



St Alban's Newsletter

23 February 2021, 2nd Sunday of Lent

01 March St David's Day, the Patron Saint of Wales



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Welcome back everyone

We are all delighted to be coming back to school on the 8th March. The return to school will be the same format as before; staggered start and end of the day, staggered breaks and lunches, maintain social distancing and frequent sanitising of hands.

There will be a more comprehensive letter coming out next week.

The headlines from the Local Authority are:

Not to become relaxed about returning to school— KEEP SAFE

All children must attend school unless they have a positive test or are being shielded

Schools to continue to offer remote learning when required

Schools must maintain a high standard of cleanliness and sanitisation

Staff to wear masks in corridors but not in class, as long as they are at least 2 metres away from the children (Staff at St Alban's will be continuing to wear masks)

Returning to school

• Children:

To come in their school uniform and in a pair of outdoor shoes to do PE lessons.

Not to bring anything to school apart from a small carrier bag for essentials, and their water bottle on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. The children can rinse and fill it up in school.

• Parents must:

Remain outside the school ground

Stay socially distant from others at all times

Wear masks when dropping and collecting their children

Covid update— There have been no positive cases reported in the school, please see [the link](#).

Well being of the children

When all the children return on the 8th the school will be focusing on two key areas; Well being of the children and Reading.

The school curriculum will be slightly relaxed to have a more creative and fun aspect to the learning until half term. We want the children to feel comfortable and to get to know their friends again. While this is happening each child will meet with a member of staff and have a short discussion about how they are feeling. In conjunction with this the teachers will be carrying out a sensitive reading analysis of the children so we can assess the level of reading in each class.

Parent Consultations – Supporting the well being of your child

On Wednesday the 17th and 24th of March the teachers would like to meet parents via Zoom. The intention is to get a better understanding of how your child has been during the Lockdown and Home schooling. The booking system will go live **on this Sunday night** at midnight, and we encourage all parents to book a slot. **Please follow [this link](#) for the booking.**

World Book Day 4th March but we are celebrating it on the 15th March

As we are coming back on the 8th we have decided to celebrate World Book day on Friday the 15th March. However, on the 4th children are encouraged to read books and explore what is available online. On the 15th the children are invited to come in dressed as their favourite book character and they will receive the World Book Day £1 voucher. To know more follow [this link](#).

Woman's Day 8th March

To know more about this please follow the link: www.internationalwomensday.com/IWD2021

Spring into action – PE challenge: Follow [this link](#) for children to set their own PE challenges set out by the Cambridge Schools Sports Partnership

British Science week – The school will not be celebrating Science week with the rest of Cambridge but instead will rearrange it for the summer term when hopefully we will be able to do a lot more. See [Link](#).



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Headteachers Award

Reception

Gabriel - For his amazing progress in reading and writing and all his hard work during Lockdown.

Mary - For her infectious enthusiasm in all aspects of school life.

Oscar - For his superb depiction of Zarg's planet.

Tom - For his fantastic picture of Zarg's planet and an alien rocket.

Year 1

Maria - For her amazing work on repeated addition and multiplication.

Leon - For his excellent work on the Great Fire of London.

Raphael S. - For a fantastic newspaper report.

Year 2

Zoe: For fantastic work, especially a wonderful retelling of the story of 'the Buddha'.

Sophia: For her hard work and great progress with handwriting and presentation. Also, her wonderful letter written to 'Dear Earth'.

Year 3

Pedro – For good explanation of the functions of different parts of a plant.

Francesco – For thorough completion of all tasks and high presentation standards.

John – For excellent discussion of our 'Plants' topic.

Year 4

Ailana - For producing neat, accurate work in all subjects this week, Well done Ailana, keep it up!

Lucia - For showing a brilliant attitude to all areas of this week's live learning, well done Lucia and keep it up!

Kim - For always completing tasks accurately and promptly across all subject areas. Well done Kim please keep up the fantastic work!

Year 5

Mawuli - For his 100% commitment to online learning this term and building super geodesic dome this week.

Jeiana - For her brilliant "sad" poem this week and her 100% effort to produce all online learning tasks to a very high standard.

Year 6

Helena - For a well-researched and informative Fact File about a Marine Iguana.

William - For a well presented and detailed Fact File about a Marine Iguana.

PFA

The PFA has been busy thinking of alternative fundraising and social activity ideas in view of the on-going Covid situation. Some exciting plans are underway - further details of which will be shared very shortly .

Look at the last page of the newsletter to see what is coming on the week beginning the 19th April!

Happy Birthday

Adriana in Year 6 will be 11 years old on the 27th February

Paolo in Year 1 will be 6 years old on the 28th February

Oscar in Year 4 will be 9 years old on the 1st March

Julian in Year 4 will be 9 years old on the 3rd March

Nico in Year 4 will be 9 years old on the 4th March

Adun in Year 5 will be 10 years old on the 5th March



Quiz— This is the first week of Lent

How many days was Jesus in the desert?

Can you name me any other times when the number 40 is used in the bible?

What are you doing for Lent?

Why is lent a very important time for us?

What does CAFOD mean?

Why is water so important to everyone?

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Work submission days 1st – 5th March

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	Continue with current practice				
Year1		English Writing simple instructions		Maths Missing number problems	
Year2	Guided Reading Reading comprehension			Science Learning how seeds are dispersed worksheet	
Year3	Topic Re-tell the story of Romulus and Remus		English Completing the poem 'Bedtime'		Maths Using 'chunking' to divide
Year4	French (details TBC) By end of Monday	Topic Topic quizzes By end of Tuesday	Maths Solving problems using tables By end Thursday		
Year5			English Poet Joseph Coelho tasks	HISTORY Stonehenge tasks	Results of Spelling & dictation tasks
Year6	RE Writing a poem about The Mass		English Short Mythical Creature Story		Results of Spelling and Arithmetic Tests

Outdoor Classroom - further details

We are very excited about the upcoming installation of the outdoor classroom, which will take place in April - perfect timing for the (hopefully!) warm and sunny Spring and Summer weather to come!

We are proud to have appointed Pentagon Play to install the classroom - they are the UK's number 1 school playground specialist. The classroom will be built to last, from sustainably sourced quality materials, and comes with a 15 year guarantee. It is designed and installed to comply with current building regulations, so children can enjoy outdoor learning daily, no matter what the weather! This photo shows what the classroom will look like.



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