



St Alban's Newsletter

27th November 2020, First Advent Sunday



30th November—St Andrew's Day



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

Year 2 teacher

We are delighted that Mrs Tibba Essex has been appointed as our new job share with Miss Water-son for January 2021. Some of you will know Mrs Essex and will know she has three children at the school.

Governor appointment

Our thanks to the two candidates who put themselves forward, and our thanks to all the parents who took time to register their votes. Mr Keith Menary has been elected to join the governing body. Mr Menary is a new parent with a child in Reception class.

PFA Chair

There was a very successful meeting this week and our thanks to Mrs Emma Farrell who has been elected as the new chair of the PFA. She also has a child in Reception class. Our thanks to Jane Burke for all that she has done and will continue to give to the PFA.

Bishop Alan's Advent message

Please follow the link to view this on Monday. The whole school will be watching this at assembly.
<https://youtu.be/DK26FvvH2fE>

Panto 11th December

With the support of the PFA the children will be watching an online panto in the coming weeks.

End of year report

Please look out for the end of year report in the next two weeks. This will be a short report coming to you via email, and will give you a snap shot of how your child is progressing

Website

We have updated our website to reflect and celebrate what is happening in the school. As well as new photos of displays and events there are new policies such as the Safeguarding/ Child protection, Behaviour and Anti bullying, Remote Learning and many more. As SATs were cancelled in May 2020, the results from the previous years are still posted. There is also now an opportunity to financially benchmark our school against other schools and like for like schools. We hope you find the website informative and useful.

Parent questionnaire

We are sending out a parent survey (Google) to gauge your thoughts on how the school is performing during the pandemic. Please follow the link to begin the survey. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/1wH8CUrsAsVMEXxFA>

Bikeability

Congratulations to all of Year 6 for doing all so well and for achieving or working on Level 2.

Dates and events

Please make note of the dates on the right hand side of the newsletter.

Christmas cards

We are expecting the children's Christmas Cards (PFA fund raiser) to arrive next week and so they will be ready to distribute, hopefully by Friday. Thanks to Celia for organising all of this.

Saturday Spanish school: Please see [leaflet](#).

Dates and events

1st Dec YR Naming Ceremony

2nd Dec Y5 Mayan's Day

3rd Dec Y6 Class mass

7th Dec Y6 Evacuees Day

8th Dec Y6 Evacuees Day

8th Dec Y1 dress rehearsal

9th Dec Y1 Performance

9th Dec KS2 Advent Service

11th Dec School panto

15th Dec Y2 Performance

15th Dec YR Dressing the Crib

16th Dec Christmas dinner

17th Dec Advent Service

18th Dec SCHOOL CLOSED

4th January RETURN TO SCHOOL

This week we had an a robot turn up at school. Who is it?



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Headteachers Award

Reception

Tessa - For her amazing reading and writing of words with the 'ss' digraph.

Richard - For fantastic progress in his English talking and understanding.

Year 1

Gisele - For her amazing story based on a familiar structure.

Sean - For following instructions to use shape to create a robot.

Year 2

Sara - For fantastic work in maths adding two-digit numbers.

Emmanuel - For a super effort with letter formation and cursive handwriting.

Year 3

Theodore – For excellent inference during guided reading.

All of Y3 – For a fantastic class mass with Father Alan on Thursday.

Year 4

Laila - For working really hard to plan out her paragraphs in literacy and show a positive attitude to learning. Well done.

Nico - For working extremely hard in all subjects and being a brilliant, calm learning partner. Well done.

Year 5

Dawid - For improved attitude towards all subjects - especially science.

Peter - For improved work attitude towards all subjects.

Year 6

Lennan - For superb use of dashes in James Bond paragraph.

Joseph - For superb use of dashes in James Bond paragraph.

PFA

- A huge thank you and welcome to our new chair Emma Farrell - a reception parent who has kindly offered to join our committee.

- And an enormous thank you to everyone who was able to donate to the outdoor classroom appeal. HOORAY! We reached our target and the ball is most definitely rolling to get building as soon as practicable. An amazing amount of money in a really short time. The school is very grateful.

- Black Friday - [Amazon Smile](#) and [Easyfundraising](#) will donate their money to our PFA if you make your purchases via their websites.

Help earn money for classroom materials both in the sales and throughout the year.

- Benevolent Fund - as we head into Advent, a reminder that you can email stalbanpfa@gmail.com if you find yourselves in need of a bit of confidential financial help.

Happy Birthday

Tevin in Year 1 will be 6 years old on the 30th November.



Quiz— We have started to learn more about the season of Advent

Who is the first candle lit for?

The wreath is circular. What does it represent?

What does the word Advent mean?

Mary said Yes to the Angel Gabriel. What do we call this important event?

Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth who was also going to have a baby? What was the baby's name?

What is the order of lighting the candles on the wreath?

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