



# Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## **Reading**

We are changing the way we ask our children to read in school and hopefully outside of school. We have purchased different sets of books for each class that we ask the children to read every morning. We have allocated up to 30 minutes of whole class reading. The early indications of this are that the children are enjoying this, and we would like to build on this success. As well as developing a love for reading, stories and other authors, we hope to improve the children's vocabulary skills and reading stamina. These are very important aspects of reading for our children and they are tested at the end of each year. I have asked the children in Year 3, 4 5 & 6 to have their reading books and reading records in school every day. I have also asked the teachers to ensure that they are taken home every evening, to enable the children the opportunity to read at home with an adult. I would really appreciate your support with this, as reading is very important.

## **RE Questionnaires**

If you have not already done so, please could I ask that you return the questionnaires back to school, as I really would like to hear your feedback on RE in school.

## **Attendance & Punctuality**

Some parents and carers have received a letter with regards to either attendance or punctuality. These letters are a reminder that the children need to be in school every day and on time. The Government's national average for attendance in the whole school year is 95% and this is a target the governors of St Alban's want to achieve. Therefore we have put many strategies in place to support parents to achieve this. If you have received a letter and would like more information, please make an appointment with the school office to see me.

## **Shopping Evening**

We are organising a shopping extravaganza for parents and the wider community on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 here in school between 6pm and 7.30pm. It's an ideal opportunity to buy unique gifts. Cost of entry will be £1 which includes a cup of tea or coffee. We will be drawing a raffle on the night too. Tickets will be available from the school office from 30<sup>th</sup> October at £1 each. Prizes we have up to now are: a meal for 2, a bottle of champagne, a beauty voucher and an electronic tablet. We have a variety of local small businesses: Avon, candles, hair accessories, pottery, flowers, cards, vintage pictures, Christmas decorations, cakes and many more. Are you interested in being a seller rather than a buyer? Would you like to be part of the night? You can hire a table from us for £10, which will go The Friends of St Alban's Funds. If you are interested please contact Ms Parker in the school office.



## Mini Vinnies

I would like to thank all parents and the children on behalf of the Shoe Box Appeal, as the response this year has been phenomenal.

## Easy Fundraising.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for St Alban's RC Primary School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the Trainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stalbansrcprimaryschool/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and St Alban's RC Primary School will be really grateful for your donations.

## Dates

Please find below a list of dates for over the Christmas period. As you can appreciate these dates could change slightly but we will give as much notice as possible if this happens. Please make note of the **Inset Day** which is on the **1<sup>st</sup> December**. Again, we have tried to give you as much notice as possible of this day

Date	Event	Details
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Shopping Evening	6pm – 7.30pm School Hall
<b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Parish Christmas Fayre	1.30pm – 4pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Singing	10am Asda
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery & Reception Performance	10am School Hall
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 to 6 Performance	10am School Hall
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 to 6 Performance	2pm School Hall
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	Donation of chocolate for local charities
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day	NO Packed Lunches
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Pantomime	Customs House, Lambton Worm £10
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Whole School Mass	St Anthony's 1pm

**Return to school Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

