

# ST ALBAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Educating for life in all its fullness (John 10:10)

At the beginning of each month look out for our school newsletter. It includes important dates and will collate news from Class Dojo. Our aim is to ensure that all parents feel fully informed about the fantastic things that are happening at our school.

## Class Dojo

Class Dojo has proved to be a useful method of communicating with parents. We do value your messages, and for working parents it is a practical way of communicating with teachers.

However, I am concerned that teachers are replying to class dojo messages in the evening and at weekends. For this reason, I've asked teachers to check messages in their PPA time or at the end of the school day (in their working hours). If you need to urgently speak to the class teacher, then please call the school office and they will ask the teacher to call you.

Teacher welfare is incredibly important and we need our teachers to rest in their free time so that they can give their best to the children during their working hours.



## Football

Last week Andrew Waldron, (DSAT CEO) visited school and met all of our children. Following the visit we received a heart warming email that commented on the children's behaviour. 'The behaviour of very happy children was impeccable and the atmosphere was lovely.' I often receive messages from visitors congratulating our children's behaviour. The children really are a credit to you and the school.

Having said that, we continue to have daily issues with football. On the pitch, our polite, well mannered children can become very emotional and display behaviour that is not the St Alban's way. For this reason I have put a temporary ban on football.



## Football continued...

It is my job to make sure that all children feel safe and secure at school and some children do not feel safe when they play football at school. Mrs Jepson is going to work with staff and sports leaders to solve this problem.

In the next few weeks, we will relaunch football with agreed teams, a referee system and consequences for receiving red cards.

When I speak to other head teachers, football appears to be an ongoing issue in all schools. However, we do not want to be complacent. Please be reassured that during the ban the children are getting lots of exercise on the playground, with opportunities to play cricket, basketball, tennis and run the daily mile. For some reason, other sports do not seem to enthuse the same emotion. Please support school with this temporary ban as we look forward to relaunching football in the next few weeks.

## Parents Evening

Our face to face parents evening is on **Tuesday 8th November**. Parents will be allocated ten minutes to discuss their child's learning. The meeting will take place in the school hall. Mrs Horner will send out further information explaining how you can book this face to face meeting.

Teachers are also organising virtual parent meetings in their PPA. These meetings will be via zoom and organised through the class teacher.

Keeping you fully informed about your child's education is very important to us, So far each class teacher has hosted parent welcome meetings and we are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Autumn parents evening.

## House Leader Board

House	Points	Position
Jordan	232	1st
Jericho	217	2nd
Sinai	201	3rd
Carmel	179	4th

In September, each house leader has led a whole school assembly. In the assembly they introduced themselves and discussed their house value. Servant leadership is a value that we promote at St Alban's and our house leaders are here to serve! House leaders are role models and a voice for our children. If your child would like to improve something in our school then they can discuss this with their house leader. Each house has a suggestion box in the hall. If your child has any ideas then encourage them to pop their suggestions in the box. The children's voice matters!

Here is a reminder of the value that each house stands for:

**Jordan: We are aspirational.**

**Jericho: We are resilient.**

**Sinai: We seek wisdom.**

**Carmel: We are courageous.**

These are values that we try to promote at school as we believe these values develop good character.

## Collective Worship

In collective worship we have been learning about praise prayers. We begin these prayers by looking at our wonderful world. Isn't it amazing that a tree's leaves turn golden brown. The tree knows how to grow and provides oxygen for us to breath. Isn't it amazing that the tree is designed this way and does this automatically!

We encourage our children to look at how amazing the world is, we encourage them to be curious and take a moment to say 'wow.' After these thoughts children may choose to thank their God, or they may just choose to focus on the wonder of their thoughts. These praise prayers are a form of worship that really help children to take a moment and settle their busy minds.

## Important Dates

<i><b>October</b></i>	
3rd October 4:00pm-5:00pm	Y6 London Meeting
7th October	Rugby Festival
11th October	Individual School Photos
11th October	Harvest Festival in School, please donate non perishable foods.
13th-14th October	Year 5 residential to the Oakes
19th -21st October	Year 6 London Residential
31st October	School INSET, School closed for all pupils

## ***November***

1st November	Pupils Return to o school
4th November 2:20-3:00	Foundation 1 Parent Meeting
8th November (3pm-5:30pm)	Face to face parents evening

## ***December***

6th December	Nursery Nativity (am) Reception Nativity (pm)
7th December 1pm-4pm	Whole school trip to the pantomime
8th December	Year 1 Nativity (pm) Year 2 Nativity (am)
12th December	Year 3 Production (am) Year 4 Production( pm)
13th December	Year 5 Production (am) Year 6 Production (pm)
14th December	Christmas Day (Christmas dinner and children can wear Christmas clothes)
16th December	School closes at 1:30pm

## Winter is coming

As the cold weather approaches please make sure that your child has extra warm clothes. At St Alban's we try to make sure that our children go out in all weathers- fresh air is good for them!

Our lost property section is getting bigger... all labeled clothes are returned to children so please label everything.

Thank you,

Mrs Gurner