



St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter to April 30th 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see that the children are enjoying much warmer weather and there is more to do at playtime with the installation of two Active Walls for the children to burn off some energy and to get some inter school competition going.



Attendance

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



There are 175 non school days a year.
That's plenty of time to go on visits, holidays,
shopping and other appointments.

Well done to those that have 100% - it is great to hear how important that letter home was. The total school attendance has been 96.5% this week. This is an improvement on last week – we are close to our weekly target of 97% of regular attendance but not quite there yet!! I know we can do it!!

We want to offer support to ensure we maintain high attendance for all children. School should always be a great place and a fun learning place.

We will shortly be sharing a new APP called scholar pack to help you track your child's attendance – formal action is the last thing the school wants to do so please work with us as I believe that all of our children can attain 97% that's 6 days off on a year ,

Well done to those still on 100%



Class 7 again win 100% attendance – again!!! That is truly amazing.

Can I ask that Year 6 are in every day – we have some fun things planned and I am beginning to think of extra rewards for those that can keep 100% attendance from now – lets help you to have an amazing last term, Both Year 6 classes attendance is 94% this week.

Come on year 6 !!!

There may be a reward here for the first year 6 class to get 100% for a week.

I am certainly going to reward class 7!

Holiday Requests

As we move towards further easing of Covid-19 safety restrictions we are aware that many families are considering holidays. As a school we have a responsibility to ensure that we maximise school time for our children's wellbeing and urge families not to take holidays in term time. Holiday requests will not be authorised.

FRIDAY, MAY 14 • SCHOOL EVENT



Remember our fun way to get children excited about reading, while raising money for a great cause?

Pyjamarama will take place this year on Friday 14 May 2021.

Pyjamarama is all about getting children excited about reading, and fundraising to make sure every child gets their bedtime story.



St Alban's Stars of the week

Reception

Conor Trevor

Niamh Byrne

Year 1

LAYTON EATON

MARK TREVOR-HICKMAN

Year 2

AMELIA CORKISH

**OLIVER DE BRABANDER
CHARLES LOWE**

Year 3

TAYLOR LAYFIELD

JOHN MOOR

Year 4

EMILIE DISLEY SMITH

LORI COYNE

Year 5

SIENNA GRANT

NATHAN LAVIN

Year 6

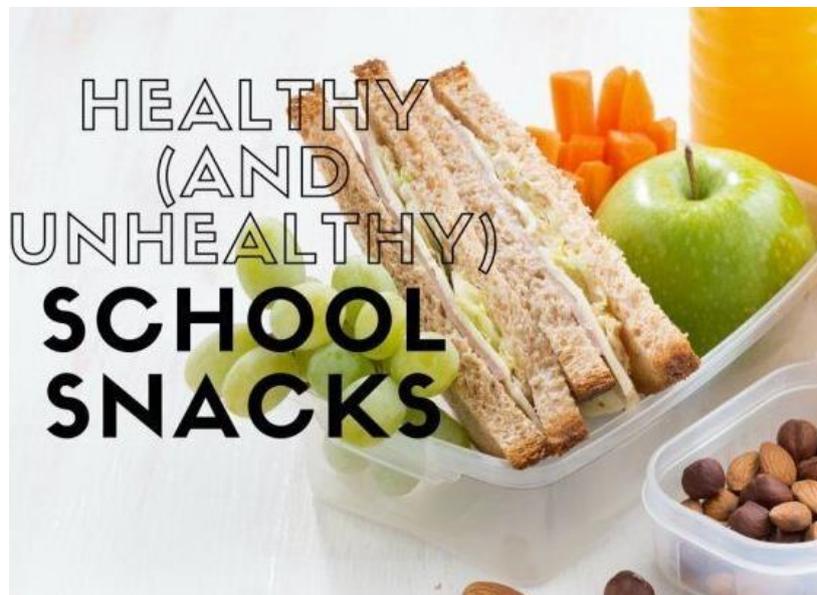
**MAZEY HUGHES
JASON BAXTER**

**FRANKIE TOOLE
ALEXANDER WALSH**



Well done Olivia Seals – for picking up coats that had fallen off the pegs – you have gone above and beyond and the school is grateful. Thanks for going above and beyond Olivia!!

Healthy Eating



Please remember we encourage healthy snacks – we have noticed some children bringing in snacks with added sugar – please remember there are no crisps and chocolate or sweets are not foods for snack time – a piece of fruit or vegetable and water is the school policy - please help us to generate good habits with the children.

Below are some ideas for healthier break time snacks.

- Whole or sliced fruit.
- Vegetable sticks, e.g. celery, carrot, pepper, cucumber. ...
 - Bread sticks.
 - Rice or corn cakes.

Milk – please encourage those children that are entitled to milk to have milk to have milk – it is a great drink for children - full of protein and calcium for growing bodies.

Please note water only as a drink in own water bottle.



First Sacraments

It was great to see the Year3 children and parents as we prepare for them celebrating the first sacraments at the online meeting last week - thanks for so many for your high attendance.

Book Swap

On Monday 10th May the children we would like the children to bring in any good quality/ nearly new books they have at home that they no longer want. Then on the Friday during our book day, they will be able to choose a different book to take home to read. We have done this before and it proved to be a very successful and positive experience for the children and fostered a love for books in line with our whole school focus.

Some of the donated books will go towards building a new library for our children to enjoy. There is a big push nationally for the provision of high quality reading experiences in the Primary school environment at the moment.

This new initiative is being promoted by Cressida Cowell author of 'How to Train Your Dragon' and was recently featured on the BBC news.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-56716445>

Summer Uniform

It helps our children be in the right frame of mind for school. At St Alban's we know that if our children look smart, they are often acting smart! However, we are aware that many families are struggling to access shops and that supply chains have been affected. Therefore for this term we are not taking a strict stance on uniform. Summer uniform is now available and children can still wear the very smart PE uniform. Please contact the office if you need any help on the summer uniform.

Hoping you have a great weekend and we can start to make our good attendance even better.

Mr J McDonald

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Headteacher