



St. Alban's C of E Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

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Dear Parents



Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Celebrations on Friday. A special thank you also to the parents who made the hall look so attractive and to those who took the produce to the Two Saints Centre in West Leigh.

Well done also to everyone who supported the Dr Barnardo charity campaign.



This charity continues to champion the rights of under-privileged children in this country and communicate well with pupils so that they know exactly how their money has been spent. We will continue to support this charity throughout the school year.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Due to difficulties with our current uniform supplier, the Schoolwear Shop in Havant is going to stock our school uniform and will be visiting the school in the spring and summer terms. They are situated at 41-43 Market Parade in Havant and their telephone number is 023 9245 5795). Parents may still order on-line via Knight and Lee if they prefer.

Labelling Clothes

One of our parents, Mrs Ema Johnson, has offered to embroider children's names onto their clothing for a small fee. Please contact her directly on 023 9246 9726.

TASK

Over the summer, the responsibility of managing our breakfast and after-school club TASK moved to Havant Academy as it took over from Staunton Park Community College.

We have now been informed that they intend to close TASK at Christmas as it is running at a considerable financial loss to them.

The Governing Body regards suitable before and after-school child care as very important and regrets the potential loss of this facility. We are working extremely hard to try to provide replacement provision. Unfortunately, there is no simple solution due to the "Transfer of Undertakings" (TUPE) regulations.

There is an Emergency Full Governing Body meeting next week to address this situation and we will keep you fully informed of developments. In the meantime, if there is any parent experienced in employment law who can advise us about TUPE please get in touch.

SHOEBOXES



The Havant Rotary Club is organising Christmas shoeboxes for disadvantaged children in Africa and Europe; you may remember that we have supported this scheme in previous years. Your child will be bringing a leaflet home with more details. Please support this if you can and bring shoeboxes back to school by the morning of **Tuesday 2 November**.

LIBRARY NEWS

Puffin Books



Your child has brought home a Puffin Book Club leaflet. Please can you send your orders with payment to Mrs Welton in the library. Please make sure you enclose a cheque or your credit card details - not cash! Thank you.

Wessex Book Festival

The Wessex Children's Book Festival runs from Saturday 23 October until Sunday 31 October at the Winchester Discovery Centre. Some of the authors you will be able to meet include Anthony Browne, Lauren Child, Morris Gleitzman, Nick Butterworth, Jacqueline Wilson, Kaye Umansky and Rick Riordan. If you are interested in tickets, please contact the box office directly on 01962 873603.



Ready Steady Read!



I would like to thank Mrs Barbie Lloyd for all her hard work and enthusiasm with the Usborne Ready Steady Read project over the summer holidays. We will shortly be able to report back to each class how much they have raised to spend on books for the classroom.

Hampshire Illustrated Book Award (HIBA)

For the first time, Year 5 will be participating in the Hampshire Illustrated Book Award. This is an exciting six week project whereby the children read and discuss six separate new title books and vote for the one they think is the best.

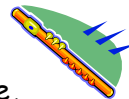


Author Visit



Year 6 have an opportunity in October to visit a local venue and listen to Andy Cope, author of Spy Dog and purchase signed copies of his books. His inspiration comes from his rescue dog, Lara, who will be with him on the day!

CAN YOU HELP?



If anyone knows of a flute for sale, please contact Miss Johnson, via Tivka Y4 or the school office. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

Mon 11 Oct	Stubbington week
Thurs 21 Oct	Fairthorne Manor
Mon 25 Oct	Half term week
Mon 1 Nov	Inset Day
Thurs 4 Nov	English Day
Thurs 11 Nov	Parents' Evening
Wed 17 Nov	Parents' Evening
Tues 7 Dec	Christmas Dinner
Wed 8 Dec	KS2 Concert (afternoon)
Thurs 9 Dec	KS2 Concert (eve)
Mon 13 Dec	Y5/6 Party (pm)
Tues 14 Dec	KS1 Nativity (am)
	KS1 Party (pm)
Wed 15 Dec	Christmas Fair
Thurs 16 Dec	Y3/4 Party (am)
	Pantomime (pm)
Fri 17 Dec	Last Day of Term
	End of Term Eucharist

With best wishes