

St Alban's Newsletter



29 January 2021, 4th Sunday of Ordinary time
2nd February 2021, The Presentation of the Lord. (Candlemas)

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

Goodbye Mrs Monument

Sadly we said goodbye to Mrs Monument our Office Bursar today. Mrs Monument has been with us for almost three and a half years and in that time she has been an immense help in the office and for parents. We wish her well for the future and thank her for everything she has done for the school.

Office Bursar

We are looking for a Finance/HR officer, please see [the Link](#) if you are interested.

Covid update

This week the staff started taking the lateral flow tests. They will do it twice a week; Sunday and Wednesday. We will let you know the outcomes of the tests each week and of course if there is an immediate positive case we will inform you and instruct you accordingly that evening.

There have been a couple of positive tests at St Bede's and we have been reassured that no older siblings from our school have been tested positive. Parents with children who may be in a positive case bubble at St Bede's and have siblings at St Alban's will be supported if they decide to keep their children at home. However, children are encouraged to attend school.

There have been no positive cases at St Alban's this week. We are doing well. Thank you.

Local Authority survey about places needed during the February half term.

Please complete a Microsoft Teams survey [Microsoft Form](#) for parents who meet the Critical Worker criteria and whose children are currently attending schools and accessing on-site education, this is a survey for you to remain at work over the half-term break. The Local Authority would need you to register demand. Please complete the survey before next Monday.

Zoom sessions

We hope the children are enjoying talking to their teachers and have enjoyed the additional whole class Zoom session today. Please remind your child to put the microphone on mute.

Classdojo

We recognise that Classdojo is by all means not the perfect platform but we know you and the children are familiar with it now. However, we know that scrolling through the posts to find submissions day for class/school work can be a challenge. So to help you with this we will have a weekly table of submission dates and work to be uploaded. This should help you prepare you and your child in advance of the learning the following week. (Reception class will continue with the current practice). The table is on the third page of the newsletter. As this is the first table there will be some discrepancies with some teachers overlapping the week for the submission dates. It will be accurate next week.

Uploading work

Please continue to monitor and support your child with their learning. The children who are in school part time must upload work done at home. This is very important as children at school might not be doing the learning required to be uploaded on the day they are in.

Sumdog

Well done to all the children who took part in the Cambridgeshire competition. The results are in the column to the right.

Parents coming to school please maintain social distancing at all times, including in the car park.



Congratulations to all the classes who took part in the Sumdog Cambridgeshire Maths Contest.

The final results are:

**Y1: 5th
Y2: 6th
Y3: 2nd
Y4: 3rd
Y5: 8th
Y6: 7th**

To have all of our classes in the top 10 is a great achievement, well done! We also had 'daily winners' in Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.

An extra congratulations to the following children who finished in the top 10 individually:

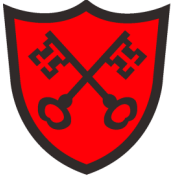
**1st: Leon Y1
2nd: Madalena Y4
3rd: Giovanni Y4
4th: Adriana Y6
6th: Kim Y4
7th: Francesco Y4
8th: Luke Y4
10th: Alexander Y3**



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Headteachers Award

Reception

Elis - For joining in whole heartedly in ClassDojo activities and participating on Zoom too.

Abrielle - For her super work on pairs and the wonderful painting she posted on ClassDojo.

Sophia Z - For her enthusiasm for our frozen Science experiment.

Year 1

Patrick – For working very hard to improve his handwriting and for his excellent questions for Inuit people.

Sofia – For showing dedication to her learning and great enthusiasm in zoom sessions.

Year 2

Emilia - For super focus and progress in partitioning, adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers.

Isla - For great focus and enthusiasm in her Maths and super science work on life cycles and the heart.

Year 3

All of Y3 for their fantastic stories inspired by Fantastic Mr Fox.

Mary Kathleen - For settling in well to home learning at St Alban's and completing all her tasks thoroughly and with a positive attitude.

Piers - For an excellent rainforest discussion and always trying his best.

Mark - For an extremely conscientious attitude to all of his work.

Year 4

Jack - For always thinking carefully about his answers and sharing them clearly and confidently, very well done Jack. Keep it up!

Eidin - For showing a really positive attitude to both live learning sessions and work submitted on clasdojo, very well done!

Year 5

Dawid - For showing excellent Gaelic football skills and his dedication to sumdog challenges.

Tia - For her outstanding BBC presentation skills in science tasks on investigating materials.

Year 6

Dan - For a really enjoyable fairy tale argument about Jack and the Beanstalk.

Sophie - For a well written argument about Little Red Riding Hood.

Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Family Information Services (FISs) which provide advice and guidance to parents on childcare and early years services, and information about registered childcare, non-registered childcare, the free entitlement to early years provision and childcare settings suitable for children with disabilities and special educational needs in their areas. In addition, they support parents who are finding it difficult to access the childcare provision they need. Cambridgeshire parents should be advised to phone: 0345 045 1360. Peterborough parents have the option of phoning 01733 864446 or emailing fis@peterborough.gov.uk

Disability Resource Centre: Non-Medical Helpers (Mentors needed), please see [the link](#) for the job advert.

Happy Birthday

Kelly in Year 5 will be 10 years old on the 1st February

Francesco in Year 3 will be 8 years old on the 2nd February

Gilberto in Year 3 will be 8 years old on the 3rd February

John in Year R will be 5 years old on the 5th February



Quiz— On Monday we remembered St Paul and on Thursday we remembered Holocaust Day

What was St Paul's name before he became a follower of God?

What did St Paul see when God spoke with him?

Where was St Paul shipwrecked?

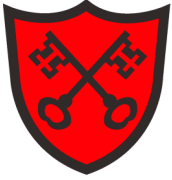
What was the badge the Jewish people had to wear on their clothes?

How should we treat people of different colour, belief or culture?

Do you think the everyone in the world has learned from the Holocaust? If not why not?

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Work submission days 1st – 5th February

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	Continue with current practice				
Year1	English: -Learning to identify and compare features of fact and fiction texts			RE To reflect on what it means to be baptised	
Year2	Reading: comprehension questions: <i>Can You Kick It?</i> text.				Art: self- portrait using different colours.
Year3	Topic: To create a collage to represent the layers of vegetation in a rainforest				Maths: Recognising rules in number sequences
Year4		Topic: Geography: Features of continents - looking at mountains and rivers in each continent and the size of different countries.		Maths: Written short division – set 4.	
Year5			English: Writing a play script	R.E: Buddhism task	Results of Spelling & Dictation
Year6		RE: Writing a Fact File about Chiara Badano		English: Writing a story opening based on a setting	Results of Spelling and Arithmetic Tests