



St Alban's Newsletter



22 January 2021, 3rd Sunday of Ordinary time

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

Father Mark

A number of parents will know that Father Mark at Fisher House passed away last Friday. We pray for him, his family and all the community at Fisher House. May he rest in peace.

Bishops letter

Click on [the Link](#) for a letter from Bishop Alan addressed to all the staff. However, we would like to share his sentiments with you as we know you are all doing a great job at home too.

Congratulations to Olivia in Reception who has a new baby sister

Ignite third week assembly

The Ignite Team is based in Poringland and is the Diocesan Youth Team. If you would like to watch their assembly which went out live this week please follow the link https://youtu.be/6aK5IAx_CDg

Sumdog

The latest Sumdog 'Cambridgeshire Maths Contest' is now live and will run until 8pm next Thursday. There will be daily winners and one overall winner.

Remember, to take part, you must select 'Cambridgeshire Maths Contest' from your lists of tasks. Scores are based on the average number of correct answers in a class out of a possible 1000. There are also individual certificates for children who finish in the top 10 overall.

Zoom calls

Next Friday all the classes apart from Reception class will have an extra Zoom call from the class teacher. The children will all come together and have a chance to wave and see each other. Each week 6 children will be asked to do a Show and Tell to their classmates. Hopefully this will help the children feel they are still in touch with each other. Please note the teacher will mute and block message sending during this time. Please can you ensure your child is on at the correct time which will be posted on Classdojo next week. Please read the Zoom protocol—[link here](#).

Covid update:

Follow this [link](#) to see the number of tests which have taken place. Thankfully we are all doing well. The positive case in Year 5 was occurred during the Christmas holidays and not in school time. The school has updated its Remote Learning Policy and Bubble Risk Assessment. Please see [the link](#). The school has received two laptops from the DfE— Calculated on the number of Free School Meals. All families entitled to vouchers have received them or at least have been informed about the offer.

Outdoor KS1/Reception classroom

Thanks to the good work of our new chair of the PFA, Emma, we are starting to invite quotes for a new pergola. With any luck we could have it up for the summer term, when hopefully the children will have returned.

Art competition—An invitation from one of our parents who works at the Royal Academy

The school has been registered for this art competition and is for children ages 5-19? <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> Parents or children can submit their art works, parents need to register on the website. Winning entries get displayed at the Royal Academy in London. Submissions need to be in by 26th April so it might be a fun thing for kids to do during lockdown.

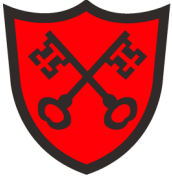
Birthday treats

If your child is at school and it is their birthday, and you would like to give their classmates a treat at the end of the day. Please feel free to do so but the parent must distribute them outside the front entrance.



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Headteachers Award

Reception

Klara - For engaging so well with all activities on ClassDojo.

Lavinia - For her amazing 'Frozen' artwork and learning about penguins.

Sofia Olga - For her fantastic phoneme frame writing and engaging in all ClassDojo activities.

Year 1

DJ – For his thoughtful and carefully presented informal letter.

Gabriela – For her excellent work on ten more and ten less than a two digit number.

Year 2

Leonardo - For fantastic number work and reasoning in Maths.

Henry - For great focus and enthusiasm, especially in number work.

Year 3

Gilberto – For an excellent poster explaining the water cycle process in a tropical rainforest.

Alexander – For fantastic vocabulary choices and clear plot in his Fantastic Mr Fox style story.

Matteo – For using creative ways to practise the skills he is learning at school, at home.

Year 4

Anthony B - For working hard on all tasks this week and showing real enthusiasm doing live learning, well done.

Jim - For thinking carefully about his answers during live learning sessions this week, well done.

Year 5

Rose & Serena - For their greater depth writing skills this week. They both created well paced and exciting short stories.

Year 6

Domino - For an excellent balanced argument about whether zoos should be banned.

Ella - For her amusing paragraph using homophones!

PFA

Year 5 Rep - we need a new parent representative for Year 5 as this role is currently empty - if any parent would like to volunteer that would be fantastic!

A big thank you to all our Year Reps for all their help distributing exercise books to our home-schoolers

Benevolent Fund - in these unprecedented times, please remember that you can email stalbanpfa@gmail.com if you find yourselves in need of a bit of confidential financial help.

Happy Birthday

Evie in Year 1 will be 6 years old on the 23rd January

Dustin in Year 5 will be 10 years old on the 25th January

Samuele in Year 3 will be 8 years old on the 27th January

Felicity in Year 2 will be 7 years old on the 27th January

Frederico in Reception will be 5 years old on the 30th January



Quiz— Heroes

Martin Luther King believed in what?

What is his famous speech called?

Whose feast day was it on the 21st?

Why was she killed when she was just 12 years old?

Who is your hero and why?

Who are the heroes working in our hospitals?

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