



# St Alban's Newsletter



11th September 2020, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WEDNESDAY WORD— Forgiveness

### Welcome back

Many thanks for the best wishes and compliments for getting the school ready. I would like to thank all the parents, staff and children for your patience and understanding as we try to get things in place to ensure the safety of everyone. There are new challenges each day but we are all showing great resilience and flexibility which is enabling us to establish appropriate systems and protocol. You will have received an email this week with an attachment regarding testing and tracing. Please make sure you have this somewhere accessible and is read.

These are exceptional times but it is great to see all the children back at school. Hopefully they are coming home with smiles on their faces, even with the restricted measures that are in place. Although I have not been able to see them as a whole school I am getting the opportunity at the beginning and end of the day, and during lunch and they are all smiling.

I would like to welcome all the new Reception Class children and parents to St Alban's. It has been a pleasure witnessing their first few days and I hope, even under the current circumstances, the parents will remember their child's first day as a happy day.

As we start the new academic year I would also like to welcome Kelly (Year 5) and her family to St Alban's. I am sure the children and parents in the class will make her and her family very welcome. Finally, I would like to ask you to keep in your prayers Miss Binnie who is still recovering in hospital, and the children and families who left us in the summer.

Hopefully, we will all return to some kind of normality soon.

Thank you and God Bless

Joseph McCrossan

### Welcome to Mrs Czernuszewicz and Mrs Auberger

Mrs Czernuszewicz who is a TA and a qualified teacher at the school will be job sharing with Mrs Tait in Year 1, and Mrs Auberger will be teaching French in KS2.

### Education Sunday

As it is Education Sunday this week please ask your children to wear their school uniform to mass.

### Midday Supervisors— URGENT!

We are very grateful for our volunteers who help out at lunchtimes but we need more with the increased restrictions and measures put in place during lunchtime. If you are or know of anyone able to help please contact the school as soon as possible. We need at least another three adults per day.

### Wednesday Word

Please click [on the link](#) to read about Sunday's gospel and print off the activities for your child.

### Playgrounds

We hope all the children in KS2 are enjoying the new playground. It is very colourful and there are new places to sit, rest and play. (link to [photos](#)) Our thanks to the PFA and to the parents for raising all the money to do this project, and a special thanks to the sub committee for project managing the project for the last year. Unfortunately, the KS1 playground has not been as clean and tidy as our leaf blower has broken but a replacement has arrived today.

### Homework

There will be no homework this week but from next week all homework will be posted on Clasdojo. If your child is absent for more than three days, the teacher will also post work on Clasdojo.

### Italian class

All clubs including Italian classes will remain closed until further notice.

In the meantime practice your Italian or write to me on [Marika.triola@gmail.com](mailto:Marika.triola@gmail.com).

All the best to you all, Maestra Marica

**Gymnastics and ninja classes:** see details on [gymfinitykids.com](http://gymfinitykids.com)

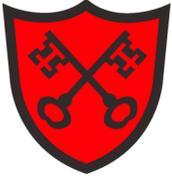
### The school playground



And a big Thank you to Sacha,  
Megumi, Tom and Maria.

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## Headteacher's Award

### Reception

Well done to all Reception children for having such an amazing first week!

### Year 1

Lyra - For writing a beautiful piece of work on summer holidays.

### Year 2

Carter - For such a positive response to our first free writing session with his superb short story inspired by an Autumn scene.

Eno - For his fantastic book reviews of The Giant Jam Sandwich and 1000 Things About the Sea.

### Year 3

Joshua - For fantastic responses in RE.

Piers - For always remembering his manners.

### Year 4

Evangelina - For listening extremely carefully to task instructions and doing so with a smile. Well done.

Francesco - For consistently trying hard in all lessons and sharing some brilliant verbal answers. Please keep it up!

### Year 5

Clara & Maia - For showing acts of kindness towards other children.

### Year 6

James - For a super poem about his feelings and thoughts about Lockdown.

Henry - For an excellent start and a brilliant poem entitled 'Lockdown'.

## PFA

A huge welcome back from everyone at the PFA. We hope that the summer allowed you all some form of a break. It is wonderful to see the children back at school and hear laughter in the playgrounds again. The PFA committee and year reps are excited to hear your ideas for what we can do this term within the constraints we all face - do let us know your thoughts at [stalbanspfa@gmail.com](mailto:stalbanspfa@gmail.com). We will invite you all to a meeting (virtual) in a couple of weeks to plan some fun and fundraising, once the teachers have a chance to settle the children back and think about how we can best help. An AGM too.

A HUGE thank you to all the parents who worked hard over the summer to transform the KS2 playground - do make sure you tell Sacha, Maria, Tom and Megumi how wonderful you think it is! And of course, grateful thanks for every last pound you gave yourselves. It is now colourful and long lasting quality - and the shed is brim full of (teacher chosen) new equipment for the children to play with. Once the plants have grown it will be even more welcoming still.

## Happy Birthday

Abrielle, Reception was 5 on the 7th September  
Maria, Year 1 was 6 on the 7th September  
Marianna, Year 3, was 8 on the 9th September  
William, Year 6, will be 11 on the 12th September  
Austin, Year 5, will be 10 on the 13th September  
Joseph, Year 3, will be 8 on the 14th September



## Quiz—

- What three words are important to our school?
- What must we do when leaving or entering a class?
- What are on the ground to help us line up throughout the school?
- What song must you sing twice when washing your hands?
- What must you do before coming into school in the morning?
- How far apart must you be when lining up and moving through the school?

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