



# St. Alban and St. Stephen Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



### The Season of Advent



Friday 26th November 2021

## First Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you are light even in  
the darkest places. Help us  
to trust in you when we are  
lost or lonely. Shine hope  
into our hearts we pray.  
Amen.



### RE: Covid Outbreak Update

You will be delighted to hear that we have seen a reassuring decline in cases of Covid-19 amongst our school community this week. Upon further consultation with Hertfordshire Public Health we are now able to relax many of the additional measures that were in place.

I would like to thank all parents, pupils and staff for your patience, cooperation and continued support during our Covid Outbreak. We are all looking forward to bringing the community back together in time for Christmas!

#### Sibling Isolation

We are no longer going to apply sibling isolation from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

#### Preventative Measures

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.
- Twice-weekly Lateral flow testing for staff.

#### Enrichment Clubs

All Music lessons and enrichment clubs can resume from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

#### Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Breakfast and Afterschool club provision will continue as usual.

#### Christmas Events

We have provisionally booked in Christmas events for all year groups. Please see attached document. We ask that all parents and carers wear a face covering unless exempt for these events. This may be subject to change if Covid cases rise.

### 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

We wish those affected by coronavirus a speedy recovery.

Mrs Moore, Headteacher



Mrs Moore  
Headteacher



## Our Advent Assembly

The Year 6 members of Chaplaincy Team did a wonderful job in dressing our tree for our Advent assembly. We then invited each year group individually into the hall to listen to a story about the symbolism of the tree and to pray and sing. We will take this time of Advent to prepare for the birth of Jesus. The Year 5 Chaplains will lead the assembly for the lower site on Monday.

The classes across the whole school are buzzing with activity. They are busy creating beautiful artwork to decorate our classroom doors linked to a lovely class book . All will be revealed soon.....





## Special visitors in EYFS

Today, in Early Years, the children all had the pleasure of meeting some rather hairy and fluffy visitors! The live nativity visited our school and the children all got to learn about the different animals. They had an AMAZING time as you can see by their wonderful smiles.



## Special visitors in EYFS







## We need your help!!

For part of our Christmas celebrations, we wondered if anyone could either lend or donate a 6ft artificial tree. If you can, please contact the office as soon as possible.

## Reception & Nursery Admissions

### St. Alban & St. Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery

The application process for Reception & Nursery admissions in 2022-23 is now open. You are very welcome to join us at one of our Open Mornings on 8th and 15th December from 9.30-11.00 am to find out more information about our school.

Please email [admin@ssaas.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ssaas.herts.sch.uk) if you wish to book a place. Full details on how to apply can be found on our website [www.ssas.herts.sch.uk](http://www.ssas.herts.sch.uk).

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

God bless.

Mrs Moore, and all the staff of SSAS.