



# ST. ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## *October 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 Newsletter*

Dear parents

**This Sunday's Gospel we read about the Samaritan who thanked Jesus. For us too, there are many blessings in life for which we can be thankful and it's always worth giving thanks to God.**

*"The heart that knows how to say 'thank you' is a good heart. May we always say 'thank you' to God and to one another.*  
**Pope Francis**

### **World Mental Health Day**

Yesterday was World Mental Health Day and in our assembly we launched our 'Happiness' theme. We encouraged the children to think positively and reflect on what makes them happy. It would be great to have a conversation at home about *what has made you smile today?* A flyer is attached for a free Mental Health & Wellbeing Support available online seven days a week..

### **Handball**

Our Year 6 pupil's took part in a Handball festival at Willow Sports Centre and they really enjoyed the opportunity to be able to play a new sport. They started with crab Handball first and then progressed on to playing Handball against the other schools. The children really enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot also they performed really well. Well done to all that took part!

### **Flu Vaccination**

The date for the flu vaccine has been changed to December 16<sup>th</sup> 2019. I have attached the booking information.

### **Half Term Activities**

Attached is the October Half Term Activity Guide being held at the Children's Centre

### **Poppy Appeal**

Members of Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Association, an auxiliary branch of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community will be coming into school on October 18<sup>th</sup> to bring our poppies for this year's appeal. The Community has been working with the Royal British Legion for many years and fundraising thousands of pounds for the poppy appeal across the United Kingdom.

## **SENCO**

Miss Leatham is working one day a week in her SENCO role at present. This is usually a Wednesday.

## **KS1 Warwick Castle visit**

Year 1 and 2 will be visiting the castle on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Online payment is now available. Please can you make sure you also tick the consent box.

## **Y6 Briars Residential**

Y6 will have their residential visit to the Briars next year from Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> until Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020. There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020** to finalise the arrangements and to give out all forms that need signing. A reminder will be sent out closer to the date. Online payment is available. Please ensure you tick the consent box.

## **Parent's Evening meetings**

These will be held on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs Leatherland, Miss Liddane, Mrs Foottit, Mrs Mendonca and Mrs James will start their Parent's Evening meetings at 4:15pm on the 24th, just in case of a delay getting back from Warwick Castle. All other classes meetings will start at 3:40pm on all three days.

## **Aldi's Kit for Schools**

Please continue sending your stickers into school. Every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit. Whenever you spend £30 in store you will be given a sticker.

## **Coats/Uniforms**

If you have any coats or uniform, in good condition, please would you consider sending them into school. As we approach the wet, muddy, winter months, it is always handy to have spare clothes in school. Thank you so much to those who have already donated. It is much appreciated.

## **Safeguarding**

A reminder for parents that if you have any safeguarding concerns about any children in school. The Designated Safeguarding Leads are myself (Mr Monaghan), Mrs Johnson and Mrs Wilson. Our safeguarding governor is Mrs Clare Cuomo who can be contacted via the school office. We also have an out of hours e-mail for any concerns that need to be shared with the school during holidays- [safeguarding@stalbans.derby.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stalbans.derby.sch.uk)

## **Permission slip/ contact details.**

If you change address or mobile numbers, please notify the school office with the new information. It would also be helpful to have at least two emergency contact numbers.

If any permissions have changed, or simply if you would like to check we have the correct information, please contact Mrs Cartlidge in the school office.

Information is sent by text and email. If you receive a text saying an email has been sent and you do not receive it, please contact the school office.

Have a good weekend!

*Mr Monaghan*

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