



St Alban's Newsletter



5 March 2021, 3rd Sunday of Lent

WEDNESDAY WORD—**ENTHUSIASM** (please click)

Covid update – results for this week, please see [the link](#).

Reopening on the 8th March

Hopefully you will have received the letter sent out this week explaining how we intend to welcome the children back. There was also information about self testing kits. Just to clarify these kits are for the adults and not for primary school children at this time. We are all looking forward to the children coming back as I am sure everyone is but please lets **KEEP SAFE AT ALL TIMES**.

Uniform

We understand the children may have grown out of their uniform. Please send the children in wearing as much of their uniform as possible. We will look into recycling the uniforms because some of them will be almost new.

School day

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| Reception – | 9.00am | 3.00pm |
| Year 1- | 8.50am | 3.05pm |
| Year 2 - | 8.55 am (please do not come before this time) | 3.10pm |
| Year 3- | 8.50am | 3.05pm |
| Year 4- | 8.50am | 3.05pm |
| Year 5- | 8.55am (please do not come before this time) | 3.15pm |
| Year 6- | 8.55am (please do not come before this time) | 3.15pm |

Letter from the Director of Services (attached and on school website [here](#))

Please read carefully the letter from Jonathan Lewis outlining the Local Authority's position and advice.

New Finance Officer

We are delighted to inform you, that Mrs Emma-Jane Farrell a parent in Reception class has been successfully appointed as the new Finance officer of the school. She comes with a wealth of experience and we are looking forward to welcoming her onto the staff. She will begin fully at the start of the summer term.

Homework

There will be no set homework for the rest of this term other than the children either doing their spellings or tables. However, after the holidays we will continue to use Classdojo to view the children's homework and we will be looking at how Classdojo can keep you informed about what your child is learning at school during the week.

World Book day celebrations

A reminder that all children are invited to come dressed up to school next Friday in their favourite book character. They will all receive a £1 book token to buy a book which they can spend on line.

Parent Consultations 17th and 24th March

Please make sure you have signed up to meet your teachers. Mrs Richardson and Mrs Burrows will also be available.

Sumdog Cambridge challenge started this morning at 8am. Let's see if we can get back our titles!

Here are some things to keep in mind during the contest:

- Students can play at any time.
- For the score to count, the Cambridgeshire Maths Contest activity must be showing in the green panel on the left of the student's screen when they click to start each game.
- Their scores are based on correct answers.
- A class's score is the average of the scores from all students from that class who take part.
- To appear on the leaderboard, at least 5 students from a class need to play.
- As some students have limited computer access, every student is limited to 1000 contest questions.

PFA news

The PFA continue to work relentlessly to support the school. Our sincere thanks to them. There is an additional page to the newsletter this week.

Please look at the [community section on the next page between the HT's awards and Birthdays](#).

HAPPY DAYS!



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Headteachers Award

Reception

Elis - for settling in so well this week and quickly getting to know our routines.

Arthur - for reciting his double numbers to 10.

Joseph - for his amazing 'ur' sentences and working so hard with Class Dojo tasks

Year 1

Tevin - For showing such a positive attitude to home learning and high standard of work posted on Class Dojo.

Nathan - For his amazing set of instructions on how to make a Lego snake.

Isabella - For her clear and neatly presented set of instructions on how to clean your teeth.

Year 2

Eno - For super focus and effort in all his work, with a wonderful letter written to Earth.

Carter - For always working hard and contributing to discussions. Excellent work in Maths this term.

Year 3

Joseph - For an extremely thoughtful and emotive poem.

Jude - For his brilliant writing on 'The Last Supper'.

Maele - For excellent maths work, dividing by 10 and 100.

Year 4

Mirabel - For always being extremely calm and sensible during live learning sessions and reading with confidence, well done.

Luke - For trying extremely hard on all learning tasks and presenting them accurately and neatly, well done.

Eric - For writing an excellent newspaper report about with a brand new computer game and doing so with extremely neat handwriting.

Year 5

Austin - For working positively all week in all subjects from Maths to PE volleyball. He also produced a beautiful poem with metaphors.

Clara - For her endless positive energy, class prayers and perseverance in all subjects.

Year 6

Prudence - For a thoughtfully written Mass poem.

Szymon - For an amazing short story.

Community news

Newton update

Please read carefully the plans (see [the link](#)) for the surrounding roads. As mentioned before the school is supporting the new measures being put in place by the council and we hope these will make our roads safer for children and families.

Clap for children

A 'Clap for Children' that is taking place across Cambridge on **Thursday 11th March at 6pm**, in recognition of the quite extraordinary sacrifice our young people have made on behalf of their communities this year and of their heroic resilience. See details [here](#).

International Women's Day 2021: Inspiring Conservation free online event 5-6pm 8th March, details [here](#).

Happy Birthday

Oscar in Year 6 will be 11 years old on the 7th March

Lucy in Year 5 will be 10 years old on the 7th March

James in Year 5 will be 10 years old on the 11th March

Rose in Year 5 will 10 years old on the 11th March



Quiz—

Whose feast day was it on the 1st March?

There are two other feast days in March which are names of boys. Can you name them and the dates?

In Mr McCrossan's assembly on Thursday he mentioned that a king watched an insect do something. What was it doing?

Thursday was world book day. What do you call the big book which has all the world records in it?

In the bible there are a number of books but how many testaments are there?

How are you getting on with your Lenten promise?

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PFA news

We are all looking forward to returning to school next week!

*A reminder that next **Friday 12th March** will see the school belatedly celebrating **World Book Day**. Children are invited to participate by coming to school dressed up as a character from their favourite book! Instead of bringing in an old book to donate as has been done in previous years, this year a £1 donation can be made on the day to the PFA for those that wish to do so.*

*On **Friday 19th March** we invite all children to join our **Sponsored Virtual Sleepout!** Challenge yourself to give up the comfort of your own bed for one night (to sleep instead in the living room, in a den, a teepee, indoor 'camping' etc) to help the homeless by raising awareness and funds for a homelessness charity and our school!*

Create your own sleepout experience at home! Have fun before snuggling down for the night, perhaps bedtime stories by torchlight, hot chocolate, linking up virtually with classmates, maybe even participating as a family!

The proceeds raised will be split between the school (75%) and Winter Comfort (25%) - a local Cambridge homelessness charity supporting people who are homeless or at risk of losing their home in Cambridge.

Please see attached posted for further details including link to paypal pool where donations can be made.

This is the link to the Wintercomfort website, where you can learn more about this charity's good work, and further ways to support them.

<https://wintercomfort.org.uk/>

