

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## St Alban's C of E Primary School

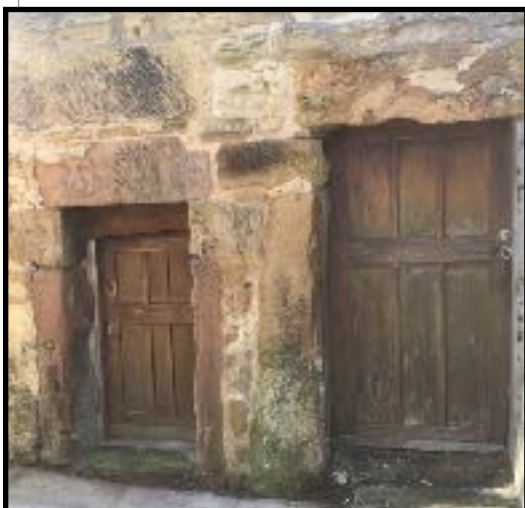
### House Leader Update

On Monday, we announced our new house leaders. This year the quality of applications has been outstanding and we feel blessed to have such talented children in our school. Each Head of House has been allocated a specific role. Roles include administrator, marketer, presenter and pupil voice leader. Following our recent house leader zoom meeting, our heads are now busy finding out a safe way to collect house points and gather our pupils' opinions.

This term, house leaders are going to plan virtual assemblies, write articles for our school website and work on a project to bring together our school community. St Alban's is well known for being a small family school. All of our children know each other well and older children like to take care of younger pupils. We are conscious that our children are separated by bubbles, no longer meeting in collective worship or mixing at lunchtime on the playground. So we are going to work hard with house leaders to try and find a way to make our school community come together safely without breaking bubbles. We look forward to sharing our children's ideas.

### Wickersley Dame School

This week, Wickersley Parish Council introduced school to a local historian who is using her expertise to bring our curriculum alive! Revealing local treasures and interesting stories about Wickersley. Due to Covid restrictions, school trips are on hold. Always the optimists, we are going to see these restrictions as an opportunity to explore our local environment. Wickersley, like so many local villages has untold stories that we want our children to learn about at school. Here is a lovely little story- have you heard of 'Wickersley Dame School'?



It is located at the rear of Sorby's Hairdressers and can be accessed from Morthen Road on a narrow footpath which links through to Sitwell Terrace. It looks more like a coal shed or outhouse. The story goes that the larger door was for the teacher and the smaller door for the children. When a child was too tall to enter through the small door, standing upright, they were deemed 'big enough' for work.

If you have any old photos or stories to share with school then please get in touch.

## Gate

Thank you for wearing masks at the school gates. We want to take every precaution possible to keep our bubbles open during this pandemic.

We appreciate your patience at home time. Releasing two hundred and forty-four children from three small gates has been a challenge. Having said that, our children are much quicker at leaving the playground and each day is getting better. Because children are exiting quicker, we are now lining classes up at 2:55pm to exit at 3:00pm. As winter draws closer, we aim to get to a point where we can line up at 3:00pm, minimising the time children and parents are waiting in the cold weather.

## Wickersley Park

Wickersley Parish Council have informed us that recently Wickersley Park was vandalised. If you have any information then please can you contact Wickersley PC at (01709) 703270.

## School Dinners

Taylor Shaw (our dinner provider) are pleased to announce that from the 5th October they can offer a hot school dinner option. Children can look forward to hot roast dinners and jam sponge and custard. Next week we will post new menus on our website. Simply order your child's lunch on Lunchhound. If you need any further information on how to do this please contact school office.

## Virtual Collective Worship

In collective worship we are continuing to 'walk through the Bible'. Last week, we finished learning about **Trust** through the book of Joshua and this week we have discussed **Loyalty** through the book of Ruth. Answering questions such as, what does loyalty mean to you? Are you a loyal friend? Can you always be loyal?

At the end of collective worship we recite a breathing prayer. This is a 'mindful' prayer that helps children focus on the good things in life.

### Breathing Prayer

Breathe in love... Breathe out hate...

Breathe in joy... Breathe out worries...

Breathe in kindness...Breathe out silly actions...

Breathe in goodness... Breathe out anger...

