



St Alban's Newsletter

25th September 2020, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

End of the day "pick ups"

Thank you for your continuous support and understanding as we change timings slightly each week. We are able to do this because children are being dropped off and collected on time, and we are preparing for Reception class starting on the week beginning the 5th October.

Morning drop offs are working well and we only need to change the pick up times next week

Yr1—3.00pm, Yr2—3.05pm, Yr3 and Yr4—3.05pm, Yr5 and Yr6—3.10pm

Reception will be collected at 3.15pm. So it will be important that the KS1 children and siblings have left on time. Remember for siblings;

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

"Drop and collect in the youngest playground"

Covid app

Attached (also [on school website](#)) is some information about using the app. The school has a QR code displayed in the entrance if anyone comes to the school. All staff have been advised to download this and we would recommend you do the same. Just go to your app store and follow the simple instructions.

Holiday Club during half term

Hopefully you will have seen the email sent out yesterday. Unfortunately we can only accommodate 30 children and we know there has been a significant interest already. Please look at your recent emails.

Lunchtime

Congratulations to Alba and Laura who have been awarded a 5 Star rating from the Environmental Health Agency after an unannounced inspection. Our thanks to them also for being able to serve hot food for the last few weeks as most schools were getting packed lunches. Dolce has published a new menu and it is being well received by the children. However, there are times when Alba may change the lunch slightly in the coming weeks once she gets to know what the children like. So for example for some children they may prefer plain pasta and cheese instead of macaroni cheese.

Road closures around the school

Parents entering the school via Union Road will have noticed that some roads are closed. The Council is looking to improve the safety on specific roads and the school, in conjunction with Councillor Jones, is submitting a bid to have better safety measures in place for our families. Today Mr McCrossan was taking some photographs of Union Road to support the bid. We will keep you posted about any developments.

Scratch Online Permission

Mrs Richardson recently wrote to all families with children in Years 2 to 6 to ask permission to register them with the Scratch online site.

If you are willing to give permission and have not yet done so, please could you email Mrs Richardson directly to give permission so that she can register the children- brichardson@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk

Children who are not given permission will still use the site but will not be registered, and will therefore have to save their work in a different and more laborious way. Registering children will allow them to see each other's work and will allow Mrs Richardson to monitor their work easily. Please see the original letter for further details.

Parent Consultations will take place via Zoom. These will be on the 11th and 12th November from 4pm to 7.20pm. The login site will not be live until after half term.

INSET Day— Please note that the 15th October is an INSET. This brings us in line with St Bede's.

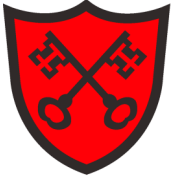
OPEN DAYS for new parents. These will take place after school and in small groups on the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th November and the 1st December between 5pm and 8pm.

Homework starts this week: Please continue on Classdojo.

St Mary's Senior School in Cambridge, warmly invites you to our online Open Morning, 10 October 2020, 9.30am - 12.30pm, please check on "stmaryscambridge.co.uk/visit".

Assemblies this week were about Our Lady of Walsingham. Use these photos to answer the quiz.





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Headteachers Award

Reception

Tom - For his impeccable manners and superb behaviour.
Chikameso - For being so cheerful and friendly with her friends and teachers.

Year 1

Callum - For outstanding dedication and hard work in English and Maths.
Agnes - For thoughtful work on "Kindness" in PHSE lessons.

Year 2

Callum - For superb focus and effort in all his work and for showing great kindness and support to other children in the class each and every day.

Year 3

Matteo & Arthur - For excellent partner work, sorting adverbs of time, place and manner.

Year 4

Felix - For writing an excellent descriptive piece of writing about Anglo-Saxon warriors, well done.
Alejandra - For working extremely hard in all subjects this week and following routines, well done.

Year 5

Vivan & Feliks - For wonderful explanations given on Earth's movements.

Year 6

Cleona - For a superb evacuation story.
Helena - For excellent work on homophones.

PFA

We are pleased to say that this term the Bags2school collection, Christmas cards and Christmas lunch are all going to go ahead. We hope to organise some fun online social evenings. We are also exploring how to give the children a small 'All Saints Day' celebration in their classroom bubbles.

The PFA is usually very strict with ourselves never to just ask you for money - there is usually a prize, social, raffle, treat, fete or something to eat in return. But this term we have no choice. Almost all our normal fundraisers are not covid safe.

We have a BIG ASK.

- The school needs this term:
- 2 outdoor classrooms - decking and cover and seats - in the KS1 playground on unused land. ASAP.
- The minibus needs MOT and service
- Classroom materials (we normally give £2100)

Please look out next week for details of how to give. There will be 5 different ways - from cash donations or buying specific items to 'easyfundraising' or crowdfunding - and we will be very grateful for whatever people can spare or want to donate.

Second-hand school uniform: There is a whatsapp group for parents to exchange school uniforms, please contact the school office or your class rep for the whatsapp link if you have not got the link.

Happy Birthday

Felix in Year 4 will be 9 years old on the 27th September
Joshua in Year 3 will be 8 years old on the 27th September
DJ in Year 1 will be 6 years old on the 27th September
Samuel in Year 6 will be 11 years old on the 28th September
Aiden in Year 3 will be 8 years old on the 28th September
Emilio in Year 2 will be 7 years old on the 28th September
Phoebe in Reception will be 5 years old on the 2nd October

Happy Birthday Steve
our site manager who
is ???? today.



Quiz— This week we spoke about Our Lady of Walsingham. Use the images on the front of the sheet to help you answer.

- Where is the Holy Shrine of Walsingham and do you know any other Holy Shrines named after Mary?
- What do you call the walk which people make from the village to the Slipper Chapel?
- On the statue of Our Lady, what do all the symbols represent?
- What is so special about the Anglican church in Walsingham?
- Where did Mary appear to Bernadette?
- Where did Mary appear to the children in Portugal?

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