



## Autumn One: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

### Important dates

Week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Half term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Return to school

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Nasal Spray – Reception to Y6



### Own Clothes Day

Children can wear their own clothes to school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October as a way to celebrate the fantastic first half term they have had.

### A Massive Thank You

We would like to say a humungous thank you to our parents, carers, community and children for all of the hard work and dedication they have put into supporting school this half term. It has been an extremely strange start to a school year, but everyone's perseverance and dedication has shone through.

We have had some fantastic comments from parents and carers about how positive the school atmosphere is and how well the children have been supported in their return.

We look forward to the second half term after the week's break.

### A Message from Our Community

One of our parents and carers shared this poem with us this week on Twitter.

What a lovely way to celebrate all of the hard work put into the reopening of school from our staff, parents and children.

Governors also met virtually on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October and celebrated the achievements of school this half term. One of our parent governors even shared how positively St Alban's C of E has been celebrated within the community for the return to school. Well done everyone!

'T'was the week before half term and all through the land  
The teachers were tired of washing their hands  
Of cleaning the desks, and the drawers and the pens  
Of reminding their class not to cuddle their friends  
Of handgel and soap, of bleach and of wipes  
Of passwords and google and all things that swipe  
Of trying to stand at the length of a lion  
From friends whose shoulders they wanted to cry on

T'was the week before half term and all through the land  
The parents were trying to make up great plans  
That don't involve meeting, or greeting, or places  
That in these strange times don't resemble safe spaces  
They look to the teachers, and all they have done  
To make school inviting, inspiring and fun  
To see past the problems, the issues and rules  
To bring back the joy and excitement of school

Thank you being the safe place, the learning  
For standing there strong with the children returning  
For finding solutions that don't feel so strange  
With no funds or magicians to help you arrange  
For stories and spellings and phonics and play  
For taking the fear of this moment away

Esther Nzenza October 2020

### Parent Mail

A document has been shared on ParentMail and sent out with children today regarding downloading the app. It is extremely important that all parents and carers have access to this as we continually communicate via this channel and we do not want anyone to miss out on important information. Please contact the school office on 01902 558825 if you have any issues.

### PE days for Autumn 2

Nursery and Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Monday and Friday

Year 2 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 3 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 6 – Tuesday and Wednesday