



St Alban's Newsletter



12 March 2021, 4th Sunday of Lent

WEDNESDAY WORD—[SELF-GIVING](#) (please click)

Covid update— Please see the [link here](#).

Parents arriving early

Please could all parents be mindful of the classes going in to and leaving school. Try to arrive on time and not join the queue until it is your class time. There has been some congestion when children are getting dropped off and picked up. Thank you.

Miss Binnie

Thank you for all your prayers and well wishes for Miss Binnie, our Year 2 teacher. We are delighted to say that Miss Binnie is now able to walk with the assistance of a frame and she is beginning to talk. Miss Binnie was able to express her gratitude to everyone for their support especially the current Year 3 children and parents who have been sending get well soon and good luck messages all year. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she still has a long way to go to make a full recovery.

Classdojo

If a child is self isolating because a sibling's class has been closed the teacher will post the learning or the office will send an email each day. The class teacher will also post two Classdojo videos explaining the learning on a Monday and a Wednesday. **There will be no Zoom lessons.**

Communicating with the school

Please do not communicate any absences or request for information via Classdojo. All communication should go through the office and the only use of Classdojo should be about your child's learning. Thank you.

Lenten activities with the Church Schools of Cambridge

In the next two weeks the children will be involved with online Lenten workshops. The theme is exploring the Psalms. The lead person is Victoria Goodman who we all know very well and has delivered many Advent and Lenten workshops before.

Birthdays and cake

We will continue to give the children a birthday cake on a Friday. Please give any donations to the office. See photos of today's celebration on the third page.

World Book day

Well done to all the children and staff for their lovely costumes, the book vouchers have been sent home today.

Parent consultation

We hope you have all made your appointments. If not please do so. Please don't forget that Mrs Burrows and Mrs Richardson are available for Music and children with Special Educational Needs.

PFA business

Please see the last page as there is a lot to know, especially the SLEEPOVER!

Sumdog results

Congratulations to all the children who did very well in the recent Cambridgeshire Sumdog challenge

The final standings are: 1st - Year 1, 2nd - Year 4, 4th - Year 3, 8th - Year 2, 9th - Year 5, 10th - Year 6
A number of children did very well individually. They are;

1st - Francesco Y4, 2nd - Leon Y1, 3rd - Kim Y4, 4th - Adriana Y6, 5th - Luke Y4, 6th - Noah Y6, 7th - Alexander Y3, 8th - Tia Y5, 10th - Raphael Y4

Science Days

See the community news on the next page for an exciting competition.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mums, grandparents and aunts

Happy Mother's Day



St Joseph's Day 19th March



The year of St Joseph

St Patrick's Day 17th March



World Book Day 12th March





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Headteachers Award

Reception

Congratulations to all Reception Class for settling so well back to school and remembering all our routines.

Year 1

Owen - For settling back into school very well and making such fantastic progress in reading.

Nico & Frida - For great independent instructions for making a bird feeder.

Evie - For her thoughtful contributions during our class discussions of the parable of the Good Samaritan

Year 2

Alexander - For a fantastic piece of art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy and for being the Year 2 Book Monitor.

Emilio - For all his super effort in his work and for painting and amazing watercolour of a magical animal.

Year 3

Chloe - For neat and precise artwork when creating symmetric patterns and Roman mosaics.

Aiden - For excellent Topic and Science work, discussing the Romans and plants.

Year 4

The whole of Y4 - For showing a fantastic attitude to PSHE learning this week, whilst responding positively to changes in their daily routines. Well done Year 4, keep up the brilliant work.

Year 5

Lucile - For her dedication towards home learning and organising our wellbeing wall display this week.

Divina - For hard work and dedication, and for creating a brilliant "World book" day mini book.

Year 6

Frederick - For super scientific knowledge about sources of electricity.

Kitty - For a great start on her 3D Galapagos Gecko model.

Community news and Competitions

Get involved with the Cambridge Science Centre amazing competition and win prizes for our school. Follow this [link to see how to enter](#).

Design a new outdoor space on the Travis Perkins site on Devonshire Road off Mill Road. Follow [this link to see how to enter](#).

Happy Birthday (see this week's photos on the third page)

Sofia in Year 1 will be 6 years old on the 13th March
Nico in Year 1 will be 6 years old on the 14th March
Cleona in Year 6 will be 11 years old on the 15th March
Olivia in Year 5 will be 10 years old on the 15th March
Tessa in Reception will be 5 years old on the 16th March
Olivia in Reception will be 5 years old on the 16th March
Kim in Year 4 will be 9 years old on the 16th March

Children are able to share treats at the end of the day at the school gate. Parents must bring them at the end of the day.



Quiz— This is the Year of St Joseph and next week is the Feast of St Joseph and St Patrick's day

What type of job did St Joseph do?

What did the angel say to Joseph before Jesus was born?

Where was Joseph born and how do we know this?

St Patrick is the patron saint of which country?

What animal did St Patrick supposedly banish from the country.

What dates do we celebrate St Patrick's Day and the solemnity of St Joseph

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PFA news

Today **Friday 12th March** the school is celebrating World Book Day. Children have come to school dressed up as a character from their favourite book. Optional £1 donation to the PFA can be made via paypal pool: <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8xBWhHFINT>

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/>

*****A reminder that you can donate to our PFA for free when you are shopping on the Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising websites*****

For AmazonSmile you can find us under 'The Association of the Parents and Friends of St Albans School' at smile.amazon.co.uk

For Easyfundraising you can find us here <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/apfstalbandsbridge/>

Thank you for your support!



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