



St Alban's Newsletter



19 March 2021, 5th Sunday of Lent

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

Beth Cowley— Teaching Assistant

"We have all been saddened by the death of Beth and I know it is never easy to come to terms with a loss, let alone an unexpected death. In the short time Beth was with us, Beth made a great impact on staff and children. Although she only recently joined the school team in September she was already well loved by the children at CityKids. Beth was a very caring person who we could see had great potential to becoming a wonderful Teaching Assistant. I have spoken with Beth's mum on a couple of occasions this week and she has been touched by the love our school community has shown; the prayers written by Year 5, the comments by those who knew her and the ideas of how we can remember Beth. The school community has been fantastic! Beth will be going home to Wel-lingborough in the next couple of days where there will be a private ceremony. However, we will be organising our own remembrance service after the holidays and will plant a bush in memory of her. In the meantime there is an online book of condolences (See PFA News) which we hope to present to Beth's mum soon. Please keep Beth and her family in your prayers in the coming weeks. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen. Saint Elizabeth (Beth) pray for us." **Joseph McCrossan**

Covid update – Please [see the link](#)

Attendance since we have returned

Congratulations everyone! Our overall attendance since returning to school is well above all the other schools, as is each class in the school. This is a tremendous achievement. Please look at the statistics on the second page of the newsletter.

Last week of term

A reminder that next week is our last week of the Spring term. It has been a challenge in many ways and we pray that when we return we can get back to some kind of normality.

Sleepover

Good luck to everyone with the virtual sleepover tonight. We look forward to seeing all the photos. See the PFA News on the third page of this newsletter.

Car park in the coming 12 weeks

From this Monday the car park is going to be very busy. Please do not park in the car park as staff will be sharing it with the church. Any car which is parked illegally will be issued with a ticket by the church office. A reminder that no car should be parked down the middle as emergency vehicles will need access if required.

Reception parents to come forward at the end of the day

Thank you to everyone for getting your child to school on time and collecting them at the end of the day. Could Reception parents make their way to the front of the queue at the end of the day please. This will help save Mr McCrossan from shouting instructions and the names of children. Thank you.

Homework

A reminder Homework will start again after the holidays

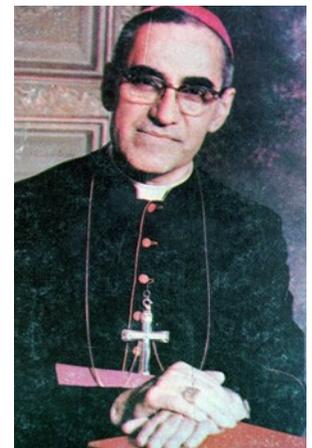
Tomorrow is International Day of Happiness. Enjoy being with your family.



Annunciation 25th March



Feast of Oscar Romero 24th March



International day of happiness 20th March





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Headteachers Award

Reception

- Freya - For her super creative shape alien picture.
- George - For his amazing origami dog he made independently.
- Phoebe - For her wonderful shape alien picture.

Year 1

- Delna - For hard work, positive attitude and kindness to everyone.
- Francis - For enthusiastic contributions to class discussions.
- Mimi - For excellent work on properties of 3D shapes.

Year 2

- Charlotte - For being a fantastic role model in the class and for creating a beautiful picture of a cat using chalk.
- Olie - For super focus and effort at all times and being a role model for his exemplary behaviour.

Year 3

- Piers - For fantastic independent writing.
- Mary Kathleen - For an excellent poem linking colours to emotions.

Year 4

- Francesco - For showing a fantastic attitude to last week's Cambridgeshire maths competition and finishing in 1st place, with a score of 998 points. Well done.
- Kim - For also showing a wonderful attitude to last week's Cambridgeshire maths competition and finishing in 3rd place overall, with a score of 997 points. Well done.

Year 5

- Mia - For excellent Stonehenge task work all week.
- Freddie - For excellent Stonehenge task work all week.

Year 6

- Seth - For excellent work on his Galapagos Tortoise.
- Henry - For superb independent working and wonderful water colour pictures.

Attendance data.

Attendance data 15th March 2021	St Alban's	Cambridgeshire	Peterborough	Eastern Region	England
Primary Schools	98.87%	94.7%	93.6%	94.6%	93.8%

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.20%	98.98%	98.74%	99.49%	99.07%	98.39%	99.10%

Happy Birthday (Please go to the third page for this week's photos)

- Evangelina Y4 will be 9 years old on the 22nd March
- Sophia Reception class will be 5 years old on the 23rd March



Quiz— Mr McCrossan spoke about "Help" in his assembly this week. What can you remember?

- Why could the boy not send a letter home to his parents?
- How did the little boy eventually get help?
- What help did he get?
- Who gave him the help?
- What did Jesus do in the story?
- Who do you turn to for help? Is there one person in the school who you can ask for help without being worried?

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PFA News

World Book Day

We hope the children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters last week! Thank you to everyone who donated to the PFA, we are thrilled to say £250 was raised for the day.

Sponsored Virtual Sleepout

Tonight, Friday 19th March is our Sponsored Virtual Sleepout!!! We hope the children are excited and have lots of fun 😊

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. 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/>

Please see attached posted for further details including [link to paypal](#) pool where donations can be made.

Uniform Exchange

We understand that some children will have grown out of their school uniform since returning to school after so much time off. There is a uniform exchange facility in the St. Alban's school community, please join this whatsapp group if you would like to donate or acquire any uniform pieces: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/F4ef58M3s9tlKfucDwbqOb>

Clothing Labels

If you require any new name labels for your child's school uniform, a little reminder that you can order these via Stikins and raise money for the school with our fundraising number 35994. www.stikins.co.uk

Beth Cowley

This past week a much-loved member of our St Alban's community, Beth Cowley, passed away. The PFA has organized a condolence card and a collection for flowers 🌸 for her family and a memorial tree/bush 🌳 to be planted at school.

If you would like to sign the card, click here:

<https://groupcards.co.uk/AddMessageFromLink.aspx?EventCode=Fe2v5LMCjY1fUH1anDwu>

If you would like to contribute towards flowers and Beth's memorial 🌳, click here:

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8xPBHN3spk>

****Both close on Monday, March 29th****



Happy Birthday children! We hope you enjoyed the cake.