



A message from Mrs Hordell

Thank you to everybody who contributed to the success of our recent Sports' Day. Once more we were blessed with wonderful weather after many days of heavy rain, and it was great to see so many smiling faces as children took part in their races and supported each other. It was lovely to hear so many positive and kind comments from parents and family members. Thank you also to the HSA and volunteers for the food and drink stalls that they provided during the day and to all of the volunteers who helped us to set up and clear away.



This term in our worship we having been focusing on 'humility'. Humility is an important value in Christianity; Christians are called to a humility that challenges the values of our surrounding culture. Humility does not prevent us having a rightful satisfaction in the successful use of our talents or in a job well done, but it will always recognise that our gifts are from God and that, in relation to God, all human achievement is relatively small and short-lived.

'Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.' (Ephesians ch 4, v2)

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 suncream before school (8 hour+ protection can be helpful as it should provide protection for longer). Children may bring a named bottle of suncream 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 suncream, please can you make sure that they know how to apply this.

A fantastic afternoon of football

We recently hosted a Year 5 Boys football afternoon against Denmead Junior School. To start the afternoon two 7-a-side matches were played. In the first match, despite being 1-0 down at half time, St. Alban's came through to win 2-1 with second half goals from Boyd and Hayden. Ace and Dylan were magnificent in defence preventing further goals for Denmead.

In the second match St. Alban's won 6-0 with three goals from Henry, two from Stanley and one from Jackson. Ned had a really good game in goal, keeping a clean sheet! A really strong performance from the whole team ensured a great result. The matches were followed by two penalty competitions which St. Alban's won 1-0 and 2-1. The goalkeepers were on great form making for a close contest.

The afternoon was completed with a 10-a-side match that ended 2-2. This was a tight match with goals from Ned (who was not our keeper for this game) and Tom. An exciting finish was guaranteed with Matthew saving a penalty in the last minute!

A great afternoon, well done Year 5!

Mr Johnson, PE Leader

Year of Green Action - Bees' Needs DEFRA Champions

Well done to Miss Newman and everyone who has contributed to our school's success, winning a prestigious DEFRA award for the third time in a row. The selection panel were very keen to recognise this great achievement and representatives from our school will be collecting the award at the launch of Bees' Needs Week at Carnaby Street next week.





Planning for next academic year

We are in the process of finalising details for next academic year, including staffing plans, the calendar for the year and inset days and the school improvement plan. It is always a very busy time of year for all staff as they are also finalising reports and assessments. Details of inset days and class teachers are included below for your information.

Inset days 2019 to 2020

Wednesday 4th September

Monday 4th November

Friday 20th December

Monday 24th February

Monday 22nd June

Please remember that the May Bank Holiday has been changed by the Government and is now taking place on **Friday 8th May**.

Staffing update

All plans for September have been very carefully considered and are based on meeting the needs of our children. We have a strong team for September and a great deal of expertise within the staff.

Year R Mrs Fine and Mrs McLeish

Year 1 Miss Gaffney

Year 2 Mrs S James (Phase leader) and Mrs T James

Year 3 Miss Cork

Year 4 Miss King

Year 5 Mrs Cowdry (Phase leader)

Year 6 Ms Pangbourne

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) Mrs Meades

Miss Newman and Mrs Mogridge will also be covering release time, promoting specific curriculum areas and delivering additional interventions,

We have a very strong Learning Support Assistant (LSA) team at St Alban's and all classes will have the support of an LSA. The LSA team, managed by Mrs Meades, will be supporting children in classes and will also be delivering specific interventions to support children with additional needs.

Reminders and updates

- Please remember to update the school office if your contact details change to ensure that you receive all communications sent from school.
- Please can I urge all parents to park legally and considerately. We are receiving many complaints about parking over dropped kerbs, on 'keep clear' markings and yellow lines. **Parents who do this are not only inconveniencing residents but are putting the safety of our children at risk.** Please consider the children at our school, residents and other road users when making parking choices.
- Congratulations and very best wishes to our lunch supervisor Ms O'Donnell who was recently married. Ms O'Donnell will now be known as Mrs Twigg.

60th Anniversary Celebrations – Wed 10th July

Please remember to provide your child with a small afternoon tea on a paper plate, covered and labelled with your child's name on Wednesday 10th July. Children will have already eaten their lunch so please provide just a few small treats suitable for an afternoon tea.



Important reminder – bikes and scooters on site



Please remember that bikes and scooters **must not** be ridden anywhere on the school grounds at any time. This is a very important health and safety requirement that must be adhered to by all users of the school site. Please would all parents ensure that their children (including younger and older siblings) follow this rule at all times and walk alongside their bike or scooter.

Persistent riding of bikes or scooters may result in individuals not being allowed to enter the school site at all, as it is important to be able to keep all users of our site safe.



Please could you also remember that bikes and scooters left on the school site are left at the owners' own risk. We would strongly advise you to always take them home at the end of the day and ensure that you use a suitable lock when leaving them at school during the school day. Thank you .

Well done Jaxx!

Congratulations to Jaxx (Y3) for his fantastic water bottle design. Jaxx won the Portsmouth Water Bottle competition and his design will be used on the water bottles used by children in many schools in Portsmouth and Hampshire. The judges were very impressed with his artwork and choice of message that will appeal to the children who will be using these water bottles next year.



Diary dates

July	
Monday 8th	Bees' Needs DEFRA award presentation (Carnaby Street)
Monday 15 th	Reward tea party with Mrs Hordell 2.45pm
Wednesday 17 th	Transition morning
	2pm Celebration of music worship (KS2) – parents welcome to attend
Thursday 18 th	Year 4 Listen2Me performance to parents (3pm in the hall)
Monday 22 nd	Year 6 Leavers' concert (2.30pm)
Tuesday 23 rd	Eucharist (2.15pm at St Alban's Church) Last day of term