



# Ss Alban and Stephen Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 9th October 2020

## October

### The Month of the Rosary

Hail Mary, Full of Grace

The Lord is with thee

Blessed art thou amongst women

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners

Now and at the hour

Of our death.

Amen.



## Year 3 learn the Ukulele!

We are so fortunate to be able to provide an instrument for each child in Year 3 so that they can learn the Ukulele. It's been amazing to see how quickly they have learned to play three songs already this term. The children have been so excited and enthusiastic in the lessons. Keep up the great work Year 3! Mrs Flatt.



## A busy week in Year 3!

We have been taking part in a debate over whether or not children should wear school uniform, using our persuasive language.

As part of our Stone Age topic this half term we created a stone age wall - complete with hand prints, and some cave paintings to decorate it. We will be turning into



hunter-gatherers to scavenge for materials to make stone age round houses (in miniature!).

We have also taken part and led our Act of Worship this week, coming at the end of our unit in RE, Homes. Our big question has been, "What makes a house a home?". We had some lovely suggestions, including love, cuddles and hugs, and playing games. Alessandro wrote, "My house is a home because I feel safe and warm." Ellie wrote, "Home is a perfect, peaceful happy place where you're loved forever."

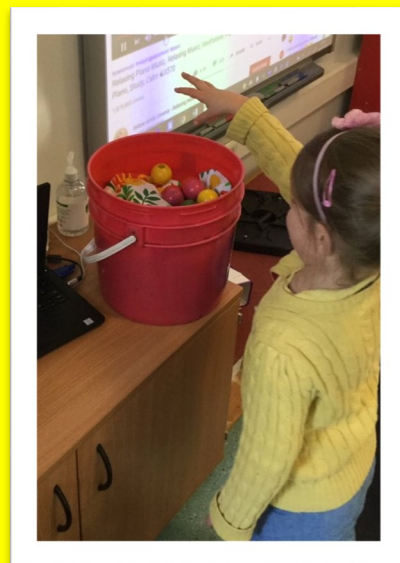
In our Act of Worship, we had some wonderful readers to guide us through our reflection. Thank you to Julia, Cedric, Orla, Finn, Rory, Clara and Emilia. Everyone showed great respect and reverence.



## Hello Yellow Day!

A huge thank you to all the pupils and staff who embraced the #helloyellow campaign for Young Minds. We raised a fantastic £484!

They are the UK's leading charity fighting to improve the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young





As we begin the season of Autumn, we think about Harvest time and about those less fortunate than ourselves. Last year, all the children across the school donated food and other items to St Albans Foodbank and to the Women's Refuge. It was very gratefully received and many people benefited from your generosity.

Given the current circumstances, now more than ever, we have a duty to help the people in our local community by supporting our local foodbanks and other support groups and so we would like to ask for donations of items during the month of October.

Please give whatever items you can to help out. Below is a list from the St Albans Foodbank website of items that they are lacking in, as well as a few more items.

#### **MOST NEEDED ITEMS (WE PREFER LONG-LIFE AND TINS )**

- ◆ Fruit juice (long life)
- ◆ Rice pudding (tinned)
- ◆ Instant mash / tinned potatoes
- ◆ Jams and spreads
- ◆ Desserts (Jellies, Steamed puddings, Angel delight etc )
- ◆ Laundry tablets/ liquids/ gels
- ◆ Toothpastes
- ◆ Shampoo and conditioners
- ◆ Shower gel
- ◆ Sanitary products

Please can you give whatever you can as your donations will truly make a difference. A box will be available to donate in each of the classrooms.

# Places available

## Breakfast Club

- ◆ The club is open to children from 3 - 11 years.
- ◆ Operates from 7:45am.
- ◆ A range of healthy breakfast included.
- ◆ A range of fun activities available to interest the children.
- ◆ A calm and relaxed start to the day.
- ◆ £4 per session.



## After School Club (Owls and Badgers)

- ◆ The club is open to children from 3-11 years.
- ◆ Operates from the end of the school day until 6pm daily.
- ◆ Children may attend the club on a part-time or full-time basis.
- ◆ A range of exciting indoor and outdoor activities available to interest the children.
- ◆ A healthy snack and drink included.
- ◆ £6 until 4.30pm and £12 until 6pm.



## Message from the PTA

### Raffle Reminder

Deadline to buy tickets is Thursday October 15th 2020.

If you would like the chance to win a Tablet Computer from Hannspree, £100 cash or £100 worth of solar lighting, then get your tickets through the school gateway app under the payments tab.

Any questions please message David on 079871919375 or via [ssaspta@gmail.com](mailto:ssaspta@gmail.com).

### Parent Consultations

Please be reminded, school will be closed on Wednesday 21st October all day to hold parent consultations. This will enable us to meet face to face with parents safely to discuss your child's progress. In order to book an appointment, please use one of the two links below.

<https://albanstephenjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk> OR

<https://albanstephenjunior.parenteveningsystem.co.uk> .

Please note that we will allow up to 2 parents to attend the appointment.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

God bless.

Mrs Moore, Mrs Porter, and all the staff of SSAS.