

# St. Alban and St. Stephen Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### Year 5's work on our Mission Statement and Core Values

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our mission statement:  
'Learning and growing with God by our side'

our core values:

<b>Faith</b> Faith is a feeling of trust, confidence or optimism about something.	<b>Friendship</b> Friendship is where your friends with some one.	<b>Determination</b> Determination is where, when you made up your mind about a goal you never give up.	<b>Respect</b> Respect is where, like when someone says something, you don't laugh or respect those idea, and stay quiet, bring up another idea or make a suggestion.
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Additional drawings: Faith (hands joined), Friendship (hands joined), Determination (person running), Respect (person bowing), Unity (hands joined).

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<b>Faith</b> Faith is when you get a consistent feeling about something e.g. doing something good means you have <del>good</del> faith.	<b>Friendship</b> Friendship is a relationship that you have with your friends, that why you should pray for God.	<b>Determination</b> Determination means that you really want to do something and won't give up.
<b>Unity</b> Is there is unity <del>peop</del> it means that people have a agreement on something.	<b>Respect</b> If you have respect you have a good opinion or respect someone's rights, you would not do something they would like.	

Additional drawings: SAS logo, four children holding hands.

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<b>Faith</b> Faith is anything you believe in your religion or your friend. In our school we believe in God.	<b>Determination</b> You will keep on trying you won't give up.	<b>Respect</b> When you Respect people privacy, and school against people feelings and more.
<b>Unity</b> Is when people come to church or school come to pray together.	<b>Friendship</b> Is a special relationship that you have with a friend.	

Additional drawings: Faith (cross), Friendship (hands joined), Determination (person running), Respect (person bowing), Unity (hands joined), SAS logo.

## The Sunday Gospel

“But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Dear Lord,

Help us to serve others and to put others before ourselves. Let us follow your example of sacrifice and let us help those less fortunate than ourselves. As we continue in the season of Harvest, we pray for those who struggle and are in need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen





Dear Parents,

As you are aware, a Covid outbreak has been declared due to the number of positive cases in our school. The numbers have continued to increase so, in line with the latest national guidance and as required by the Public Health team of Hertfordshire County Council, we will be stepping up the following measures until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021. These will be reviewed with Public Health Hertfordshire to see if they are still necessary after the half term break.

### Face Coverings

Face coverings for visitors and staff in corridors and communal areas, including staffrooms (where close contact cannot be avoided). Reintroduction of wearing face coverings on school grounds at drop off and collection. To reduce contact between parents and carers, we are limiting drop off and collection to one parent or carer per family.

### Preventative Measures

We have been asked to minimise the number of contacts that a pupil has during the school day to reduce the risk of transmission. We will continue to have in place the following preventative procedures:

- ⇒ Lessons will be taught in all classes about the importance of good hygiene and hand washing.
- ⇒ Cleaning hands thoroughly and more often than usual, using the sanitiser stations positioned around the school.
- ⇒ Good respiratory hygiene, promoting 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Tissues will be available in every classroom to support this routine.
- ⇒ Enhanced cleaning schedules, including the regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, classroom based resources and outdoor equipment.
- ⇒ Minimising contact between individuals by maintaining consistent groups and older children maintaining social distancing, wherever possible.
- ⇒ Reintroduction of year group bubbles.

### Reduction in interaction / close contact situations

- ⇒ Re-introduction of space at the front of the class to enable staff to maintain distance from students when appropriate.
- ⇒ Layouts and capacities for shared spaces such as offices, meeting rooms, staff room etc. will be reviewed to limit numbers.
- ⇒ Face to face meetings to be restricted to those which are essential.

### Enrichment Clubs

From Friday 15th October until Friday 5th November, there will be no Enrichment Clubs or Music lessons. We shall review the situation regularly and will reinstate the provision as soon as possible. I recognise that these changes will affect many of you and it is unfortunate that we have had to communicate them to you at such short notice.

### Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Breakfast and Afterschool club provision will continue as usual but please only use this service if absolutely necessary.

### General COVID information

#### Symptoms

- ⇒ a high temperature
- ⇒ a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- ⇒ a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you are not sure whether you or your child's symptoms suggest that they have coronavirus or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If you are concerned about your child's health or the health of anyone else in your household please seek advice from your GP, use NHS 111 online <https://111.nhs.uk/> or call NHS 111.

- ⇒ There are things you can do to reduce the risk of getting COVID-19:
- ⇒ wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- ⇒ use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- ⇒ wash your hands as soon as you get to your destination
- ⇒ cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ⇒ put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Staff and governors continue to pray that all our children, staff and families remain well during these challenging times. We shall continue to do everything we can to keep everyone safe and provide good quality education.

Thank you for your co-operation, we wish those affected by coronavirus (COVID-19) a speedy recovery.

Mrs Moore

## Harvest Collection

Thank you for all your donations for the harvest collection. We are very grateful for all your support. We will still collect items up until the half term break. Sadly, we will be unable to hold our lovely Harvest celebration however, we will record the songs the Year 2, Year 3 and the Chaplaincy Team have been learning so that we can share them with you.

Please be reminded below of the items that you can send in for the collection.

• **MOST NEEDED ITEMS: WE PREFER LONG-LIFE AND TINS!**

- **TINNED TOMATOES**
- **FRUIT JUICE (LONG LIFE)**
- **TINNED FISH**
- **TINNED CARROTS**
- **INSTANT MASH/TINNED POTATOES**
- **QUICK COOK/NOODLES**
- **COFFEE**
- **TINNED FRUIT**
- **CEREALS (NOT OATS WE HAVE LOTS)**
- **DRIED CHICKPEAS/GREEN LENTILS**
- **JAM & SPREADS**
- **SWEETS/CHOCOLATE**
- **DESSERTS (JELLIES, STEAMED PUDDINGS, ANGEL DELIGHT ETC)**
- **PET FOOD CAT/DOG**

### OTHER ITEMS TO INCLUDE:

- Toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, tooth-brushes, tooth paste, hand wipes
- Household items – laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid
  - Feminine products – sanitary towels and tampons
  - Baby supplies – nappies, baby wipes and baby food
  - Face masks and hand sanitiser



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

God bless.

Mrs Moore, and all the staff of SSAS.