



Newsletter

Friday 11th January 2019

Happy New Year
to all our families. I hope 2019 bring Health and
Happiness to all our St Alban's community!

We welcomed the children back to school on Monday morning with a calm, peaceful and prayerful liturgy in the school Hall at 9 o'clock. The children were very reverent throughout and they all seemed to be ready for the new term ahead.

Autumn Term Attendance

Nursery 92%	Reception 94%	Year 1 96%	Year 2 95%	Year 3 95%	Year 4 96%	Year 5 97%	Year 6 96%
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Well done to Years 1, 4, and 6 who reached the Government average of 96% for their attendance.

A very well done to YEAR 5 who had the best attendance in school.

Just a reminder for parents that attendance and punctuality is something that is monitored very closely in school and if parents are thinking of taking holiday in term time, they will be reported to the Local Authority and may be fined.

Safeguarding

Can I just remind parents that myself and all the staff have a duty to safeguard children. Where necessary, this involves working with Social Services and Children's Social Care. Our current safeguarding policy is available on the school website for parents to view if they want to find out more details of how safeguarding operates in our school.

Autumn term House group winners.

I am pleased to say the children from St Catherine La Bore were the autumn term House Group winners. The St Catherine La Bore staff are organising a fun afternoon next Friday, 18th January. The children of St Catherine La Bore can come into school wearing purple clothes instead of their uniform on this day.

HOME Journals.

All of the children have received their new journal for this term. The journal should be taken home every night and brought to school every morning. Inside the journal is lots of information for parents about uniform, timetables and there is a home school agreement page to be signed. ***I ask parents to do this as soon as possible.***

On-line safety

I am sure lots of children received electronic gadgets as Christmas gifts this year. Can I just remind parents the importance of E-Safety and ask parents to monitor what their children are looking at online. Children have done lots of work with E-Safety in school and it would be nice if parents could follow this up with them at home.



Mrs Atkin

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Atkin has had a baby girl. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Nursery & Reception places for next September 2019

If any parent is thinking of applying or knows anyone wanting to apply for our Nursery or Reception classes next year, the following dates are really important.

Reception 2019: Closing Date is 15th January and you will be notified of the places on National Offer Day which is 16th April 2019.

Nursery 2019: Applications are now open. Applications, which can be picked up from the school office, close 18th March. Parents will be notified 29th March.

Black Shoes

Part of our school uniform policy, which is online and in your child's journal, is that the children wear black shoes for school. Lots of children have returned to school with lots of different coloured shoes. Please ensure that they are wearing black shoes/trainers as per the agreed policy.

Robinwood

Year 6 will be off to Robinwood at the end of the month. Year 6 staff will be having a meeting on Monday 14th January at 4.30pm, after the extended school day, to give parents more information.

Year 6 boosters Class.

As we have done in the past, year 6 children will be staying behind on a Monday and Thursday night to help with their SATS boosters. Can I just thank all year 6 parents for their support with this and also to staff who will be giving up their time.

Car Parking

There has been yet another incident outside of the school gates regarding parking. I have made my feelings clear to the council and the police that I truly believe that if some parents do not act more responsibly, a child will get hurt outside our school gates. I just want to remind parents that when parking incidents are reported to me, I ask the people making the report to inform the police of the incident as there seems to be little more school can do about it.

Lining –up in the School Yard

Can I thank Parents and Carers for standing outside of the green gates at the entrance to the yard on a morning so we can line the children up in a quiet, orderly fashion ready to start the school day.

Can I ask Reception and Nursery parents to please walk around the back of the children's lines instead of cutting in the front of the children's lines while the children are coming into school. It is important that we let the children walk into school in an orderly manner.

Can I remind parents that if their child is late for school in the morning, they must be signed into school at the school office.

Times Table Rock Stars

Mrs Gosling has registered all children to play a game called **Times Tables Rock Stars**. This can be accessed at School and at home on their iPads and laptops. The children know how to log in and play the game. This is good fun and will help support the children in learning their times tables. Would you please encourage the children to make use of this at home.

