



# St. Alban's C of E Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS


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Dear Parents

We are coming to the end of a successful academic year. The beautiful weather is helping and the children are enjoying playing on our large school field.



 Enclosed with this newsletter is a parental questionnaire. Your views are important to us and I will spend part of the summer holidays analysing your responses. For example, following the Early Year's Questionnaire, Mrs Skipp and I have decided to display a list of children who have achieved merits on the Year R classroom window, as parents have commented that their children cannot always remember why they have been awarded the merit or even if they actually have!

## PROJECTS FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR



From September we will be introducing philosophical enquiry into the curriculum with a view to scaffolding children's speech and promoting discussion to produce confident and articulate speakers.

We will also be getting an outside classroom for which the HSA will be fundraising. As part of a Government initiative, we will be introducing a computer learning platform called Wizkid which the children will be able to access from home.



We are continuing to develop our school grounds, with particular focus on gardening, which has been going well. Trips and visits to educational places will continue to be a high priority and they will be partly funded from the school budget.

## NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

Mrs Toni Greenyer will be joining Year 3 in September as an additional Learning Support Assistant. Mrs Greenyer has a great deal of experience working with children who have special educational needs.



Mrs Kathleen Loh will also be joining us from September to teach French to KS2.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



This year, we will be using a different format for the summer reading challenge and your child will soon be bringing home details.

## SUMMER FAIR

I would like to give huge thanks to the HSA for making the summer fair a fantastic occasion for our school community; we are very grateful for the hard work in raising funds for the school. It was a wonderful day with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and the children were all very well behaved and enjoyed taking part in their sports races. Thank you again!

## OPEN EVENING

Just to remind you that our open evening is on Thursday 15 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 as well as our cheerleading club. Please come along!



## 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 8 July at 1.30pm. 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 9 July are very welcome to this afternoon performance as the hall can become crowded and uncomfortable on warm evenings.

## LOST DRUM ... CAN YOU HELP?



A snare drum, which is needed for the concert on Thursday and Friday appears to have gone missing from the school stage. If any parents can remember if it was moved on Sports Day or any other time, please can you let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

## LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY



The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will be on Wednesday 21 July, starting at 9.10am and finishing at approximately 10.30pm.

## 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 19 July from 3.15pm 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.



## HAPPY HOLIDAY LUNCH



On the last day of term, Thursday 22 July, Mrs Leaning will be cooking a happy holiday lunch of pizza or pasta with beans or salad followed by ice cream or fruit. This will cost £2.00 and can be ordered on the day.

## BREAKING NEWS - KS2 SATS RESULTS

We have received our Year 6 KS2 SATS results today and they are as follows:



<u>English</u>	Level 5	53%
	Level 4	41%
	Level 3	6%
<u>Maths</u>	Level 5	56%
	Level 4	34%
	Level 3	9%

Level 5 is the national expectation for a 13 year old, Level 4 is the national expectation for an 11 year old, Level 3 is the national expectation for a 9 year old.

Each child in Year 6 counts as 3.1%

These are fantastic results and I would like to congratulate the Year 6 children for working so hard and the teachers who have provided first rate learning experiences.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 8 July	KS2 concert (afternoon)
Fri 9 July	KS2 concert (evening)
Thurs 15 July	Open Evening
Thurs 22 July	End of term Eucharist and last day of term
Fri 23 July	Staff Training Day
Mon 6 Sept	Staff Inset Day
Tues 7 Sept	Staff Inset Day
Wed 8 Sept	Children return to school
Fri 1 Oct	Harvest Festival
Mon 1 Nov	Staff Inset Day
Thurs 4 Nov	English Day
Thurs 11 Nov	Parents' Evening
Wed 17 Nov	Parents' Evening
Wed 8 Dec	School Christmas Dinner
Thurs 9 Dec	KS2 concert (afternoon)
Fri 10 Dec	KS2 concert (evening)
Mon 13 Dec	Y5/6 Party (afternoon)
Tues 14 Dec	KS1 Nativity (morning)
	KS1 Party (afternoon)
Wed 15 Dec	Christmas Fair
Thurs 16 Dec	Y3/Y4 Party (morning)
	Pantomime (afternoon)
Fri 17 Dec	End of term Eucharist

With best wishes