



# St. Alban's C of E Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

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Dear Parents

This will be my last newsletter before the end of this academic year and it will soon be time to say goodbye to our current Year 6 and welcome a new Reception Class to the school.



## OPEN EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended and took part in the Open Evening last night. The performances by the choir and band were very enjoyable and the football display was equally as entertaining. It is so nice to see so many happy parents!

## SATs RESULTS



Our Year 6 SATs results this year were the best ever! Well done to the children and staff involved for working so hard!

Science 100% at level 4 or above  
with 72% at level 5

Mathematics 100% at level 4 or above  
with 60% at level 5

English 97% at level 4 or above  
with 60% at level 5

Level 4 is the national average for 11 year olds and Level 5 is the national average for 13 year olds.

Congratulations also for the high standards achieved by Year 2 children in their end of Key Stage 1 tests. The results will bear the children in good stead for their future education.

## OFSTED TREAT

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 18 July, KS2 can come to school dressed as characters from the 1970s, eg hippies, Elvis, Superman, Charlie's Angels, Bay City Rollers etc and KS1 may come as pirates or princesses.



In the afternoon, a variety of activities will be offered including disco dancing, curling, penalty shoot-out and throwing teddies into buckets; all children will have half an hour on each activity. There will also be an ice cream van and every child can choose a free ice cream or lolly.

At 3.15pm there will be a water fight on the school field and children will need to bring their own water pistols (empty please!).

Buckets of water will be provided and brave parents may come and watch.



Children should bring a named carrier bag to school so that when they change into their PE kit, their costume can be put into the bag and left on the playground. The wet children may then be collected from the field and taken straight home. KS1 and KS2 will be on separate parts of the field.

## 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.

## END OF TERM EUCHARIST

### PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME OF 2.00PM

The last day of term is Thursday 19 July and there will be a whole School Eucharist at **2.00pm** (please note new time) 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. We will also be presenting a memorial for Mr Scott and members of his family will be present. Parents may collect their children from the classrooms afterwards.



## HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

As I have informed you in previous newsletters, holidays during term times can only be authorised in truly exceptional circumstances. This is not me being personally awkward, but there are legal guidelines to which all Headteachers have to adhere and be held accountable to the Educational Welfare Services. Holidays during September and May are particularly educationally detrimental; but at any time of the school academic year, children will miss something vital, be it a topic in mathematics or an important milestone such as the Year 6 leavers' assembly. It is worth noting that the only Grade 2 we received in our OFSTED inspection was for unauthorised absences.

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS



The class photographs have been taken today and are available to view and order in the school hall until Wednesday 18 July. Any photographs ordered will be sent home with your child before the end of term.

## HEALTHY SCHOOLS



We have now achieved the Healthy Schools Award. Huge thanks to Mrs Hardyman for leading us through the mountain of paperwork and a particular thank you to Adrian Langford and Laura Elliott who showed the inspector around the school and answered his questions so intelligently. The award encompasses the wellbeing of the school community, including food, sport, mental wellbeing, our bullying policy, confidentiality policy etc. We are now officially a 'healthy school'!

## PEDDLING PRIEST



Fr Paul will be doing a sponsored tricycle ride around the parish on Sunday 23 September to raise funds for St Alban's Church. The children have been designing posters and slogans to help advertise this and the winners will be announced at the Eucharist. More details will follow in September.

## KNIGHT AND LEE



Knight and Lee will be at school on Wednesday 12 September from 3.00pm. They will bring a selection of our uniform for parents to buy or order, including girls' and boys' winter uniform, blazers and coats.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 19 July	End of term Eucharist
Fri 20 July	Staff Training Day
Mon 3 Sept	Staff Training Day
Tues 4 Sept	Children return to school

I hope you all have a relaxing and peaceful summer break!

With best wishes