

St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter to Parents

February 26th 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thanks for all you continue to do with remote learning – not long until we are all back to as normal as is allowed when we all return on the 8th March. The same pick up and drop off times will apply as we did in January with the road also being closed at certain times. I will share more details next week.

As I previously wrote to you attendance will be compulsory unless children are Self-isolating or shielding. We will of course offer remote learning to those children self-isolating or shielding. In these instances the absence will not be penalised. We know that the children will receive a letter from their GP if they are classed as clinically extremely Vulnerable.

Red Nose day 19th March



We are going to have a dress up day – DRESS LIKE A SUPERHERO – Funny is Power

We hope to be in school!! £1 to the just giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-albans-catholic-primary-sch-rednoseday21>

ActivALL / Sports premium

As part of our efforts to get children more active and have fun at playtime we have just purchased two ACTIVALL walls for the playground and these should be installed soon. Important part of mental health and wellbeing and part of the preparation for the return of all children on the 8th March.

You can see a sneak preview at <https://www.activall.co.uk/primary-school/>



I cannot wait until we can get a parent competition going!!! The children can watch how they work here. <https://youtu.be/EBLg5z7aQ7c>

Feedback from the School Survey on Wraparound Care

Thanks to those parents that contributed to the wraparound provision survey – the staff are excited to see how we can show we have listened to you and adapt and make the provision work around your family's needs with extended hours from 7.30 until 6. We will have this in place from September 2021.

Oakland's trip

Refunds for the Oakland's trip will be processed this term. We are particularly sad that this could not take place. We are looking at what we can do as alternatives depending on restrictions and also looking at how we can support transition to High school.

Mrs Evans

Mrs Evans retires at the end of this term. I know that you would want me to let you know in advance in case you wanted to mark the occasion as we will in school. Mrs Evans is looking forward to the new chapter in her life after Easter and to long walks on the Beach. I know some of you were taught by her. We are going to go out to advert for a new deputy soon to start in September. We wish her every success and are all glad of the time we have spent in her company.

New starters

Thanks to those of you that have placed the school down for next year – if you have not yet applied or have friends that have not done so yet due to the pandemic –please encourage them to do so as early as possible as we are currently going through the admissions procedures and we don't want families to miss out. We have some exciting plans for the children with some changes to the EYFS and also are planning to support those children that have not been able to attend their normal nursery provision.

Parents Evening

We have decided to have a parents evening towards the end of the spring term with to give parents an overview of the learning outcomes we have been working towards since January. Parents evening will be in the last week of the term – dates and times to follow next week.

MYON

Congratulations to Jacob Powell in year 2 who read a staggering 56 170 words last week on MYON. Well done to the children in each year group that read the most number of words last week - Keep up the great reading habits!!! We will be watching!!

Accelerated Reader from Year 2 to 6 – helping reading

Thank you for taking on an additional task this week. All children will have their logins now.

- Using this regularly means that a pupil will be reading a suitably challenging book, a book that is at their level and helping them make good progress.
- The children (Under the teacher's direction) can take an online quiz on a book that they are reading.
- After the quiz the children receive instant **feedback** on their results, earning points towards their personalised target. If the child scores over 80% they then move onto the next book-

this ensures that even when not in school we can adjust the book so that it is supporting good reading progress.

- Regular use of Accelerated reader means we can support the reading- even when at remote learning is taking place.

World Book day 4th March

We are getting ready for World Book day <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

More details to follow but the importance of reading continue to shine through – please promote in your households. Maybe even share some photos of extreme reading. Where is the strangest place you have read a book!!!! (I must admit – it was pretty hard to turn the pages!!!)



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