



# St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery Weekly Newsletter



Spring Has Sprung!



Friday 19th March 2021

## A Prayer for St Patrick's Day

### Breastplate of St. Patrick

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.





Dear Parents/ Carers,

Tomorrow marks one year since we closed school for the first lockdown. It seems unbelievable to think that at the time, we were hoping it may just be an extended Easter holiday, or that maybe the children will return in June and everything will be back to normal!

The 'return to school' has been going extremely well. I have noticed the children (and families!) have a clear spring in their step each morning as they make their way into school. The children have been able to talk about the things they have missed and what they are looking forward to. The words the children say really do highlight why school is such an important part of life.

It has been great to see the number of pupils at my door who are keen to share their classwork. We are all incredibly proud to work at St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School and we are so committed to helping all our young learners re-connect with our school.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Mrs Moore

## Nursery News

In Nursery, we have been looking at animals and growing. We have been playing in the Vet Role Play and the children have been showing off their caring skills to make the animals feel better. We have also been planting and looking after our Easter Garden, thanks to the generosity of our parents. The children have been making sure that the flowers are well looked after and watered. We have also been on a Spring walk around the school to look for signs of Spring!

Our Nursery Rhyme this week has been 'Hey Diddle Diddle' and the children worked as a class to come up with their own nonsense Nursery Rhyme. We hope you enjoy it!

**'Hey doggy doggy, the sun was soggy**

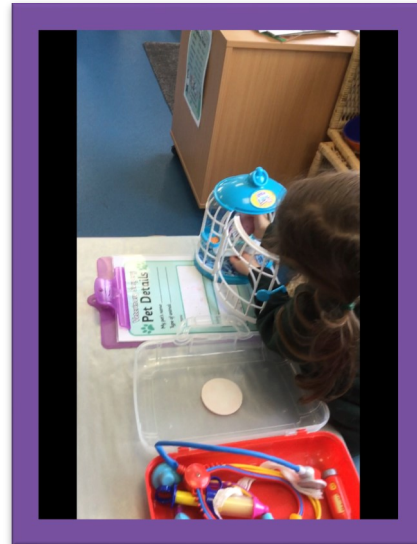
**A dog flew into space**

**The rainbow was talking to a fork on the bed**

**And the kitten came last in the race.'**





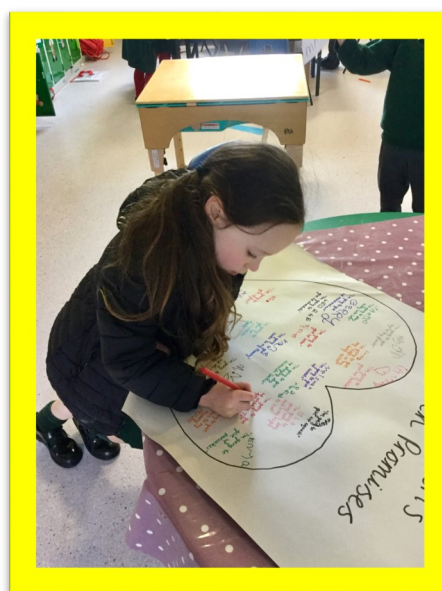
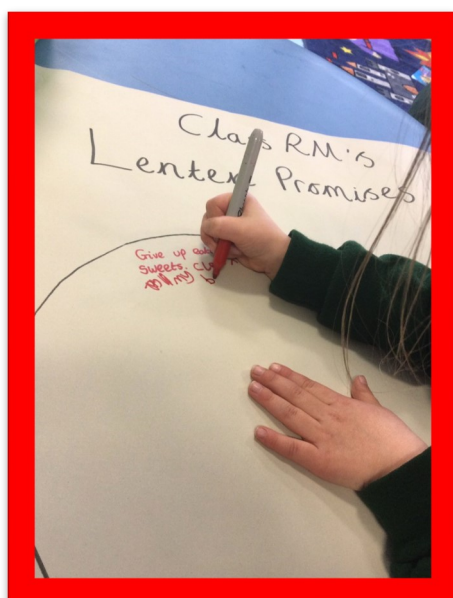


## Reception News

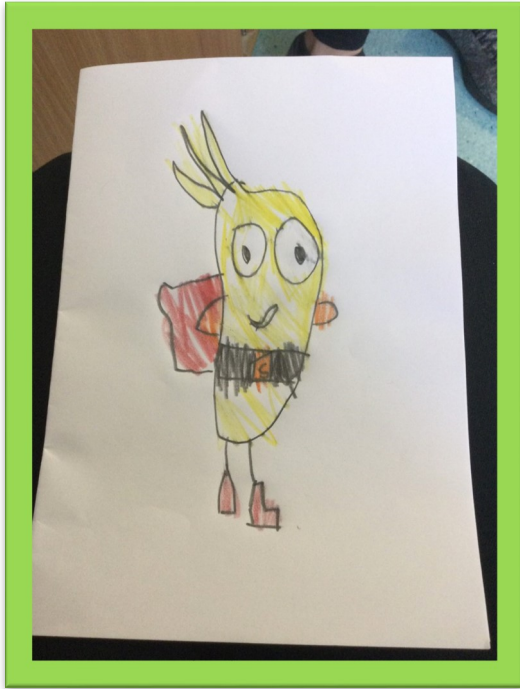
The children have settled back into school exceptionally well. They have had so much fun seeing their friends again and playing in all of the new areas in our wonderful environment.

This week, we have been learning all about Lent and we have been busy making our own Lenten promises. We have also been exploring the story 'SUPERTATO'. The children have been thinking about how to make stories exciting by adapting the story with their own ideas.

Next week, the children will be making their own vegetable superheroes, inspiring them to create their own superhero adventure. Watch this space!







## IMPORTANT NOTICE

At St. Alban & St. Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery we have a duty to safeguard pupils, so we are advising parents and carers to find a safe place to drop off and/or cross the road with their children. As we all know, children learn from the adults around them so it is important that they learn how to cross roads safely. Please avoid parking on driveways, even for a few seconds, to secure the safety of all concerned.

Please be reminded that we request that all parents or carers wear a face covering/mask when dropping off and collecting each day. All staff at the gates will also wear a face covering/mask. Also, bear in mind that some adults are unable to wear face coverings due to a range of medical conditions, which may not be apparent.

Thank you to all the parents or carers that have ensured there is only 1 adult dropping off and collecting each child/family. Please show consideration for other parents and carers at these times by maintaining a safe distance from each other.

Please ensure that you leave as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child. This helps with social distancing and also helps with car congestion.

We appreciate that for many parents this is an anxious time but we ask for your continued patience and your trust that the school is working hard to do the very best we can to keep our pupils, staff and parents safe, in challenging times.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Covid-19 Update

1 in 3 people with Covid-19 do not have symptoms but can still pass on to others. Lateral Flow Tests are now available for all families and we would strongly encourage all families to participate in this testing as it will help us as a community to reduce the risk of transmission. You can collect these from sites around the County or order them to be delivered.

More details can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapidlateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubblesof-school-pupils-and-staff>

The public health team recommended to me this week that if families have any concerns (but not the three main symptoms), then it is possible to book a Lateral Flow Test at a testing site. If anyone in your family has any of the three main symptoms, you must book a PCR test and the whole family should self-isolate at home until a result is confirmed.



# Places available

## Breakfast Club

- ♦ The club is open to children from 3 – 11 years.
- ♦ Operates from 7:45am.
- ♦ A range of healthy breakfasts 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.



## Wellbeing Workshops

The children's personal, social and emotional wellbeing underpins and affects every area of learning. In order to ensure we are meeting all the children's needs both academically and emotionally, we would like to offer drop in sessions. This will provide you with the opportunity to discuss with school any worries or concerns you may have regarding your child's mental health and emotional wellbeing. I will be available on Wednesday and Friday mornings until 12 o'clock at the school's Upper Site. Please email the school office if you would like to book a session.

Kind regards, Mrs Murphy—SENDCo

## Mission Statement

Thank you to all of you who voted for our new school mission statement. We will be collating the results soon and then the statement and the values will be agreed by the Governing Body in due course. It has been a really interesting project to do and the children have surpassed themselves in all the wonderful work they have done and the fantastic artwork they produced. We will be in contact soon to announce the new statement.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter—R.E. Faculty Lead



Have a wonderful weekend.

God bless and stay safe.

Mrs Moore and all the staff of SSAS.