



St. Alban's C of E Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

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Dear Parents

The Meridian Television visit has now been confirmed for next Tuesday, 13 February. We have also heard that many local schools are having Ofsted Inspections and St Alban's are long overdue and expecting a telephone call any day. The new inspections only give a few days notice and can last for only one day. I would be very grateful for your support in both events by ensuring that your children are arriving on time in the mornings and are dressed in full school uniform (sashes for all the girls apart from Year R). Thank you.

PARENTS' EVENINGS



The Parents' Evenings scheduled in March have changed to Thursday 8 March and Wednesday 14 March. A letter will be sent out with full details after the half term break, but please note these changes in your diaries.

BUILDING UPDATE



The new umbrellas in the Key Stage 1 playground are now finished and are looking very smart with their blue and red seats. The office extension is also progressing well and should be completed by Easter.

VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH



The kitchen will be serving a special Valentine's Day lunch on Wednesday 14 February with the following choices:

Cupid's Favourite

(pizza)

Or

The Perfect Pair

(2 mini sausages in a roll)

Both served with Valentine Vegetables

Love Cake and Custard

Or

Love Potion

(fruit salad)

If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a school dinner on this day, please complete the slip overleaf and return with payment of £1.70 to the school office by Friday 9 February.

The kitchen will also be serving heart shaped biscuits at breaktime on 14 February which will cost 30p each. This is a 'one-off' for this day only and the biscuits will be limited to one per child.

Please note that the lunch choices on Tuesday 13 February will change to Turkey Roast or Quorn Burger with gravy.

I will be giving a special assembly about St Valentine and the Christian understanding of love.



MRS INSKIP



Mrs Inskip's maternity leave will be starting at February half term and Year 5 will be taught by a very experienced teacher called Mrs Jan Parker. We wish Mrs Inskip well - her pregnancy certainly has not affected her enthusiasm or energy for teaching! She intends to be back before the Summer holiday.

DISABILITY EQUALITY

A group has been formed to discuss Disability Equality and how it affects St Alban's School. The group has already had one meeting and talked about problems and challenges that children and adults might have accessing all areas of the school; all disabilities, both physical and sensory, were discussed. They would like to hear from anyone who may have ideas about accessibility or who would like to join them. The group is being led by Mr John Sawtell, one of our Governors, and he can be contacted by telephone or letter via the school office.

PRAYER GROUP

Just a reminder that we have a group of parents who meet on a Friday afternoon at 3.00pm to pray for the needs of the school and its community. If you would like to join this group, please contact Mrs Quarrie-Jones via Kezia in Year 3 or the school office.



HOMEWORK ISSUES



There has recently been an article in the press about a new report from America regarding homework. At St Alban's, we believe that homework helps children to become independent learners and that some work like irregular spellings and times tables need to be practised in order for them to move from the short term memory into the long term memory. Homework is also a way of fully involving parents in their children's education.

RECRUITMENT

We are now re-advertising for a replacement for Mrs Redding to start in September 2007 and candidates are being shown around the school.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 19 February	Half term week
Thurs 8 March	Parents' Evening
Wed 14 March	Parents' Evening
Thurs 22 March	Numeracy Day
Fri 30 March	End of term Eucharist at Church and last day of Spring Term

With best wishes