



A message from Mrs Hordell

It was lovely to see so many families having a very enjoyable time at our May Fair on Saturday. Thank you very much to the HSA committee and all of our volunteers who helped to make the day such a success. We have also received many positive comments from residents who thoroughly enjoyed attending.

Well done to all of our pupils who have been taking SATS tests this month. As I told the children before the tests, they have worked very hard in their learning all year and have already shown themselves to be successful learners who have made great progress. The children were extremely sensible all week and showed great resilience and dedication.

We have come to the time of the year when we start thinking about our next school improvement plan and those things that we really want to improve on and develop next year. We already have some plans in place to improve the work that we do and the leadership team and I would be very pleased to hear parent views to help us refine our plans for next year.

A survey will be sent to all parents via book bags today and we would be very grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing this. Your views really do help us to continuously improve the school. Thank you very much in advance for your help with this. Please return completed surveys (one per family) **by Friday 7th June.**

Safety reminders

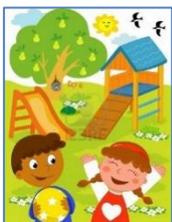
We work hard to ensure that our school site is as safe as possible for all children while they are in our care during the school day. However, we are also aware of the possible risks and dangers to pupils at other times, including when coming to school and going home, and when using local amenities such as the park near our school.

Road safety

- We have particularly congested roads around our school at pick up and drop off time. Please could all drivers park only where allowed (not on yellow lines or blocking kerbs) and drive slowly at all times.
- Children may not always appreciate the value of holding hands on pavements but it would be particularly helpful for our younger children in particular to do this. I will remind children of this also, as I know at times they can be reluctant to do this.
- It is wonderful to see more families cycling to school and making use of our new bike shed. Please could all cyclists wear a helmet to and from school (including our grown ups please). I would also advise anyone leaving their bike at school to use a secure lock.
- Please could all KS1 parents ensure that they bring their children to the classroom door, rather than letting them out of cars on the opposite site of the road and allowing them to come in alone.
- Please could all children and adults walk when on the school site – we do not allow anyone to ride a bike or scooter on the site due to the very high risk of injury to others, particularly very small children who may change direction at a moment's notice and could be seriously hurt.



General supervision of pupils in the local area



Please be vigilant if allowing your child to use the park near the school. For the vast majority of the time children play happily without any incident. However, there will be times when there are other members of the public using the area and I would recommend only allowing children to play in the park when supervised by parents or a trusted adult. If you do have any concerns about any members of the public in the area, please do contact the police by telephoning 101.



Sun Safety

As we are beginning to have much warmer weather, please remember to provide your child with a water bottle every day. We would also ask parents to apply sunscreen before school (8 hour+ protection can be helpful as it should provide protection for longer). Children may bring a named bottle of sunscreen to school (to be handed to the classteacher at the start of the day) but are expected to apply this for themselves if they wish to at lunchtime. If you send your child in with sunscreen, please can you make sure that they know how to apply this.

Sign up for '30 days wild'

The Wildlife Trust have a free campaign to encourage families and schools to connect with nature this June. Miss Newman ran this campaign with Year 1 last year and they really enjoyed it. Please read the details of the campaign and visit the link below to find out more.

<https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/40705/petition/1>

This June, we challenge you to do something wild every day. That's 30 simple, fun and exciting Random Acts of Wildness. We're giving you a free pack of goodies to help you plan your wild month, plus lots of ideas from your Wildlife Trust to inspire you to stay wild all throughout June (and beyond!). You'll also get inspiring emails from your Wildlife Trust, invites to exclusive events and a chance to join in on social media. To get your free 30 Days Wild pack, which includes a wallchart, a poster, an interactive booklet and some stickers to help you go wild, just select who is taking part and take the next step!



A message from the Governors

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Governors' Building Fund. Without this fund we are unable to make any improvements to our school site. It is important to note that many of the improvements we have made to our site, including those to improve safeguarding, could not have happened without the contribution to the projects from the school Governors' Building Fund.

We have a suggested donation of £30 a year (which works out as £10 a term or £2.50 a month) but any contribution will be gratefully received. The funds are now extremely low so any further improvements to our site and buildings may have to go on hold until we can increase the amount in the building fund through voluntary contributions.

Letters about the fund have been sent out recently but further copies can be obtained from the school office, along with standing order and gift aid forms. Thank you very much.

Love and hope in action – please remember to support our food bank collection

Thank you to members of our community who have donated items to our collection. Please remember that we have a box in our main reception area for donations to our local food bank (The Beacon Food Bank, Portsdown Community Church, Meridian Centre). Items needed include:

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| Coffee and Tea | Tinned Meat, tuna | Cooking Sauces |
| Pasta Sauces | Soup | Jam or Marmalade |
| Rice | Tinned Vegetables or Fruit | Meals in a tin |
| Sugar (500g) | Custard | Biscuits |
| Cereals | Rice Puddings | Bottles of Squash |



Staffing update

Mrs James and I will be holding interviews this week for a class teacher position. Once we have made an appointment I will be able to finalise details of our 2019/20 staff plan when we return after half term. We are seeking an experienced teacher to join the St Alban's staff team and it is very pleasing to see that the quality of applications received is very high.

I would also like to wish Mrs Skinner well and thank her for her contribution to St Alban's as she leaves her role this week. Thank you to Mrs Joliffe, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Brookes who will be covering Mrs Skinner's hours for the remainder of the year while we recruit a new member of the office team.

Mr Johnson will also be retiring at the end of the year and I would like to thank him for his dedication to the school as a class teacher for many years, and recently as our part-time sports coach. Mr Johnson's enthusiasm for PE and Games has been very beneficial to our school and we intend to work hard to maintain this high standard. You may see Mr Johnson around the school next year in a voluntary capacity so I am sure his enthusiasm for Sport will continue to inspire us all.

Reminders and updates

- Please remember that there is no school supervision before 8.45am on the site so it is important that children do not arrive before this time in the morning. Doors open at 8.45am (closing promptly at 8.55am). If your child arrives after the doors have been closed, please enter through main reception where your child will need to give their lunch order before going to class.
- Please remember to pass on the 60th year anniversary letter to past pupils of our school. We are hoping that past pupils will be able to visit the school during the morning on Wednesday 10th July to talk to classes and small groups. Remember also that children will need to bring a small afternoon tea to school on that day for their afternoon tea party celebration (covered and named please).

Sports day help

Sports day will be taking place on Friday 21st June this year (with our contingency day, in the case of poor weather, planned for Friday 28th June). This is always a fantastic event that children really look forward to each year. There is a very large amount of preparation for the day with a lot of help needed to set up before the KS1 event in the morning and also to help put things away at the end of the day, following the KS2 event in the afternoon. Staff arrive very early in the morning to help with this and stay afterwards to clear away and we were hoping that there would be parents who would be willing to help us with this task. If you are available, please could you give your name to the school office and let us know if you are available in the morning or at the end of the day (or both) and we will be in touch nearer the time with arrangements. Thank you very much.

Diary dates

Mon 27 th - Fri 31 st	Half term
June	
Friday 7 th	Class photos (& November individual photo absentees)
Thursday 13 th	Year 3 class worship – parents welcome (9.10am in the hall)
Friday 14 th	New Year R parent meeting 2.15pm
Thursday 20 th	Year 5 class worship – parents welcome (9.10am in the hall)
Friday 21 st	Sports day



Monday 24 th	Inset day
Wednesday 26 th	New Yr R children and parents visit to class 9.10am – 10.20am
Thursday 27 th	EYFS class worship – parents welcome (9.10am in the hall)
Friday 28 th	Sports day back up day
July	
Wednesday 3 rd	New YR children visit to class 9.10am – 10.20am (parents in hall)
Thursday 4 th	4pm - 6pm - Open evening
Monday 15 th	Reward tea party with Mrs Hordell 2.45pm
Tuesday 16 th	KS2 Summer concert 2.15pm
Wednesday 17 th	Transition morning KS2 Summer concert 6.30pm
Monday 22 nd	Year 6 Leavers' concert 2.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd	Eucharist (2.15pm at St Alban's Church) Last day of term