



St. Alban's C of E Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS


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Dear Parents

Thank you for your perseverance during last week's snowy patch.



 It seemed as though our website communication worked well last week but we are in the process of evaluating a new texting system called "Teachers2Parents". This will enable us to use text messaging to communicate school news, updates and reminders. Over the next six weeks, you may receive a text message from the school. Please be assured that this service is free to you as the recipient. To ensure that the service can be of maximum benefit we would ask all parents to keep us updated with any changes to their mobile numbers. We appreciate your support for this initiative as we trial this system.

SCOOTERS AND TODDLERS



I am becoming increasingly worried that an accident will occur on the KS1 playground at the end of the school day; lots of toddlers are running around or moving very quickly on scooters and bikes. Please can parents therefore stop their youngsters using the playground for scooter or bike practice - thank you for your understanding.

VISIT BY NEW BISHOP

Thank you to all the families who came to support the school at St Alban's Church on Sunday. The Bishop was very impressed by the behaviour and smart appearance of our children.



CHILDCARE PROVISION

If any parents were unable to attend the Open Afternoon on Saturday at Glenhurst, the school office has some registration packs for the childcare provision for January.



CHRISTMAS FAIR LUNCH



As you are all aware, next Wednesday 15 December is our Christmas Fair. On this day, all children will be eating their lunch in the classrooms. Please note therefore, that the only lunch choices available will be a Hot Dog or Vegetarian Sausage in a Roll or a packed lunch from home. Parent helpers who have ordered jacket potatoes, will be eating their lunch in the hall.

Please continue to send in your gifts so that there are plenty of things for the children to buy.



If you have not yet returned the slip and 50p for your child to see Father Christmas, please do so by this Friday, 10 December.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you very much to Stansted House Garden Centre who kindly donated our Christmas Tree this year and to Lydia Triggs' mother who helped organise this!



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

KS2 Concert



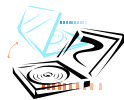
Just a reminder that the evening performance of the KS2 concert is on Thursday 9 December at 7.00pm. Children need to arrive no earlier than 6.40pm and the evening will last approximately $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours. The HSA will be serving refreshments during the interval.

KS1 Nativity



The KS1 nativity will be on Tuesday 14 December, starting at 9.30am. This is a very popular event, so please ensure you arrive in good time so that all parents and grandparents are seated before the performance begins. As usual, a crèche will be available for younger siblings. There will be no room in the hall for buggies, so please leave these in the library and please take noisy babies and toddlers out of the room as this spoils the event for other parents.

DVDs



Separate DVDs of both the Nativity and the KS2 Concert will be available after Christmas. A letter will be sent out in the new year with more details.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



Just a reminder that the school post box will be out from Monday 13 December. Please can you ensure that your children put both names and the class on their envelopes as they will be sorted and delivered by Year 6 children. Christmas cards are to be taken and opened at home.

FOR SALE



If anyone would like to buy a $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ size violin or a piano, please contact Mrs Welton in the library.

SCHOOL CALENDARS AND TEA TOWELS



The 2011 school calendars and tea towels are still being sold at the school office from 8.30am each morning. The calendars cost £5.00 each and the tea towels cost £3.50. These will make ideal Christmas presents!

CONGRATULATIONS



Well done to Harvey Rixon (Year R) who won the overall prize for the Hermitage Housing Christmas Card Design. There were over 2000 entries and Harvey's design was voted the best! Congratulations also to Edmund Hudson (Year 2) who was awarded Highly Commended for his design.

END OF TERM EUCHARIST



On the last day of term, Friday 17 December, our end of term Eucharist will be held at the school at 2.00pm. Parents are very welcome to attend this service.

DIARY DATES

Wed 8 Dec	KS2 Concert (2.00pm)
Thurs 9 Dec	KS2 Concert (7.00pm)
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 Eucharist (2.00pm)
Tues 4 Jan	Children return to school
Mon 21 Feb	Half Term Week
Thurs 10 Mar	Numeracy Day
Wed 16 Mar	Parents' Evening
Thurs 24 Mar	Parents' Evening

With best wishes