



St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter to May 7th 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

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.

Attendance

Well done to Year 6 who has attendance for three days on the run for 100% attendance. A huge effort from the children and families - we still have a few families that we would like more support from to get attendance to be on target – I would like to set a target of 98% next year for the school – we are aiming for 97% so I know that this should be achievable. Reception and Year 2 are above 97% this week – can I ask for the help of all of our families as the normal protocols for poor attendance and now in force – please work with us to challenge and we will support you if the children are not happy in school. It is my mission to make sure children love school and thrive in it.

Well done to Year 6 though!!Keep it up !

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.

STAR OF THE WEEK

St Alban's Stars of the week

Reception	Nate Dunn Owens	Jorgia Gunnery
Year 1	Skyler Pritchard	Annabelle Rice
Year 2	Finley Lavin	Alfie Puddifer
Year 3	Grace Gerard	Isabelle McFarlane
Year 4	Frankie Kneen	Reid Powney
Year 5	Emelia Burningham	Poppy Ryan
Year 6	Poppy Freedman Tiam Dadgar	Ethan Forrester Phillips Stevie Bates Reece Connor Frankie Pickthall



Well done to Skyler Pritchard is receiving her Gold Reading Award today for reading 25 home reading books.

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.



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