

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## St Alban's C of E Primary School

### Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th November, Cheryl Jones, who sells poppies in the local community will be leading our whole school virtual collective worship. In this service, we will pause at 11 o'clock and be silent for 2 minutes to remember those who served and those who have sacrificed their lives to defend our nation. At St Alban's we will be silent as an act of kindness and respect.

From Monday 9th November, children will have an opportunity to buy a poppy in their classroom. To keep everyone safe, children will put their contribution into a sealed collection box. We are asking teachers NOT to handle money. So if you would like your child to receive a poppy then please bring their voluntary contribution to school next week.

### Flu Immunisation Catch up Sessions

If your child missed their flu immunisation and you would like to rearrange a catch up session, please call 03333 583397 option 7. A list of catch up sessions can be found in the '**parent letter**' section of our school website.

### Thank you Ines!

One of our year 1 pupils, Ines, wanted to help key stage 2 raise money to develop the KS2 playground. With the support of her parents, Ines, developed a fundraising campaign. Within four days, she managed to raise £195 but is still continuing with her campaign. Thank you so much Ines, you are such a blessing to our school. For further information check out:

<https://www.gofundme.com/wb6ckw-new-playground-equipment>



### History Walk Around Wickersley

Before half term, year 2 went on a local history walk to discover some of Wickersley's hidden gems. They found the old post office, a house with a barn that kept animals downstairs, the old sweet shop, Wickersley stocks and numerous grindstones. The children were extremely well behaved and asked so many interesting questions.

A few children enjoyed the tour so much that during the holidays they took their parents on a guided tour of the village. Well done year 2.

Wickersley Parish Council recently updated their website with a whole section dedicated to the history of

Wickersley. For more information see: <https://www.wickersleypc.org.uk/>

## Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra money for school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

If you think that your child is eligible, then please contact Mrs Horner (School Business Manager) at [stalbans@sap.dsat.education](mailto:stalbans@sap.dsat.education) for a claim form.

## Children in Need

On 13th November children can come to school dressed in something spotty for Children in Need. In school we will be looking at the '**Five to Thrive**' activities that shares ideas on how to boost physical and mental wellbeing. The initiative has five key themes that are, connect, take notice, get active, be curious and give.

To keep safe, we will not be collecting money on the day. If you choose to donate then please do this on the Children in Need website or by texting the amount you would like to donate to 70701. To donate £5 you need to text FIVE to 70701.

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