



St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter



Happy Bank Holiday
Weekend!



Friday 30th April 2021

The Month of Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed are thou among 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.





Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe we have been back in school for three weeks now following the Easter break, time just runs away so quickly! Attendance last week was fantastic at 99% or very close every day!

I am so proud of all of our children. Fabulous learning has continued to take place all over the school. I am grateful to our amazing team for continuously striving to ignite the children's passion for learning. The pupils and staff had a really fun, physical week taking part in 'England does the Daily Mile' event!

With the warmer weather and the opening up of shops and eventually more venues, it is easy to forget that there are still risks and managing these risks in school is an ongoing challenge. To continue keeping our school community as safe as possible, please remember not to send your child into school if they are poorly or show any symptoms of the virus. I would like to thank you for your support with this matter.

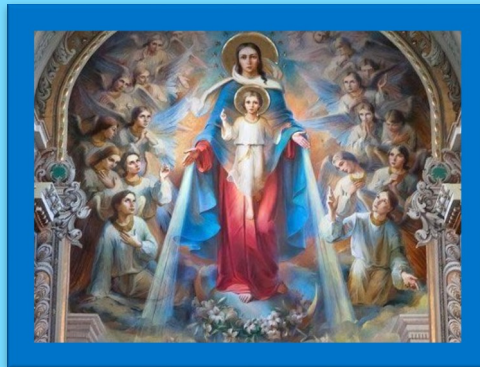
I hope that you all have wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Moore

Mary our Mother

During the month of May, we remember the importance of Mary our Mother.



This month, we reflect on the huge responsibility that was bestowed upon Mary and how she can be an inspiration to us all for her humility, servitude and sacrifice.

In school, the children will be learning about the importance of Mary and with the help of our Chaplaincy Team, they will learn about the Rosary and recite prayers offered to Mary.

We will take time this month to thank Mary for the important part she played in Jesus' life and the important role she now plays in ours today.

Holy Mary, Mother fair, Filled with love for God, Pray for us in all our needs. Pray for us today.

Mrs Porter—R.E. Faculty Lead



Year 3 News

This week, Year 3 have started their unit on Pentecost by exploring the elements of fire and wind. We discussed how the wind feels and how it moves objects. We even used balloons to "see" the wind in action! We were delighted when the children made the link between our lives and scripture. The children said the wind is, "an invisible but powerful force in the world and that's like the Holy Spirit," which impressed us all. We went on to discuss fire; its dangers and its usefulness. We brainstormed words together and went on to write and decorate poems about fire.



England Does the Daily Mile!

Today, we joined the schools of England and took part in the Daily Mile. Each year group took part in enjoying the sunshine and fresh air, there were smiles and raised heart beats all around. Our pupils are certainly fit for life and fit for learning.

Well done everyone!



Supporting your children's Mental Health

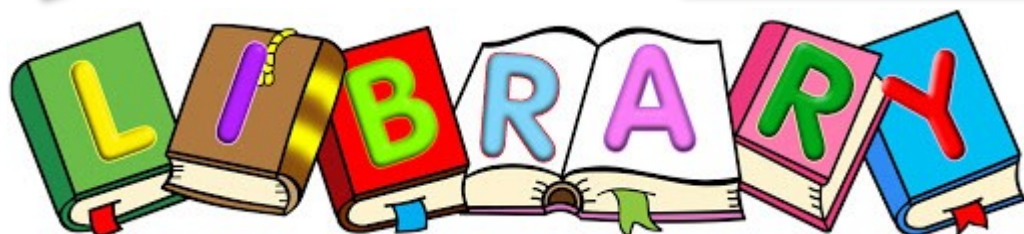
Now, more so than ever, we must be very conscious of our children's mental health. During these times, some of your children's behaviours may have changed. Attached is an article called 'Looking behind the behaviours- How children communicate.' It is an interesting read, reminding us of strategies to help and support our children. I hope that you find it useful. As always, if you have any concerns or require any advice, please contact me through admin@ssas.herts.sch.uk to make an appointment.

Mrs Murphy—SENDCo

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2021/april/looking-behind-the-behaviour-how-children-communicate/>

Library Update

Our library is beginning to take shape on the upper site and we will very soon be able to welcome all our children in for their library sessions. Once again, a huge thank you to the PTA for enabling this exciting project to happen.



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.

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Please contact the school directly at admin@ssas.herts.sch.uk or 01727 866668.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Parent Consultations

School will be closed for parent consultations on Thursday 6th May 2021. Please be reminded that as part of our risk assessment, no children are allowed on site.

Health and Safety

Please can all parents ensure that they wear a mask at drop off and pick up each day.
We thank you for your support with this matter.



Safe Travel

Finally, but most importantly, if your child scoots or cycles to school, it is of the utmost importance that they wear a helmet for their own safety, particularly our older children who travel to and from school by themselves. We teach the children about the importance of road safety and we would welcome your help in ensuring that all the children can travel safely.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

God bless and stay safe.

Mrs Moore and all the staff of SSAS.