St Alban's Newsletter

6 February 2022, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEDNESDAY WORD—FOLLOW (please click)

Thank you for all the cakes

Many thanks for all the lovely cakes the staff received last week and this week. It was a great surprise and we are all very grateful.

Covid update

Excellent news as the number of cases in the school is down to only a few. However, across Cambridge the numbers have gone up. See the table below. So please adhere to measures put in place in various places this weekend. Thank you all for your support.

	Cambridgeshire	
	Cases	Settings
W/C 3rd January	776	230
W/C 10th January	1,421	342
W/C 17th January	2,956	392
W/C 24th January	3,447	398

Miss Brett is getting married on the 8th April

We are delighted to announce that Miss Brett will be getting married in the Easter Holidays. Miss Brett had intended to marry last year but due to Covid she was unable to. We are sure you will join us and wish her the very best for her big day, and that the heavens shine on her and her husband on what will surely be a memorable day for the both of them.

Deputy Headteacher update

Unfortunately, there have been no applications for the post. This is very disappointing and so the governors have decided that Mrs Richardson will remain the interim DH until December 2023. The Deputy Head must be a Catholic but we are allowed to have a non Catholic DH for 2 years only. This will bring stability for this period and we are delighted that Mrs Richardson has agreed to this.

Parent consultations - Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd February

Booking will open on 13th February. Please check your login details before half term holiday starts. Booking site - https://stalbans.schoolcloud.co.uk/. Music & SENCO appointments are optional.

Governors – go to website

At the recent governors meeting the following policies were adopted.

Safeguarding Policy This is a model policy from the Local Authority.

Admissions policy - Thank you to all who responded to the consultation. The major change for the Admission policy 2023-2024 is that we are not making the parishes our boundaries but stating that the area South of the River Cam will be the community we will be serving. This compliments St Laurence's who will serve north of the River Cam. The other contentious issue was siblings. The governors have reinstated the sibling criteria and so this will have no impact on families who are currently at the school and live north of the river. Once the Admission Policy is approved by the Local Authority we will publish it. The diocese has already accepted it.

Parent questionnaire Every year we like to collect your thoughts on the school and the education your children are receiving. It has been a very difficult two years but we would welcome your views if you follow this link please. It should only take 5 minutes. Thank you very much.

Synod 22/23

In preparation for this very important event Bishop Alan would like to know your views. Please follow the link in the column on the right.

Newsletter from OLEM, please see the link here.

The Bishop has asked all families to take part in this. Please follow the link to give your views. it will only take a short time.
https://www.rcdea.org.uk/synodal-pathway/

Kung Hey Fat Choi

We are looking for a KS2 teacher. If you are interested please follow the link on the owl below. By Ctrl +click

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Chinese New year—Thank you Mrs Lee
Reception class children had a wonderful time this week celebrating the Chinese New Year. They saw a lion's head, made lanterns, did some wonderful calligraphy and ate some Chinese food. Thank you to Mrs Lee for starting the celebration off.

Year 4 pots
The children have made beautiful clay sun pots as part of their Mexican topic.
Judaism
Next week the children will be learning about Judaism in their RE.

To visit our gallery to see the pots and the Judaism display Ctrl + click "All photos"

Dates for your diary

Half term begins on the 14th February.
Lent/Ash Wednesday begins on the 2nd March
World book day – 3rd March and the children are asked to come in dressed as their favourite book character
Science week begins on the 14th March. If you feel you can come in and talk to your child's class about something in Science, please email your class teacher and copy Mr Wright into the correspondence. cwright@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk
World Poetry day – 21st March. Mrs Seebeck (English Subject leader) will send out more information about this day

House Points : Galatians 1108 Thessalonians 1140 Ephesians 1061 Corinthians 1105

Assessment week
Next week the children will be assessed in Reading, writing, spelling and grammar and maths.

PFA
The PFA hope to put on a second hand uniform sale on the first Friday after half term, 25th February. We have a lot of uniform in lots of sizes. All sales will be £1 or less.

Happy Birthday
John in Year 1 will be 6 years old on the 5th February
Luke in Year 5 will be 10 years old on the 6th February
Jack in Year 5 will be 10 years old on the 11th February

Quiz— next week the RE focus is on Judaism
What is the flag of Israel called?
What is the candlestick with 9 holders called and why this number?
Jesus was Jewish but what language did he speak?
Can you name any items of clothing which Jewish boys wear?
What is the Jewish Holy book called?
The area around Israel is called the something Land. What is it?

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Work submission days 7th – 11th February

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year3	**Weekly spellings**			**Daily reading** **Science** Bone/muscle investigation & food groups **Maths** Arithmetic questions	
Year4					**Maths** Real life fractions **RE** Favourite parable or fable Spellings
Year5				Reading Spelling x10 timetable	
Year6				**Spelling** **SPAG** Parentheses **Maths** Using Formulae	

Community news

Oxford & Cambridge Singing School, Easter Course 2022, St Catharine's College, Cambridge, details here.

Gymfinity Kids, Please see details here.

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