

Autumn Two: Friday 6th November 2020

Important Dates

Thursday 12th November – Please ensure any children that are taking part in the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal have brought them into school by this date.

Friday 13th November – Celebrating Diwali. Children can come to school dressed in traditional Indian clothing/dress or head to toe in bright colours.

Friday 20th November – INSET Day. Children not at school.

Message of the week

The children have returned to school looking very smart and extremely eager to please and learn. Keep this up St Alban's. You are doing a fantastic job, even in these strange times.



Arrival and Dismissal

We are extremely grateful for parents and carers supporting us at both arrival and dismissal times and we would like to say a massive thank you to all of those that are wearing facial coverings and adhering to the social distancing guidelines when arriving at school.

Please note we are trying to reduce the amount of face-to-face contact between adults and this means that teachers and support staff within the classrooms are unable to speak with parents/carers at this time on the door: they are there to welcome and support the children into the classroom. If you would like to pass a message to the class teacher though, please see Mrs Abbiss who is located on the KS1 playground and will pass your message on, or you are welcome to ring the school office on 01902 558825 to arrange a convenient time for a consultation.

Remembrance Day – 11th November

This year's poppy sales will be slightly different to all previous years. The children will have a designated selection of poppy memorabilia within each classroom which children will be able to purchase from Monday 9th November to Wednesday 11th November. Unfortunately, once this has all gone, there will be no more deliveries.

Children can bring a range of coins to donate for these items.

Poppy badges – £2.00

Slapbands – £1.00

Cotton wristbands – £1.00

Rubber wristbands – 50p

Rulers – 50p

Rubbers/Sharpeners – 50p

Reflector Poppies – £1.00

Paper Poppies – 20p



Diwali Day – Friday 13th November

On the afternoon of Friday 13th November, children will celebrate Diwali with a range of exciting learning opportunities.

Children are welcome to come to school dressed in traditional Indian clothing/dress or in head to toe bright colours.



Maths homework

Children's homework for the next few weeks will focus on number bonds/times tables. We have devised a range of progressive challenges across school that will build on children's quick fluency and recall skills. This approach is based on something called "Ipsative Learning" where the aim is for children to time themselves each time they completing the problems, make a record of this time, then the next time they complete it they aim to beat this time.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultations will be held on Tuesday 1st December and Wednesday 2nd December. Unfortunately, at this time, we cannot invite parents/carers into school so these consultations will be held via Microsoft Teams. More information will be shared regarding this next week.

