

# ST ALBAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## Parent and Carer Meetings

Yesterday you should have received a link to book your child's parent and teacher meeting.

These meetings will be taking place on Friday 31st March from 8:30am-3:20pm. School will be closed to all children on this day. If you are unable to attend this meeting, then please contact the class teacher to arrange a suitable time.

The meetings are face to face and will take place in the school hall. Children are welcome to attend the meeting.

Please keep to the times allocated. If a longer discussion is needed, then the class teacher will arrange a follow up meeting.

## The School Day

After the Easter holiday, to meet our statutory requirement, we will increase our school day by 10minutes each day. Our current school day is an 8:40am start with a 3:00pm finish, from the 17th April this will change to a 8:30am start and a 3:00pm finish.



## Save the Date

### The King's Coronation

The Coronation of His Majesty The King will take place on Saturday 6th May. To mark this historical event, St Alban's will be hosting a family picnic on the school field. Families are invited to this event from 12pm.

If families are unable to attend the picnic, then please don't worry, children can stay with the class teacher and join in with the celebrations.

After Easter, we will send out a letter with further information.

### KS2 Spelling Meeting

I am not having much luck rearranging the KS2 parents spelling meeting and I'm keen to move on to other curriculum subjects.

So this week, I will record a virtual KS2 spelling presentation and post a link on class dojo. If you would like to discuss any topics covered in the presentation, then please message me and I'll happily meet with you.



## PTA Events

Easter Fair - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Auction - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Summer Disco - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Summer Fair - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

If you would like to support the PTA at any of these events, then please contact Mrs Shemwell.

Many hands make light work!

## We are all mathematicians!

Come to our latest maths parents meeting to find out about maths at St Alban's.

**What are the 5 Big Ideas in Maths Mastery?**

**What is fluency in Maths?**

**Enjoy having the time to do some maths.**

Date: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Time: 2:15pm-3:00pm

Venue: School Hall

Audience: All parents welcome



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## Young Voices- 9th February 2023

### Future Snow Days

Covid introduced schools to the world of virtual teaching. Meaning that teachers now have the capacity to deliver lessons to children on snow days.

At St Alban's we have decided that on the first day of a snow day there will be no virtual online zoom sessions. Children will be asked to complete homework tasks set by the class teacher on class dojo.

Snow days can be stressful and disruptive. Having this agreement, limits pressure on staff, parents and children.

Also, I've been a teacher for 19 years. In this time, I've experienced a handful of snow days. It feels wrong that on this rare occasion, we are asking children to spend the day on a screen.

If snow causes disruption for two days, then on the second day, virtual lessons will commence like they did during lockdown.

## Under the spotlight: Music

Music is all around us. It is the soundtrack to our lives. Having the opportunity to study and explore music is not a privilege, it is a vital part of a broad and ambitious curriculum.

At St Alban's we love how music brings us together, from whole-school singing or through the love of listening to each other performing.

From nursery to year 6, we steadily increase the development of musicianship through, singing, listening, composing and performing, including instrumental performance.

At St Alban's, all children learn how play the glockenspiel and after Easter we are excited to introduce recorders in years 2- 6.

After the holidays, each child will be given a recorder, to keep while they are at St Alban's. Using the recorder, children will be taught how to read and write music.

We want to fill our school with the sound of music! Hopefully, very soon, you will hear the sound of recorders around school and in your homes!



## Important Dates

<https://wsap.academy/events/>

### March

27th March	Year 2 class visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
28th March	PTA Easter Fair
31st March	School closed to pupils - INSET. Parent/teacher meetings in the hall. Further information to follow.

### April

17th April	All children return to school. School starts at 8:30am.
25th April	Year 5 trip to Weston Park
26th April	PTA Auction
28th April	Mathematics Parent Workshop, 2:15 in the hall.

### May

1st May	Bank Holiday
4th May	Class Photos
5th May	School picnic in the playground, to celebrate the coronation
9th-12th May	SAT Week (Year 6 Class)

Wishing you all a blessed Easter Holiday.

Mrs Gurner

Head teacher