



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for a wonderful first half term here at St. Alban's. My heart could burst with pride as I look back on all that the children have achieved over these past 7 weeks.

Thank you to those that have attended parents evening this week. It was lovely to see so many of you in school to view your child's work. I hope that you have had the opportunity to ask questions about your child's learning.

Unfortunately, the weather rained off the boys' football tournament. We shall keep you posted about the day of the re-scheduled event.

Please remember to give consent for your child to have hot chocolate with me as a reward for when they earn 100 dojo points. I can't wait to sit and listen to their successes and spend time with them in small groups (and slurp hot chocolate as we do!) I shall gather my first group when I have 5 children at 100 points! I know of only one at the moment.

Thank you for your ongoing support this half term. I shall endeavour to be at the gate at all possible occasions and to hear any feedback that you have first-hand, positive or developmental!

Please take care if you are enjoying any celebrations during these next two weeks. Be safe and wrap up warm as you are out and about and I look forward to hearing about your adventures as **we return to school on Monday 6th November 2023.**

- **Monday 6th November 2023** – All children return to school.
- **Friday 10th November 2023** – Remembrance festival in school
- **Friday 10th November 2023** – Diwali stay and play for Reception parents – 9-9:45am and 10-10:45am
Nursery session 2:15pm-3:15pm
- **Monday 13th November 2023** – Wear odd socks for anti-bullying week
- **Tuesday 14th November 2023** – Year 3 and Year 4 Diwali assembly in school. Parents welcome to view from 2:30pm
- **Friday 17th November 2023** – Children in Need SPOTacular – wear something spotty for Children in Need.
- **Friday 1st Dec 2023**– Reception walk to the post box
- **Thursday 14th December 2023**
Christmas Fayre 3:30pm – 4:45pm
- **Wednesday 20th December 2023**
Carols Concert at St. Albans Church for EYFS and KS1 @ 1:45pm
- **Thursday 21st December 2023**
Carols Concert at St. Albans Church for KS2 @ 1:45pm



Click here to see our term dates

*Thank you St. Alban's
for a lovely first
half term!*

Uniform -

Please could I ask that parents remove dangling earrings and keep these for weekend and evening wear.

We permit a stud to be worn at school and nothing more.

Children who wear dangling earrings and other jewellery will be asked to remove them due to health and safety.



Parking

I appreciate that during the wet weather that it has been tempting to park closer to school but this has been much improved and parking outside of school appears to be much better.

Please continue to park with consideration of our neighbours and to keep pedestrian safe.

I always promote a healthy walk to school where you possibly can!

Black History Month

We have celebrated the lives of some inspirational black women this week and the children have learnt some amazing new things. I shall share some of their finished pieces in the next letter.

You can still 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!



Remembrance Day

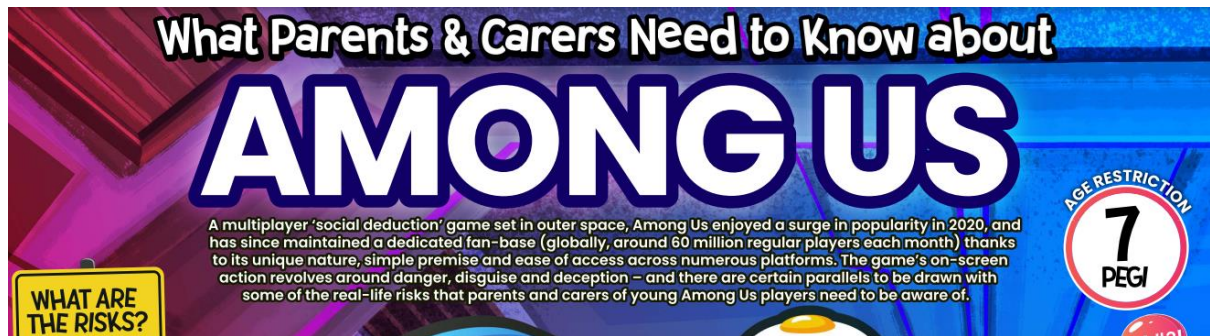
Poppies have arrived in school for sale. We shall be asking for a minimum contribution of 20p per paper poppy.

We shall also be creating a display outside and in our school corridor to commemorate Remembrance Day.

If you have any red or black waterproof materials (pop bottles, plastics or bottle tops) please would you donate these for our outdoor display.



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



Safeguarding

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 www.childline.org.

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...

Children In Need – We shall be having a raffle for some very special knitted Pudsey teddies. The tickets shall be sold first thing on the playground and at the end of the school day and shall be drawn in assembly on Friday 17th November.



Remember to get your spotty clothes ready for the day!

- We shall be having some after school discos over the year. This will be one disco for each phase and will begin after Christmas.

The next newsletter shall be sent out on Friday 17th November 2023 where I shall be sending so photos of the first few weeks of term.

Please can you confirm that you give photo permission for our newsletters, website and other platforms or speak directly to the office if you do not wish for your child to be included in photos.

Club sign-ups shall be sent out this week! I shall send a club menu shortly.