



Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2019

Safeguarding

As you know we are an 'Operation Encompass School' which means that we work closely with the Police supporting families and children that are victims of domestic violence. The Operation Encompass staff are now extending their remit and will be coming in to school to work with the children on their PHSE – Personnel, Health Social Emotional curriculum. They are keen to support families and inform them about their role in our community. In order to do this they will be organising a coffee morning/ drop session in the near future. If you would like any information about Operation Encompass before then please contact the school office.

Smarties tubes

Thank you to the families who have returned their Smarties tubes already. Our total currently stands at over £200. There is still time to return them if you have not done so already.

School caretaker

It has been brought to my attention that a petition has begun to re-instate our school Caretaker. Can I just inform parents that Mr Mitford is not employed by our School, he is employed by Newcastle City Council and it is our understanding that Mr Mitford is on sick leave.

Holidays

Can I just remind parents that our school policy clearly states that we cannot authorise ANY holiday in school time and the local authority will be notified and parents may be fined if they take their children out of school. Can I also inform parents of the seriousness of taking holidays in school time and **not** informing school or informing the school that a child is **sick** when they are on holiday. If information comes to light that a child is on holiday when the school has been informed that they are off school, sick the school will notify the Local Authority immediately.

School yard improvements.

We are in the process of planning some improvement to the school yard that we hope will be ready for September 2019. If parents have any Dressing-Up Clothes, Scooters or Wellington Boots that their children are finished with we would be very grateful if you could donate them to school for us to use.

SATs dates

Key Stage 2 SATS week will commence Monday 13th May. We would like to thank parents for their continued support with the extended hours for Year 6. More information about the arrangements of SAT week will be sent out to Year 6 parents next week. The last two booster sessions will take place on **Tuesday and Thursday** next week.



50 things to do.

Below is the final list of the 50 things we would like our children to do before, they leave St Alban's school. I am in the process of sharing them around our different classes. I hope to keep you informed when different classes have achieved one of the 50 things.

Tie your shoe laces

How to make an emergency phone call

Learn First Aid

Ride a bike

Learn the value of money

Make a sandwich

Learn to swim

Learn to sew (buttons)

Learn to tell the time

Grow some vegetables, fruit of flowers

Visit a care home

Dress yourself

Pick up plastic help the environment)

Use a knife and fork

Raise money for charity

Send/Post a letter

Be road safe

Visit a cathedral

Play a board game

Learn to skip

Change your own bed covers

Take part in a treasure hunt

Learn to knit

Make a den

Make a cup of tea

Learn sign language

Learn about Fire Safety

Fly a kite

Play Charades

Learn the value of health food (new food)

Read a map with a compass

Pick fresh fruit

Learn ALL your times tables

Dance in the rain

Go to the theatre

Repair a puncture

Build a sand castle

Have a picnic

Make bread

Visit a museum

Play a music instrument

Have a water fight

Paddle in the sea up to your knees

Send an email

Read a bus/ metro timetable

Learn a poem off by heart

Play conkers

Be in a newspaper

Wear your pyjamas to school

Travel on a train

