



# St Alban's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter to June 11<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Before and after school provision**

We have been working as a staff on how we can make the wraparound care better for your needs as many parents have said they would like to drop the children off earlier and pick up later. We hope to be ready in September with a new wraparound care offer.

The proposal is that the school wraparound care would start at 7.30am and finish at 5.45. I am very confident this will be in place in September. I wanted to give you as much notice as possible and we are hoping that this can be booked two weeks in advance and will also cater for ad hoc days that you need. The booking system will give you more control as you can do this automatically. We hope this helps you and I wanted to give you a heads up so you can plan.

The school has also signed up to the Child Voucher Tax scheme where you will not pay tax on child care costs. We also hope this helps you financially.

Please watch this space as we organise this for you.

### **Assessments**

The children have completed all of their assessments apart from the Year 4 Times table check which will take place next week. All of the assessments are really about the teachers and supportive of the children on next steps – please tell me if the children feel under pressure or pressure is applied as this is not the aim – the aim is to make our lessons better.

### **Cohort 3 of Catch up funding**

Thanks to those families that have signed up and supported the children with the catch up tuition – this means that 146 children 39% of the school will have benefitted from small group tuition – we have analysed the first group and the results have shown this is effective in supporting the children.

The school prioritised children that only needed a quick intervention to catch up – this will of course continue over the next 18 months

Maths Whizz will hopefully replace maths homework next year to provide AI technology to support the children – early indications are that 18 months progress if children use for three 20 minute sessions a week. I know the feedback from the children is popular.

**“Love one another as I have loved you .”**



# STAR OF THE WEEK

## *St Alban's Stars of the week*

Reception	Eva Mooney	Alyssa Layfield
Year 1	Oliver Barrow	Oliver Sandales
Year 2	Thomas Carroll	Zac Byrne
Year 3	Jack Feeney	Amelia Phennah
Year 4	Isla McDaid Jones	Lydia O'Brien
Year 5	Olivia Seels	Amelia Minnis
Year 6	Keira painter Joseph Howard Honey Powney	Rueben Anglesey Calvin Sheldrake Imogen Hibbel Oliver Wong

Uniform for next year – we have been thinking about some of the positive things that have been done at school this year – one of which is the children coming into school in PE kit on the days that they have this year.

I have seen the children wearing the green jogging bottoms in the Winter time and although they looked great from September we are going to use Black jogging bottoms rather than the green that are in the shop – I wanted to give you a head up over this.

### Face masks-

Please use face coverings – cases are on the rise and some parents have some situations where they are supporting vulnerable relatives – please think of others and wear a face covering – it does reduce the risk when we cannot social distance as effectively at pick up and drop off.

*Mr J McDonald*

Thank you in advance  
Mr J McDonald  
Headteacher