



St. Alban's C of E Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

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Dear Parents

We are quickly moving towards the end of a busy term and I hope that the weather will settle in time for our summer break.



DENOMINATIONAL INSPECTION

Our Denominational Inspection took place on Tuesday 19 June and the school was graded as outstanding! A summary of the report is attached to this newsletter but a copy of the full report can be found on our website at www.st-albans.hants.sch.uk. Many thanks to Father Paul for his help and support and also to Mrs Phillips for her sterling work as RE Manager.

SUMMER CONCERT

Just a reminder that all KS1 children will have an opportunity to hear a shortened version of the summer concert programme on Thursday 5 July at 2.00pm. Therefore, if possible on Friday evening, please make alternative arrangements for younger siblings who may become tired and noisy! Any parents or grandparents who are also unable to come on the evening of 6 July are very welcome to this afternoon performance as the hall can become very crowded and uncomfortable on warm evenings.



"STEP UP" AFTERNOON

On Tuesday 10 July the children will get the opportunity to spend some time in their new classrooms with their teachers for September 2007.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



To encourage children to read over the long summer break, we are once again producing a reading challenge for KS1 and KS2 and forms will be sent home with your children this week. The children share a book from each section on the challenge with an adult who should then sign the form. A completed challenge is rewarded in assembly with a special certificate and the children are given an extra playtime. If children would like to take part in the "Big Wild Read" with the local libraries, they can complete this instead. Please support these schemes as children who read regularly make notably better academic progress.

OPEN EVENING

Just to remind you that our open evening is on Thursday 12 July from 5.00-7.00pm. This is an opportunity for you to look at your child's work and take part in a variety of classroom activities. The choir and band will be performing in the hall and there will be a football display. Please come along!

TIRED CHILDREN

From experience, the teachers know that the children become very tired and emotional at the end of a long, hard-working term. This can lead to falling out with friends and being a bit tearful. I would be grateful if you could bear this in mind when meeting your child from school and leave friendship advice to us!



CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

This year we had planned to take the class photographs in front of a helicopter, but due to the weather conditions, this had to be cancelled. Instead, Mr Inskip has kindly offered to take the class photographs on Friday 13 July. Unfortunately, due to this short notice change of arrangements, parents will not be sent a proof home but the photographs will be available to view in the school hall from 3.00pm on Friday 13 July and orders can be placed up to Wednesday 18 July.



LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a large amount of unnamed uniform in our lost property. This will be put out on the KS1 playground on Monday 16 July from 3.00pm for children and parents to claim lost garments. Any "good" items will be put in our second hand uniform stock and everything else will be thrown away. We have received some information from a company called "ezepze labels" which supply iron-on and sew-on labels. If you would like more details and an order form, please collect one from the school office. The school will receive commission from every order placed.



END OF TERM EUCHARIST

The last day of term is Thursday 19 July and there will be a whole School Eucharist at 2.30pm to which parents are very welcome to attend. At this Eucharist, prizes will be awarded to the most improved reader in each class and there will be a special award for the overall winner. Parents may collect their children from the classrooms afterwards.



VOUCHERS

The H.S.A would like to thank all those who have sent in Sainsbury's and Asda vouchers. An order has been placed for some new playground equipment.

LONDON BIKE-ATHON

Philip Gould in Year 6 will be taking part in the London Bike-athon on 15 July where he will cycle 26 miles in aid of Leukaemia Research. If you would like to sponsor Philip, please speak to him or his mother directly or go on-line to www.justgiving.com/philipgould. Good luck Philip!



DATES FOR THIS TERM

Fri 6 July	KS2 Concert (evening)
Thurs 12 July	Open Evening
Fri 13 July	Class photographs
Mon 16 July	Lost property in KS1
Thurs 19 July	End of term Eucharist and last day of term
Fri 20 July	Staff Training Day
Mon 3 Sept	Staff Training Day
Tues 4 Sept	Children return to school for Autumn Term

With best wishes