

ST ALBAN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Welcome

As usual it's been a very busy half-term at St Alban's. We have had some fantastic trips and visits, including Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Yorkshire Sculpture Park and our (delayed) Young Voices event.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have been involved in our parent mornings, workshops and volunteered to accompany children on school trips. It's amazing to feel that school is a hub in our community.

A particular highlight this half-term was when our Year 4s won a times tables competition within our group of schools (DSAT). We are so proud of them all!



Keep an eye on the calendar because we have much more happening as we move into the Summer term. Something new is our participation in the Wickersley Walking Festival on the 11th May - keep an eye on ClassDojo and texts for more information after the Easter Holidays.



Easter Fair

Thank you to everyone who participated in our amazing Easter Fair at the end of term. Children loved playing hoopla, choose a carrot, guess how many sweeties in the jar and, of course, the Easter egg hunt!

It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and grandparents coming to join in at the end of the day - without you we wouldn't be able to put on such amazing events for our children.

This event was organized by the PTA and raised around £450. Fantastic!



PE Uniform Reminder

As we move into the Summer term, please ensure that children continue to maintain the same high expectations that they have done all year with their uniform.

On PE days, children can wear:

- A plain white t-shirt
- Black hoodie or sweatshirt (no logos or colours)
- Black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms
- Black trainers are preferable, but we understand that this isn't always possible.



Each year group now has a box of brand-new spare PE kit to ensure that no one misses out. Pupils in incorrect uniform can borrow a black hoodie for the day.



We are holding an information afternoon on Monday 22nd April for people interested in being involved with the PTA.

Emails will be sent to those who have already expressed an interest, but anyone can join. You don't have to commit to anything by coming, just a cup of tea and a chat (and maybe a biscuit).

Collective Worship



It has been wonderful to share thoughts and prayers about Lent and the run-up to Easter this half-term. Our children have made some wonderful promises and sacrifices during this time to show their dedication to God, and their understanding of Jesus' forty days in the desert.

Next half-term we will be finishing our work on Easter, looking at the resurrection of Jesus, and then moving onto a theme of Generosity. Children will reflect on what the Bible says about being generous with time as well as money.

In classroom prayer areas, pupils will have prompts for generous deeds they can do throughout the week. Expect lots of random acts of kindness in St Alban's during April and May!

A prayer for generosity:

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous;
Teach me to freely serve others as you
served us,
To give and not to count the cost,
To toil and not seek for rest,
To labour and not to seek reward,
Except that of knowing that
I do your will.
Amen

My Happy Mind

My Happy Mind is our school's preventative program that supports positive mental health and resilience.

This half-term children have been looking at Relate.

A key part of Relate is all about Active Listening to build healthy relationships with others.

A sentence stem we have used in school, which you might as your child to use at home, is:

"I used active listening when....."

One quotation we have kept revisiting is:

'A friend is one of the best things you can have and one of the best things you can be.'

This half term we are completing the Engage module. Engage explores why goals matter so much to our happiness as individuals. Children then look at the goals they are pursuing and how they'll feel when they achieve them.

You could talk to your child about their short and long-term goals over the Easter holidays.

- What do you really want to achieve in school next term?
- How can we help?
- What do you want to achieve outside of school?



Spotlight on... Art

Year 5 have been studying the abstract art movement and the work of Kandinsky.



They read The Noisy Paintbox which is an exuberant celebration of creativity. Barb Rosenstock and Mary GrandPré tell the fascinating story of Vasily Kandinsky, one of the very first painters of abstract art.



Children in Year 4 visited Yorkshire Sculpture Park as part of their learning about sculpture. They also invited parents in for their final piece of work, creating some amazing pieces from boxes, pipe cleaners, matchsticks and clay.



Important Dates

Date and Time	Event
Monday 15th April	Return to school
Tuesday 16th April	Year 5 Trip to Weston Park
Tuesday 16th April	Year 6 Victorian Afternoon
Thursday 18th April	Year 5 swimming lessons start (weekly)
Monday 22nd April	PTA meeting for new and interested members 2.15pm
Thursday 25th April	SEND Parent Coffee Club
Thursday 2nd May	Class Photographs
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Wednesday 8th May	Parent Workshop- Spelling (repeat of Autumn)
Friday 10th May	Year 2 Parent Event - Textiles
Friday 10th May	PTA Bingo Night
Saturday 11th May	Wickersley Walking Festival Walk from St Alban's
Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May	Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments (Y6 SATs)
Monday 20th May	Reception trip to Sundown Adventureland
Thursday 23rd May	Year 6 Local Walk
Friday 24th May	Holy Communion in Church Parents welcome
Friday 24th May	Break up for half-term
Monday 3rd June	Return to school

For all the latest dates, please subscribe to the school calendar on our website.
<https://wsap.academy/events/month/2024-02/>