



St Alban's Newsletter



8th January 2021,

Sunday 10th January—Baptism of the Lord

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

Welcome back from Mr McCrossan

"Happy New Year everyone! I hope you had an enjoyable time, considering the circumstances. Unfortunately we find ourselves in another lockdown and in doing so we must all STAY AT HOME and KEEP SAFE.

Many thanks for all your cooperation, support and understanding in organising the bubbles. We have managed to accommodate everyone's needs and so I am pleased that we can start on Monday knowing that all children will be receiving Home/Remote Learning. I know this will be a challenge for everyone but if there are any issues please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Normally we would be making our New Year resolutions but I think this year we hope and pray that this will all end soon and we can get back to some kind of normality.

I wish you well for the coming half term and I sincerely look forward to seeing everyone in February."

Joseph McCrossan

Home/Remote learning – a reminder of what is happening.

- Zoom lessons twice per week
- Zoom times will stay the same
- Parents to support children with muting and unmuting – No parents to engage with the class teacher during the Zoom lessons
- Clasdojo videos three times per week
- HT's assembly three times per week on Clasdojo — Tues, Thurs and Frid.
- Children/Parents to only post what is requested by the teacher

Welcome

We are delighted to say that we have a number of children joining us this week;

In Year 1 Romane and Yusuf said a brief hello to their new classmates,

In Year 2 we look forward to seeing Kiera joining her new classmates on Zoom

Mary Kathleen will be also introduced to the Year 3 children next week

And we also welcome Elis in Reception class who I am sure will enjoy Mrs Paul's stories on Clasdojo and Zoom

Please keep them and all the children in the school, including Jaden, Sean, Lyra, Oliver and Arthur who left us at the end of term in your prayers.

Goodbye Mrs Monument

We are very sad to tell you that Mrs Monument will be leaving us at the end of the month. She has been offered a very exciting position in a large federation of schools. We are sure you will all agree that Mrs Monument has been a great asset to the school and she will be dearly missed. This means we are now looking for someone with financial experience to take on the vacant position.

Financial Manager and HR position

We are looking to appoint someone with the appropriate skill set to manage the school budget and be responsible for Human Resources. If you are interested please contact Mr McCrossan for more details. The advert and application pack will be available from Tuesday morning.

Contacting the school

The school will only be picking up emails during the lockdown as will Mr McCrossan. Please be patient with us while we get back to you as quickly as possible.

[Please continue to pray for Miss Binnie, as she needs all our prayers. Amen.](#)

Guess who?



**Who is really
the head of
the school?**

**Can you work
out whose
heads these
are?**



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Do you remember?



Which Year group is this?

Can this Year group remember who their teachers were in Reception through to their present teacher?

What is happening in each photo?

Happy Birthday

Emilia in Year 2 was 7 years old on the 5th January
Lennan in Year 6 will be 11 years old on the 10th January
Alexander in Year 3 will be 8 years old on the 11th January
Gwen in Reception will be 5 years old on the 12th January
Anthony B in Year 4 will be 9 years old on the 13th January
Peter in Year 2 will be 7 years old on the 13th January
Oscar in Reception will be 5 years old on the 13th January
Eleanor in Year 5 will be 10 years old on the 14th January
Tom in Year 3 will be 8 years old on the 14th January
Isabella in Year 1 will be 6 years old on the 14th January
Zoe in Year 2 will be 7 years old on the 15th January



Quiz —

What was so special about the 6th January?
Can you name the special visitors to Jesus?
Why did they not return to Herod?
What do a lot of Spanish and Italian families do on the 6th?
What time do we move into in the Catholic calendar?
Who baptised Jesus?

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