require us to create an additional bubble. Please note our bubble may only be 12 children.

Sustainability—The ambition is to have the whole school back by the beginning of July which I feel is not possible. Therefore, we have to be careful about how we manage Phase 1 of the return to accommodate Phase 2. This means it is likely that certain year groups may not be able to return to school.

The situation is very fluid and we need to think creatively but realistically to ensure our children and staff are safe. There will be more detail next week once we have clearer guidance from the DfE and the unions.

In the meantime please follow [this link](#) to see some guidance about closures.

Many thanks for all the kind words of support and gratitude we are receiving. It has been a great boost for us all.

Foster for us and enquire today

Can you consider fostering in support of this year's Foster Care Fortnight 11th – 24th May 2020.

There are around 1000 children & young people across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, particularly teenagers and children over ten, who need the love and support from foster carers. Anyone who is interested can find out more about the process by phone or video call and ask any questions they may have about becoming a foster carer and what's involved.

[Foster Care Fortnight](#) is the UK's largest foster care awareness raising campaign, and aims to show the positive impact foster care has made on children's and young people's lives.

We are encouraging people from all walks of life to consider fostering – and we want to hear from anyone who is over 21, has a spare bedroom and the passion and dedication to help children and teenagers thrive.

People should not rule themselves out because they have children, are single, married or partnered, work, unemployed, live in rented accommodation or want to foster past retirement age.

If you would like to register your interest then please visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering or www.peterborough.gov.uk/fostering Or call 0800 052 0078

Governors

A reminder we are seeking two new governors. Please see [the link](#) for your information if you are interested.

DATES

15/06 St Alban's Science week

22/06 St Alban's Day

04/07 Summer Fair

09/07 Sports Day

16/07 Y6 Leavers' Disco



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Headteacher's Awards

Reception

Emil for his wonderful artwork this week.
Frida for her exquisite bird pictures and Tricky Troll writing.
Lyra for her wonderful Elmer painting and her Zofa sitting on a sofa!
Ralph for his fantastic Tricky Troll sentences, what super writing.

Y1

Felicity for really engaging with the Castles topic and posting some great work on Class Dojo.
Emilia for her excellent attitude to learning and consistent effort and high quality work which is always presented with a smile.

Y2

Joseph, for excellent maths work this week.
Luca, for showing such a great attitude in English this week and doing super listening to the grown ups in your house.
Raphaella – excellent work on planets
Isabella– fantastic astronaut diary

Y3

Oscar – for working extremely hard at home and making me smile with his videos. You have shown a very positive and mature attitude. Well done!
Mirabel – for excellent precision and detail within her work, which is always presented neatly and clearly.
Nico – for consistent hard work and effort across all his tasks and particularly for persevering with his writing.

Y4

Eleanor: For always presenting all learning tasks in a neat and organised manner. Well done!
Adun: For always working extremely hard on all learning tasks set, well done. Keep it up!
Francesco – excellent model of an Egyptian house, complete with video tour
Tia – really detailed Egyptian work

Y5

Frederick for 110% determination in Maths and contributing to our class ice berg + showing positivity during home school learning
Domino for determination seen in all maths tasks and accuracy in sumdog.

Y6

Lara - For a superb piece of descriptive writing that really engages the reader.
Sarah - For an excellent sentence using our 'Word of the Day' on Class Dojo.

Birthdays

Congratulations to Isaac and Oscar

The twins have raised £3778 for the Street Child Covid-19 Appeal from their birthdays. Thank you boys and thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful gift.

Prudence Yr 5 will be 10 years old on the 16th May

Hugo Yr 2 will be 7 years old on the 18th May

Frida Yr R will be 5 years old on the 19th May

Sezlien Yr 2 will be 7 years old on the 20th May

Szymon Yr 5 will be 10 years old on the 21st May

Jim Yr 3 will be 8 years old on the 22nd May

Quiz— The assembly this week was all about the vine.

Jesus said He is the vine but who is the Gardener?

A vine needs sunshine, water and good soil to grow. What do we need to grow in God's love?

Jesus asked us to obey his command. Finish it off; Love oneyou.

We are the branches and we will produce fruit. What must we do to achieve this?

How many commandments are there?

What is Mr McCrossan's favourite fruit?