

### St Alban's C of E Academy Newsletter





- Tuesday 10th October 2023 -Wear yellow for MINDS mental health.
- Thursday 12th October 2023 -Year 6 SATS and Whitemoor lakes meeting 3:45pm
- Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October 2023 – Parents evening for all children (Details on booking below)
- Friday 20th October 2023 Boys football at Manor Primary Academy
- Friday 20th October 2023 Break up for 2 week half term.
- Monday 6th November 2023 All children return to school.
- Friday 10th November 2023 -Remembrance memorial in school
- Monday 13th November 2023 -Wear odd socks for anti-bullying week
- Tuesday 14th November 2023 Year 4 Diwali assembly in school
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November in Need SPOTacular we spotty for Children in Ne



#### Dear parents and Carers

This week we have had the privilege of having an assembly lead by our MAT leaders, Mrs Cliff and Ms Guest. They visited to offer the opportunity to all children to take part in cross-school clubs, events and competitions. More information about this shall follow.

We have visited St. Alban's church to celebrate Harvest and have seen your wonderful children perform their songs, stories and poems. It takes a lot of courage to speak in front of an audience and use their big voices in a large space. We are proud of what they achieved and how wonderfully they walked to and from the church too!

See the photo below of the collection that your have kindly donated to the church and surrounding support networks. Rev. Tom shall collect these donations on Monday and is very grateful. THANK YOU!

We look forward to working with the church again at Christmas time and every week in our Worship assemblies.

Thank you to all the children who have applied for ambassador and advocate roles in school – I have had LOADS of applications which we shall be calling children to interview for. It may be that your child is offered an alternative role if the position they have applied for has been really popular!



# parent's Evening

This will be taking place in school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October in school between 3:30pm and 6pm on both evenings.

You can begin booking slots via BROMCOM on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 5pm. These slots are allocated on first come first serve basis. We really hope that you can attend to discuss your child's progress and attainment for this half term.

# Attendance and punctuality

Each week, we continue to award a Dojo point for being on time and in school every day! This Dojo is given each Friday afternoon to celebrate whole class attendance as well as individual attendance.

If your child's class has more than 98% for the week and is the top attending class, their class will receive 15 minutes of extra free time this week.

This week's top attenders as a class are Nursery again!!!

If you child is still working towards 98% or above for their attendance — THANK YOU! You are working towards that half termly wrist band rewards.

### Uniform -

This week I have seen some children who are not in full school uniform. This includes trainers and coloured shoes instead of black shoes and hoodies instead of school jumpers or cardigan. Whilst I appreciate that shoes begin to malfunction after a few weeks after they have had the playground test, I also see the same children who have worn the same incomplete uniform for a few weeks in a row now. We won't nag children about uniform as they are not in control of when new school shoes can be purchased but I do wish to ask you're your support in ensuring that your child wears their correct uniform and bring the correct PE kit. We give an extra dojo point to children in the correct uniform each week so don't let them miss out.

## points of contact

Please can I remind parents of the correct points of contact when they wish to ask a question or address an issue. If you have a question or your child comes out of school with a problem that they feel has been unresolved, please speak to your child's class teacher for them to resolve the problem.

Class teacher will also approach you to speak to you if there has been an incident that they have dealt with — sometimes they deal with incidents but don't pass on every incident to you if it has been a one off.

If you have had an ongoing issue which the class teacher has not been able to resolve, this will then be passed on to the phase leader. It may be that children who are causing concerns and disturbing the learning in their room eed to spend some time away from their classroom completing their work in the phase leaders room. Phase leaders will make you aware of this.

Please continue to arrange appointments via the school office, if you wish to discuss an issue with class teachers. You can also speak to me about school wide issues at the gate.

## parking

I have had quite a few parents who have raised concerns over the way that parents are parking, the speed at which parents are approaching the gates and also about some parents who are taking it upon themselves to park on double yellow lines and yellow zig zags. It saddens me to hear that some parents are not thinking carefully about the danger that they place our children in when they are not considerately parked. Parking over yellow lines means that the view of the road is less visible, and this means that we could have an accident between cars or worse, one of our children could be injured by oncoming cars. Please could I ask you to park considerably or even better — set out a little earlier and walk to school! This would help to promote healthy lifestyle choices and help to reduce our carbon footprint and look after our environment!

Here is your e-safety support poster I shall send these out as a separate attachment so that you can more easily read them.



#### <u>Safeguarding</u>

If you have any safeguarding concerns, you can contact MASH on: 01902 555392 (9am – 5pm). Out of office hours contact the emergency duty team on 01902 552999 or in an emergency call 999. Alternatively, you can call Child Line on 0800 1111 or email them by visiting <a href="https://www.childline.org">www.childline.org</a>.

Please also feel free to come and speak to either Mrs Wooldridge, Mrs Abbiss, or Miss Bradford. We will always listen and try to help.

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, children can wear yellow in support of MINDS mental health. Dress in yellow and show that you support the young mind charity.





### Coming soon...

