



St. Alban's C of E Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

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Dear Parents

I know it is not long since my last newsletter, but there are some important issues which I need to inform you of.



DENOMINATIONAL INSPECTION

This is just a reminder that our Denominational Inspection will take place on Tuesday 19 June, which will look at our worship, links with the church and the teaching of Religious Education.

PE KITS

Children who do not have their PE kits in school each week are causing a considerable amount of problems. Over the last few weeks, we have been holding heats and practicing the races for sports day. We have also had a variety of coaches from the Sports Partnership, including tennis and aerobics. It is a pity for children to miss out on these opportunities, for example, this week there were five children from Year 5 who did not have their PE kits in school.



We cannot re-run heats for races to accommodate children who do not have their kit with them on the day. This would be unfair to those who do have their kits and have won the heats as well as causing a considerable amount of re-timetabling for the teachers.

Please make sure that full PE kits are in school from Monday to Friday every week. Please also ensure that plimsolls fit and have not become too small.

MISS LESTER

In September, Miss Lester will be stepping down from her Deputy Headteacher and class teacher role. She will be working three days per week as the Music Manager for the school, will co-ordinate music across the whole school and teach music in KS2. Miss Lester will continue to run the wonderful choir as well as training choir and recorders and will liaise with the peripatetic teachers. A proportion of Miss Lester's time will also be spent in Year 6 alongside Mrs Olive-Jones. As part of her new role, Miss Lester will be teaching some French to Key Stage 2, with Mrs Olive-Jones and Miss Gick. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Miss Lester for her sterling work as my deputy and an outstanding class teacher.

NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

Miss Polly Gick

Miss Gick is our Newly Qualified Teacher who comes with a considerable amount of experience as she has been working for a year as a Teaching Assistant in another local school and also has done some work in an orphanage in India. Miss Gick has a BA in the History of Art, a PGCE from Chichester University and some expertise in languages.

Mrs Sharon James

Mrs James is our new Deputy Headteacher and is an experienced teacher who joins us from the senior management team at Denmead Infant School. She is an English and Early Years specialist and has also carried out some research on integrating Philosophy into the curriculum.

CLASSES FOR SEPTMEBER 2007

Please find below the class teachers and their teaching assistants for September 2007.



Reception

Teacher: Mrs L Skipp
Teaching Assistant: Mrs S Thomas/Mrs J Welton

Year 1

Teacher: Mrs S James
(Miss Newman one day per week)
Teaching Assistant: Mrs J Howard

Year 2

Teacher: Mrs J Phillips
(Mrs King one day per week)
Teaching Assistant: Mrs M Hoad

Year 3

Teacher: Mrs C Hardyman
Teaching Assistant: Mr E Yelf (Numeracy)
Mrs T James (Literacy)
Mrs N Sadler

Year 4

Teacher: Miss P Gick
Teaching Assistant: Mr E Yelf (Numeracy)
Mrs S James (Literacy)
Mrs N Sadler

Year 5

Teacher: Mrs C Inskip/Mr I Johnson
Teaching Assistant: Mrs A Flores

Year 6

Teacher: Mrs C Olive-Jones
Teaching Assistant: Mrs E Robinson

Mrs Watt is the SENCO and will cover the KS2 teachers' statutory non-contact time.
Miss Newman will work in KS1 to cover the teachers' statutory non-contact time.

JUDO ASSEMBLY

Unfortunately, Mr Pring is unable to join us at our Open Evening this year to give a judo display.



Therefore, on Wednesday 20 June, Mr Pring and the judo class will be giving a short demonstration at our assembly. This will take part at 9.10am and parents are very welcome to attend. This may be of particular interest to Year 2 parents as their children are able to start judo in September.

DATES FOR THIS TERM

Tues 19 June	Denominational Inspection
Fri 22 June	St Alban's Day and Sports Day and Summer Fair
Mon 25 June	Class photographs
Fri 6 July	KS2 Concert (evening)
Thurs 12 July	Open Evening
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