



# St Alban's Newsletter



18th September 2020, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WEDNESDAY WORD—[GENEROUS](#) (Please click the link)

### Welcome

Welcome Raphael to Year 1. Raphael's big brother, Emilio, is in Year 2.

### MDS and Welcome

Welcome to Jacek a former pupil and son of Mrs Czernuszewicz who is helping us while he finds a full time post.

Welcome to Mihaela who is also with us while she finds a full time post.

Welcome to Magdalena, Eric's mum who has come forward to help us.

We are delighted that we have enough members of staff covering the playgrounds for the many staggered breaks/lunches. Our thanks to all the staff, volunteers and PFA for your help.

### New starts

On Monday we are introducing a new system and new times to avoid parents trying to get to both gates. Please adhere to this as we also have all of the Reception Class spending the morning and lunch with us.

Reception class to be dropped off at 9.00 and collected at 1.00– Lensfield Road

Year 1 class to be dropped off at 8.45 and collected at 3.00 – Lensfield Road

Year 2 class to be dropped off at 8.55 and collected at 3.10– Lensfield Road

Year 3 and Year 4 to be dropped off at 8.45 and collected at 3.10 – Union Road

Year 5 and Year 6 class to be dropped off at 8.55 and collected at 3.15 – Union Road

Where there are siblings please drop off and collect your children at the gate where the younger/est is in. Also drop off and collect at the earliest and the latest respectively. This has been explained to the children and hopefully now you will be able to go to one gate only.

*So for families with siblings:*

*"Drop off at the earliest and collect at the latest"*

*"Drop and collect in the youngest playground"*

### Update on Covid situation in the school

We are pleased to say that there have been no positive outcomes of the small number of tests taken by a child or adult. Where a child or adult has been tested we have informed the class. We have only done this on two occasions. A number of children have stayed off school if they have been sneezing or coughing during the night as a precaution but after 24 hrs they have stopped and returned to school after 48hrs. This is good practice and our sincere thanks for keeping so vigilant. So the message is positive and the St Alban's community is working well together.

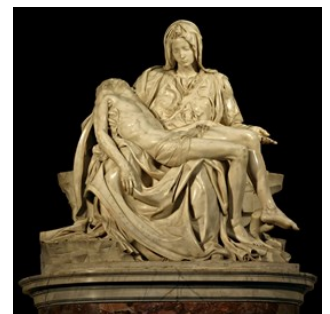
### Homework

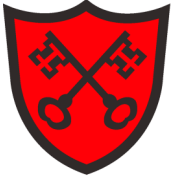
Homework will be posted either on Classdojo, Sumdog (maths only) or signposted on the website. Please do not send your child in with any work but post it on Classdojo and complete the tasks on Sumdog. The teachers will be monitoring both sites.

### Census day

**The 1st October is a very important day for schools as our funding is calculated based on the data we have on this day. Therefore, it is important that our classes are full and that we have the correct information from parents. One key area is Free School Meals. If you feel you are entitled to FSM please follow the link and apply. You maybe eligible given the new economic climate we are in. Our school is funded very low compared to other similar size schools. Thank you.**

Assemblies this week was about the crucifix, cross and Our Lady of Sorrows.





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## Headteachers Award

### Reception

Thank you to all Reception children made Mrs Richardson so welcomed.

### Year 1

Matas - For always staying focused and polite.

Leon - For his excellent contributions to class discussions.

### Year 2

Zoe - For outstanding focus during our daily word practise and for consistently modelling such excellent behaviour in the classroom and outside.

### Year 3

Isabella – For excellent contributions across lessons.

Michal – For setting an excellent example in our lines from the classroom to the playground.

### Year 4

Antoni W - For working extremely hard on his times tables skills this week, well done.

Margarida - For showing a brilliant focus in all lessons, well done.

### Year 5

Adun - For her positive attitude towards all subjects, especially her science oral clip.

Divina—For her positive attitude to all school tasks and test this week.

### Year 6

Adriana - For good use of vocabulary in her continuation of 'Goodnight Mr Tom'.

Prudence - For an excellent continuation of 'Goodnight Mr Tom'.

## PFA

We hope everyone had a good first fortnight back. Lots of conversations between some great helpers are starting to come together in a plan for some virtual social events and ways to bring us together - more news next week. Obviously no cake sales or Advent Fair, unfortunately. But we can confirm that bags2school will go ahead. Please start saving any too small shoes, wellies and coats up for this fundraiser. (We get paid by weight, but all clothes are great.) Finally a big thank you to Emma Boland for becoming our new Reception Rep.

## Happy Birthday

Tivon in Year 2 will be 7 years old on the 19th September

Seba in Year 6 will be 11 years old on the 21st September

Aisling in Year 4 will be 9 years old on the 23rd September

Emil in Year 1 will be 6 years old on the 24th September.



## Quiz—

What is the difference between a cross and a crucifix?

We celebrated two special days this week. Can you name them.? TTOTC and OLOS

What is the Pieta?

Who created the Pieta?

Can you name three of the incidents which remember when Mary was in great pain and distress?

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