

#### StAlban's C of E Academy Newsletter

Autumn term: Friday 13th October 2023



- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Parents evening for all children 3:30pm 6pm
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Boys football at Manor Primary Academy
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Break up for 2 week half term.
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 All children return to school.
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Remembrance memorial in school
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 —
  Diwali stay and play for Reception parents 99:45am and 10-10:45am
  Nursery session 2:15pm-3:15pm
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 —
   Wear odd socks for anti-bullying week
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Year 3 and Year
   4 Diwali assembly in school Parents welcome to view from 2:30pm
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Children in Need SPOTacular – wear something spotty for Children in Need.
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023— Reception walk to the post box
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Christmas Fayre 3:30pm — 4:45pm
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023
   Carols Concert at St. Albans Church for EYFS and KS1 @ 1:145pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023
   Carols Concert at St. Albans Church for KS2 @ 1:45pm

#### Dear parents and carers

A wet week this week. We can certainly see Autumn on our school playground as leaves begin together. Those warms coats have certainly been needed!

Thank you for your support with wearing yellow to support Young MINDS charity. Your donations were greatly appreciated, and you can continue to give if you have not done so already.

I have had some really lovely comments at the gate about praise worship assembly on Friday afternoon. If your child achieves the Star of the Week award from their class teacher, you should receive an email to announce this. If you are not receiving notifications, then please do come to check why this is happening at the school office.

I have been in contact with Stan and Norma from the Rotary club who are going to come back into school to begin with the Rotakids. This is another role that shall be promoted!

By the end of the next week, I shall have interviewed all children for their positions and they shall have been selected for their roles as advocates and ambassadors. I have not forgotten this!

Looking forward to seeing you all at Parent's Evening next week!

## attendance and punctuality

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 are RECEPTION!!

We are really looking forward to giving those half-termly wrist bands next week to those who have 98% attendance and above!

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.

## parent's Evening

There is still time to book an appointment for parents evening where you shall have the opportunity to see your child's work in their books and speak to their class teacher about their effort, progress and attainment this half term! Please use the MCAS app to book an appointment but places may now be more limited.

For those parents who are attending parents evening, we ask that you enter through the main entrance and find your child's work in their tray to look through until you are called into your appointment by the class teacher. Please only look through your child's books.

Please could we ask that, where possible, only adults attend the appointment time and that children stay at home. This means we can have an interrupted, 10-minute appointment to share the progress and next steps.

Progress = what new learning or achievements have happened since the beginning of the year.

We expect the children to make 3 jumps of progress within the year when they are working within their year group objectives. Your child should be emerging with the year group that they are being taught in at this point.



Attainment = what level they are working at.

Expected = they are where they should be

Below = they are not where they should be attaining.

If you have any questions, please ask your teacher to clarify any comment before leaving your appointment.

improvement in unform. You children look really smart when they are wearing it and feel like part of our family.

I have had lots of parents tell me that despite having names in jumpers, the uniform that has been brought in has got lost or may have gone home with another child. Can I please ask that you check the names in your child's uniform and return any uniform that does not belong to your child to your child's class teacher.

We shall be having a pre-loved pop-up stall on Monday after school on the playground and at both of our parents evening. Please feel free to take uniform items for FREE from the rails. You can bring in good quality uniform if you would like to pass it on to a good home too.

### parking

I have seen a slight shift in parking this week but still some dangerous decision when turning cars at the end of our driveway. I ask all parents who drive to ensure they are safely parked as well as careful when pulling off. If you are a walking family, please ensure that children who are crossing roads are also accompanied when crossing the road and to never step out without checking the road first.

# Black History Month

We shall be celebrating Black History Month in school this week. Each year group shall be celebrating the work and determination of at least 3 significant black women from the past in current history. We also have an opportunity to write some inspiration poetry at home.

You can submit a poem about a pioneering black woman who has made an impact in their chosen field, explaining why she is an inspiration to you. Remember, the poems don't have to be about famous people; they can be about members of your family, women who have inspired you in your community, or even about you and your experiences as a woman or young person. We want you to get creative and have fun with it!



Send your entries to the QR code to the right!



# Half term events

YO! Wolverhampton will be offering lots of free events and activities this half term that may interest you and your children. Please follow the link below to see the crafting and creating opportunities that they have to offer.



Here is your e-safety support poster I shall send these out as a separate attachment so that you can more easily read them.



#### Safequarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, you can contact MASH on: 01902 555392 (9am – 5pm). Out of office hours contact the emergency duty team on 01902 552999 or in an emergency call 999. Alternatively, you can call Child Line on 0800 1111 or email them by visiting <a href="https://www.childline.org">www.childline.org</a>.

Please also feel free to come and speak to either Mrs Wooldridge, Mrs Abbiss, or Miss Bradford. We will always listen and try to help.

## Coming soon...

Did we hear you mention that you wanted some after school discos?....



Hot chocolate rewards consent will

be sent out next week.

Next term there shall be one news letter sent out every other week.