



# St Alban's Newsletter



6th November 2020, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WEDNESDAY WORD—[WISDOM](#) (please click)

### Governor elections

This might not be as big as what is happening in America but it is just as important to us. We are delighted to announce that we have two parents who have put themselves forward to be a Parent Governor. Our sincere thanks to both of them. Please follow [this link](#) to read about both candidates and information on how to vote for your chosen parent.

### Parent consultations

Next week you will have the opportunity to meet the teachers via Zoom. The teachers will discuss; attainment, progress, how well your child has settled into the year, celebrate what your child is good at and point out areas which will be a focus in class and at home. The meeting will be no more than 10 mins. So please be sensitive to this as there will be other families waiting.

Please look at your Classdojo account and you will get the invitation for the Zoom meeting. There will be two Zoom meetings and we ask that you join the meeting 10 minutes beforehand and wait to be invited to speak with the teacher.

*Please note that there are about 50 families who have not registered to meet the teacher. Year 1 parents must do this by the 9th November and the rest of the school by the 10th November. Reception class will not be having a Parent Consultation.*

### New restrictions relating to child minders and taking other children home

Under the new restrictions it is important that households do not mix. However, we understand that some parents may make arrangements for another family to occasionally take their child home or bring to school. We want to emphasise this must only happen if no other arrangement can be made. Parents will need to have a conversation with any childminders and remind them of this too. We will not allow any child to go home with another parent or childminder unless we have been notified during the day. If you are taking a child home they must be taken to their own house first.

### Flu vaccination 20th November

The Flu vaccination will still be taking place, but online consent needs to be done by 13th November.

### Places in Year 3 and Year 1 from January

Thank you for informing the wider community of places available at St Alban's. We have people interested in the other classes but still have a space in Year 1 and Year 3.

### Making school a little more fun

This half term we are going to introduce a couple of ideas to keep up the spirits of the children.

1. **Themed days**—the children will be invited to dress up on occasions and this will be at the discretion of the class teacher
2. **Birthdays**— each week at Friday lunchtime we will sing Happy Birthday to children whose birthday it is in the week and the class will share a birthday cake bought by the school (If the relevant parents want to make a financial donation please feel free to do so)
3. **Christmas Dinner is on the 16th and this will be Christmas Jumper day**

**Sumdog**— The national competition starts today and we hope our children will continue with the great success last time. We are the national champions in two classes. Good luck children.

### Achievements during lockdown

Unfortunately we have not been able to send out an Achievement Letter this month but we are hearing of stories and thank you to the parents who are sending them in. Please feel free to do this and we will try and publish one soon. In the meantime here are some examples of achievements; Harry Y2 who was superb during self isolation looking after his daddy, Henry Y2 for appearing in the Cambridge News dressed up, Joseph Y3 for being offered football trials with Norwich City FC, Leon Y6 and William Y6 for organising an online quiz for Leon's birthday and giving all the birthday donations (£177) to the PFA.

**A gentle reminder to not bring anything from home in to share with the class. Any birthday treats must be done outside the school gate at the end of the day. Thank you.**





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## Headteachers Award

### Reception

John - For making such fantastic progress in writing his name.

Mary - For her exquisite picture of the natural world for the front cover of our Special Book.

### Year 1

Frida - For her excellent work on the Annunciation.

Raphael O - For his thoughtful responses in RE.

### Year 2

Harry - For super progress in using number facts to solve maths questions.

Aron - For super progress in using number facts to solve maths questions.

### Year 3

Jude - For excellent discussion of Greek myths.

Hugo - For exceptional work ethic and manners.

### Year 4

Roisin - For working really hard to improve her written subtraction skills when borrowing and exchanging digits, very well done.

Isaac - For working really hard this week in all subjects and doing so with a lovely, big smile. This has been great to see, well done.

### Year 5

Grace - For working hard in maths solving division problems.

Rose - For working well in maths solving division problems.

### Year 6

Aurora - For a wonderful diary entry written in the style of Samuel Pepys.

Susie - For an excellent 'Government Information Leaflet' for use during the Battle of Britain.

## PFA

Bag2school - All the bags of clothes from families have raised amazing £138, well done everyone and thank you!

Wow. Thank you all so very much for the enormous response to our Outdoor Classroom appeal. We are well over half way already. Our [crowdfunding page is here](#) if you could help get us to our total.

AGM - Tuesday 10 November 8pm - if you would like to find out more about the PFA, or perhaps even offer a little time this year, then please ask your rep for the zoom link. All are very welcome.

Big orange **thank you** to Anja and Aidan for organising the pumpkin competition. Super entries included cats, lions, hamburgers, a deathstar and stormtrooper, pirate ships, spacemen, robots and cinderella's carriage! See the photos on the front page.

Benevolent fund: this fund continues to offer support to PFA members, please do email [stalbanspf@gmail.com](mailto:stalbanspf@gmail.com) if you are facing hardship.

## Happy Birthday

Ella Y6 will be 11 years old on the 9th Nov

Pedro Y3 will be 8 years old on the 9th Nov

Isla Y2 will be 7 years old on the 9th Nov

Raphael Y4 will be 9 years old on the 10th Nov

John Y3 will be 8 years old on the 11th Nov

Callum Y1 will be 6 years old on the 11th Nov

Mirabel Y4 will be 9 years old on the 13th Nov

Anna Y2 will be 7 years old on the 13th Nov



## Quiz—

On Sunday it was All Saints day but who are the patron saints of Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales?

What happens in the graveyards on All Souls Day in Mexico and some other South American countries?

What was St Alban before he was a saint?

When was the last time you were called a little saint? By whom and why?

How many saints do you know that people pray to? For example St Christopher is the patron saint of travellers.