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St Alban's C of E Academy Newsletter

Autumn term: Friday 29nd September 2023



Important Dates for the diary

Please use our school website to find
our school term dates for this next year.

- **Wednesday 4th October 2023** – KS2 (year 3,4,5 and 6) at St. Alban's church for Harvest assembly
- **Thursday 5th October 2023** – Early Years (reception and Nursery) and KS1 (Year 1 and 2) at St. Alban's church for Harvest assembly
- **Tuesday 10th October 2023** – Wear yellow for MINDS mental health.
- **Wednesday 18th October 2023** – Parents evening – more information to follow about booking a time.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Doesn't time fly when you are having fun. I have been at St. Alban's one whole month now! 4 weeks of this wonderful school. I really have had the most amazing time getting to know how your children and the community work. Thank you once again for your kind words at the gate and support that has been shown over this period.

This week we have been learning about our school VISION. I print it each week in our letter but I don't think we actually knew much about it as a school. We have signed and sung the vision in our Worship time and its beginning to sound super! Ask you child to sing our vision to you and keep your eyes open for a recording of this vision in action in the future!

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Harvest celebrations –

Next Wednesday and Thursday, we shall be celebrating Harvest at St Alban's Church. EYFS and KS1 will be walking down to the church and holding their assembly from 1:45pm on Wednesday 4th October. KS2 will be walking down and having their assembly from 1:45pm on Thursday 5th October. All parents are welcome to attend this event at the church. Please meet us at the church at 1:45pm to see your children perform in the Harvest celebration. It really means a lot to our children to see one familiar face who is supporting them.

If you are available to help us set up chairs for the event, we would really appreciate this help as the church has other groups in the morning which means that we cannot set up before school begins. You would just need to be available at the church at midday (12:00) and we will just put chairs into rows...you'll also get front row seats as you'll be there before any other parents arrive!



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We would like to start collecting non-perishable items for our Harvest offering. This could include jar, tins or packet food – items that cannot go off. These donations will be made to The Well, St Alban's Church and the Good Shephard. We have had a very small number of donations made so far – thank you for these! Let's fill our table to give to our Harvest offering.

Attendance and punctuality

Each week, we continue to award a Dojo point for being on time and in school every day! This Dojo is given each Friday afternoon to celebrate whole class attendance as well as individual attendance.

If your child's class has more than 98% for the week and is the top attending class, their class will receive 15 minutes of extra free time this week.

This week's top attenders as a class areNursery again with 98%

If your child is still working towards 98% or above for their attendance – THANK YOU! You are working towards that half termly wrist band rewards.



Class Dojo

We move on this week to see more children who are gaining 50 Dojo points for showing our school values.

50 points means that children can begin to change their avatar and personalise the way that it looks. There will be another opportunity in the year to update the avatar's wardrobe again! I think I shall dress my avatar in her winter wellies for now!



Uniform –

As we are walking to the church this week, it is really important that we have the correct and suitable clothing to suit the weather. Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and sensible shoes as we shall try to get to the church even if we have a bit of rain!

I am still seeing children come into school without a coat in this milder weather. Even if your child does not want to wear a coat in the morning when it is bright, the weather may take a turn for the worse and leave your child feeling cold at lunch and play times so send a coat for those eventualities!

