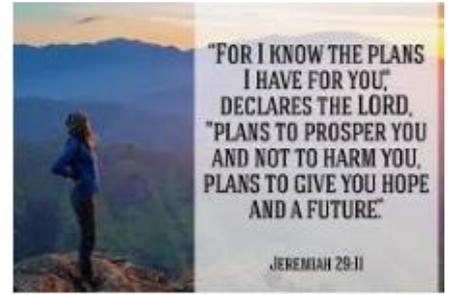




Home-school challenge

Due in Friday 2nd November (apologies for the incorrect date given in the last newsletter)

This term we have been focusing on one of our core values –Hope (*knowing that God can be relied upon*). Please could you discuss as a family your ideas about the value of Hope and what this looks like in action at home and at school. As a family, please decide on a symbol/image that best represents hope to you that your child can draw, paint, collage etc for a display at school.



Thank you very much for your support with helping us to put our school values into action.

Reminders and updates – please read carefully

- Welcome to Mrs Moonan and Miss O'Donnell who have joined our lunch team this half term.
- Please remember to check your child's book bag every evening for communications/letters from school. Although we do send a lot of letters by email, there will still always be times when staff need to send information via the book bags, as is standard practice in primary schools.
- Please remember that from **31st October** all payments to school will need to be made online via TUCASI. If you need help to set up your account, please speak to a member of the office team as soon as possible as you will not be able to pay by cash after this date (e.g. for trips, lunches, music tuition).
- Please note the change of date for Year 3's class worship to parents (now on Thursday 29th November).
- We are pleased to welcome two trainee teachers from Chichester University to our school this term. You will probably see Miss Rankin and Mr Reed around the school and they will be observing and working with Mrs Cowdry in Year 2.
- **Curriculum morning – Friday 2nd November 9am – 10.35am.** Please come to the hall at 9am to find out how we are planning to promote and develop independence at St Alban's. This is an extremely important aspect of being a good learner. You will also have the opportunity to visit classes to see their learning.
- Well done Year 1 who won this half term's attendance award (an amazing 99.4% attendance so far this year!). It is lovely to see how much children and families value their education at St Alban's; every session really does count in helping children to build firm social relationships and to learn well.
- Well done to our Year 4 and Year 5 classes who were on residential visits this week. We had lots of very positive feedback about their wonderful manners, behaviour, enthusiasm and attitudes. They represented our school extremely well. Thank you to our staff members who organised the trips and accompanied the children. They gave many hours of their free time to ensure that the children had a wonderful time and we could not offer such wonderful opportunities without the willingness of staff to do this.
- **Homework masterclass for KS2 parents Thursday 1st November 3.00pm – 3.30pm.** Please come along to hear some practical and helpful strategies and suggestions to help you in supporting your child with completing their homework.
- Please could all parents ensure that their children are correctly dressed when they arrive at school in the morning, including ensuring that their hair is in line with our policy. There are an increasing number of children arriving at school with hair gel in their hair and a lot of time is being wasted in children then removing this at school when they should be engaging in learning. Thank you.

Parking consultation

The council has published a plan for a proposed Traffic Regulation Order on the junction of St Alban's Road and Lockerley Road. This is to stop cars parking and potentially causing a hazard for children crossing the road. If you have any comments or objections, these should be registered with the council by the 25th of October. Visit <http://havant.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?id=353&LLL=0> for details.



Acorns of hope

"The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn." (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

As part of a whole school worship on Hope, Henry Hickey, a former St Alban's pupil and brother to Beatrice (Y6) and Samuel (Y4), came to share about his forthcoming humanitarian trip to Ghana in 2019. Henry, now in Year 9 at Bourne Community College, shared how he and 9 other Bourne students are travelling to Ghana to help undertake building work and assist teachers in classrooms at Dedzidi Community School (Woa). Working with African Adventures and Bourne Community College the aim of the project is to build additional classrooms to help reduce class sizes from 50 to 40 and there is also a desperate need for improved sanitation and teaching help to assist children in classrooms.

In order to go to Ghana, Henry and his peers have been tasked with each raising £1950 to cover the cost of the trip and so far Henry has raised £1350 through a range of fundraising activities such as cake sales and a sponsored 30 mile walk. As part of his fundraising, Henry will be coming to St Alban's on Wednesday 31st October at 3:30pm, (Key Stage 1 playground) to talk about his trip & give out acorn keepsakes to anyone who wants to support his fundraising efforts. We have a special link with Ghana and it is always lovely to hear about how our past pupils are still making a positive difference to others through their commitment to the values of love, hope, thankfulness and compassion.

Parent consultation evenings

You will be receiving a letter today about arrangements for our parent consultation evenings and how you can make an appointment. Appointments will now need to be made online (following the instructions that will be sent to you) and you will need a TUCASI account in order to do this. We are hoping that the new system will help parents to select timings that are suitable to them and will avoid a large amount of administration for teachers in trying to accommodate everybody's requests; far better that they can use their skills in the classroom working with children instead. Please be aware however, that if you have very specific requirements, it is important to book your appointments early in order to avoid disappointment. Parents will be able to book appointments from Monday 22nd November up until the evening before the meeting dates.

Please also remember it is important that any children who are attending because you have been unable to make alternative arrangements, must be supervised at all times and are not allowed to run around the hall (bringing a book to read is very helpful). It is important that all parents support this so that everyone can hear and focus on their meeting with their child's teacher. Thank you very much.

Applications for Year R – September 2019 entry

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, they will be eligible to start school in the school year beginning September 2019. Applications can be submitted from 1st November 2018 via the Hampshire County Council website at www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions.

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2019 (midnight). Parents will be notified of a school place on 16th April 2019 (typically by email unless you have submitted a paper application instead of doing this online, in which case you will be informed by letter).

Please remember, if you would like to apply under the faith criteria (linked to church attendance), you must also complete a school 'supplementary information form' and return to the school by the deadline of 15th January 2019. These are available on our website and if you have difficulty downloading this form, please ask for a copy from the school office. Our admissions policy is also available on our website.



Diary dates

<u>October</u>	
Monday 22 nd - 26 th	HALF TERM
Tuesday 30 th	Prospective parent open morning (2 sessions: 9.10 -10.10, 10.45 - 11.45)
<u>November</u>	
Thursday 1 st	KS2 Homework master class for parents 3.00pm - 3.30pm
Friday 2 nd	Curriculum morning (9am – 10.35am)
	HSA Film Night 3.30pm
Wednesday 7 th	Individual pupil photos
Thursday 8 th	Year 1 class worship - parents welcome (9.10am in the hall)
Tuesday 13 th	Parents evening 2.15pm – 5.45pm
Thursday 15 th	Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
Friday 23 rd	Jolly Jam Jar day – children wear non-school uniform and bring a donation of a jam jar filled with treats to be sold at the children’s Christmas Fair (more details to follow from HSA)
Thursday 29 th	Year 3 class worship - parents welcome (9.10am in the hall) DATE CHANGE
Friday 30 th	Children’s present buying Christmas Fair (during the school day)
<u>December</u>	
Monday 10 th	Bikeability Y5 and Y6 - all week
Wednesday 12 th	KS2 Concert 2.15pm
Thursday 13 th	KS2 Concert 6.30pm
Friday 14 th	9-10am Mince pies for helpers Christmas lunch Christmas jumper day
Monday 17 th	KS1 Nativity -dress rehearsal to school 9.30am 2.45pm Reward tea party with Mrs Hordell
Tuesday 18 th	KS1 Nativity (parents/grandparents) 9.30am
Wednesday 19 th	KS1 Nativity (parents/grandparents) 9.30am pm KS1 party (hall)
Thursday 20 th	pm Y3/4 party
Friday 21 st	am Y5/6 party 2.15pm Eucharist (at school)
Mon 24 th Dec - Fri 4 th Jan	Christmas holidays
<u>January</u>	
Monday 7 th	Inset day
Tuesday 8 th	Children return to school