

Summer Issue 1



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



Welcome Back!



Friday 16th April 2021

Resurrection Light

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us
may your dawn beckon.

When fear paralyses us
may your touch release us.

When grief torments us
may your peace enfold us.

When memories haunt us
may your presence heal us.

When justice fails us
may your anger ignite us.

When apathy stagnates us
may your challenge renew us.

When courage leaves us
may your spirit inspire us.

When despair grips us
may your hope restore us.

May your resurrection light lead us.

Amen.





Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a nice Easter break with the children, despite the very mixed weather!

It has been wonderful to have all the children back in school this week. There has been a buzz of excitement around the school, lots of big smiles – happy children, happy staff and happy parents too. Our attendance has been between 96-98% every day. A great start to the new term!

The light at the end of that long tunnel is getting ever closer and what joy that brings! It is vital that we all still play our part in abiding by the relevant guidelines in order to try and avoid any bubble closures. Hand hygiene and social distancing are vital, and for the time being the requirement to wear a face covering at drop off and pick up remains in place please.

A big thank you to the amazing PTA who purchased 60 new Chromebooks that arrived and will be ready for children to use this term! We strongly believe that having access to the latest technology will enhance the Computing Curriculum at St. Alban & St. Stephen Catholic Primary School. More will follow on this in future newsletters.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

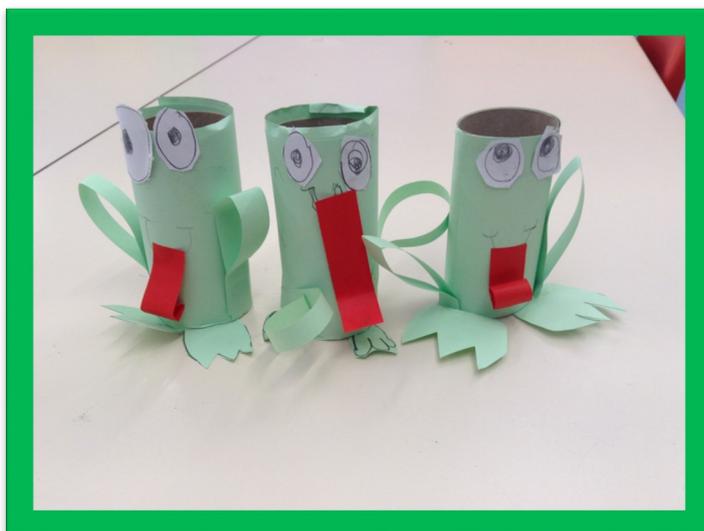
Mrs Moore

Year 1 News

Year 1 have had a wonderful first week back. Both our classrooms have now been decorated and they are looking lovely and fresh! Our new topic is called 'Get out of my swamp'. This week we have been thinking about what fairy tales we know and the things that are special about fairy tales - like magical creatures! We have been acting out the story of The 3 Little Pigs. We made excellent use of our voices and bodies to become the characters!

In forest school, we have started den building, we had lots of fun problem solving how we could create our dens and make them stay up! We have been learning about the life cycle of a frog and making our own frogs in Art and Design. When we visited the school pond we found some frogspawn!





Midday Supervisor Post

Are you interested in developing your skills to help children? Do you enjoy leading learning and structured play? Please read on...

We are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisor for the Upper Site. The role includes the supervision of children from Year 3 to 6 to help them develop their learning in a calm and inclusive environment. The hours would be from 11.45am - 1.15pm every day.

Are you ready to lead activities that support the children in their play and school life? If you are, then our very vibrant school community is the place for you!

St Alban and St Stephen Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Background checks and an enhanced DBS will be required.

The post would be part-time and on a temporary basis with the view to appoint permanently following a successful trial period.

Please contact the school directly at admin@ssas.herts.sch.uk or 01727866668.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL WANTED!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE
WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING
THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL FOR

ST ALBAN & ST STEPHEN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST ALBANS

THE PAY IS £9.00 PER HOUR
(excluding enhancements)

JOB SHARE CONSIDERED

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE
FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
THE ACTIVE AND SAFER TRAVEL TEAM ON 01992 556816/
01992 556803

Hertfordshire County Council, Active and Safer Travel Team,
County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN.

Tel: 01992 556816 November 2020

Can we please remind you that it is parental responsibility to get the children to and from school safely.

5 Top Tips for Safe Scooting

Here's some advice to ensure that each and every scooting adventure that your child makes is a safe one:

1. **Never ever scoot on the road**

Cars and lorries will not be expecting to see scooters amongst the traffic. Because of the size of scooter wheels, they're more likely to catch on drain covers and pot holes. This can suddenly skew steering or even cause a fall into the road and towards traffic.

2. **Stop, Look, Listen, Live**

Always ensure that you come to a complete stop at kerbs and stand next to your scooter when waiting to cross. It is important to stand with both feet firmly on the ground, holding your scooter in both hands before applying the green cross code to avoid any nasty accidents. Never ride your scooter to travel across the road. **Always wait for Mr Baker to help you cross Camp Road as it is very dangerous.**

3. **Be an A+ rider**

Never scoot in a way that will frighten other pavement users. Think about the dangers of scooting past driveways and doorways, especially when there are high walls, fences and hedges stopping you from seeing what is on the other side. Travel at a sensible speed and don't ride too close to people walking in front of you. Sometimes pavements can be busy with people walking and pushing pushchairs. Even if you are late, slow down and wait your turn.

4. **Know when to stop**

You should always be aware of how your scooter feels to ride over different surfaces; drain covers and uneven tarmac. The weather can also make scooting more hazardous with rain and ice being the worst culprits. Sometimes travelling downhill can also cause you to pick up speed unexpectedly; be aware of how fast you're travelling and if in doubt slow down and always use your brake to slow.

5. **Save stunts for the skate park**

It's very tempting to use the curbs of pavements to try out the latest tricks, but they are not always the safest places to do so. With a high percentage of cars parking curb-side and uneven pavements forcing a misjudged scooter rider into the road it is best to keep these sorts of stunts where they belong.

By following these top 5 tips for safe scooting means you're well on your way to ensuring every scooter journey that you make is a safe one!

Be Safe. Be Seen.

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.



MUSIC INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Learning an Instrument from Scratch!

From Friday 23rd April, St Albans Music School will be launching **Brass Cubs** – a brand new face-to-face group for absolute beginners to learn how to play a brass instrument! All instruments and music are provided and children learn in a group of around 15 pupils. They'll develop ensemble skills alongside instrumental technique from the outset, and generally have great fun making music together!

The group is suitable for pupils from Year 4 – Year 6 – no prior experience required.

If your child would like to join our group, please follow the link below to sign up:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR OUR GROUP](#)

The cost is just £43 for the term, and this includes free hire of a suitable brass instrument – a bargain and should be great fun!

Please note that this group has **limited places of no more than 15 members**. We will allocate places on a first come first serve basis. **Please await a confirmation email from us confirming your place** before attending. Any pupils not successful in gaining a place on this occasion will be kept on a waiting list for when a place arises.

If you'd like any more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at the centre – stalbanmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk



Have a lovely weekend.

God bless and stay safe.

Mrs Moore and all the staff of SSAS.