

St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter to Parents

February 12th 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Children

Your children are AMAZING!!!!!!

always REMEMBER
YOU ARE BRAVER
THAN YOU BELIEVE
STRONGER
THAN YOU SEEM
SMARTER
THAN YOU THINK
AND LOVED
-MORE THAN YOU KNOW-

I am so grateful to the children for their efforts in learning in such difficult and unusual circumstances – please tell them the efforts that they have done have been noted and I recognise the immense challenges they are overcoming. We will continue to support and I want them to have a really good holiday to come back refreshed from Tuesday 23rd February! (Monday is an INSET day)

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.

To give a brief overview teachers have planned carefully to have an “outcome” at the end of every two to three weeks units of work to check the learning is being remembered. An example could be – “Tell me about the water cycle from memory or using flashcards to check the sounds have been learned in phonics.” The learning check is not to add stress but to improve teaching and adjust planning. If anything, it is to reduce the stress on children and be adaptive and responsive to them whilst working towards the curriculum we would have in school. It is an opportunity to regularly check what we are doing matches where the children are.

We recognise that your help with the children may not give us a fully independent assessment and are taking that into account. These outcomes will be assessed without the children suspecting they are being assessed – these learning checks could be as simple as a question or a short task. Please do not worry about them – they are more a guide for the teacher as to checking out how effective we are at remote learning. It is important to stress this is a normal teaching and learning cycle.

Teachers will be looking at the “outcomes” and tweaking planning and learning if the children show that they are not remembering the learning – we have slimmed down and prioritised the most important aspects of learning. Sometimes children need to revisit learning before moving on.

I am grateful to their skill in identifying how well the children even when doing this remotely.

Parents evening dates to be shared in the first week back.

Online Safety

It was Internet Safety day this week and there are two great courses led by Mylene Klass

For parents of children ages 4-7 click

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/courses/online-safety-klass-for-parents-and-carers-ages-4-7>

For Children ages 7-11 click

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/courses/online-safety-klass-for-parents-and-carers-ages-7-11>

Accelerated Reader from Year 2 to 6 – helping reading

- 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.

MYON

Congratulations to SANUYAN in year 3 who read a staggering 89,915 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!!! Well done to all the children who have worked so hard – a staggering

Name	Year	Words Read last week
MILLIE H	Year 6	39,321
THOMAS G	Year 5	47,986
ISABELLE W	Year 4	25,109
SANUYAN S	Year 3	89,915
JACOB P	Year 2	24,145

9.28k

Minutes Read

25.3

Minutes Read:
Weekdays (Before 8AM)

7.58k

Minutes Read:
Weekdays (8AM - 4PM)

1.30k

Minutes Read:
Weekdays (After 4PM)

380

Minutes Read:
Weekends

18%

Out-Of-School Reading
Student Average

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>

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