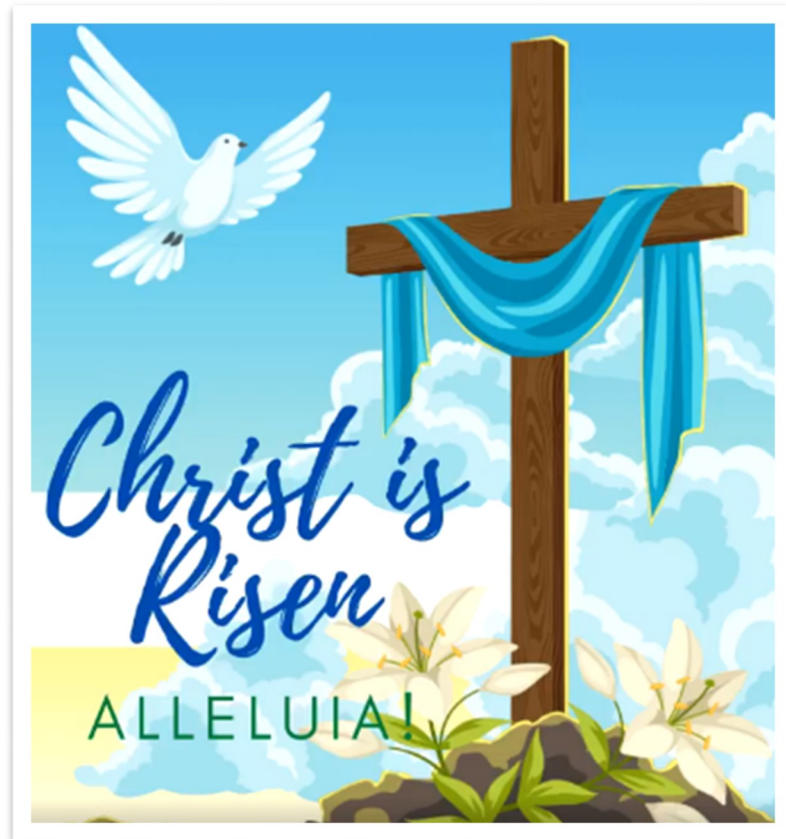




St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery Weekly Newsletter



Friday 22nd April 2022



Last Sunday, we heard about the joyful events of Easter Day. After all of the sadness and despair which the disciples must have felt on Good Friday, how much had changed by Easter Sunday!

In our EYFS and Key Stage 1 Gospel assembly, we thought that Jesus' followers would have been happy, excited, hopeful, surprised and confused!

Go Forth

At Easter time, we remember that Jesus brings us hope and new life. How can we share joy and hope with others around us?

Welcome To Summer 1 in the Early Years!

We were so excited to welcome the Reception and Nursery children back to school this week!! We began the week by sharing all the amazing things we have been up to during the Easter Holidays. This half term, our new topic is 'Down In The Garden'. We are going to be learning all about minibeasts, flowers, growing, life-cycles and any interests the children share.

At the start of the week, Reception shared ideas about things we would like to learn about. These inspired two new and exciting role play areas: Garden Centre & Cafe in Class RM and a Veterinary Centre in Class RC. The children have been playing wonderfully together in these areas and have been taking on different roles and acting out different scenarios.



The first story that we will be exploring deeper this half term is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children have been re-enacting the story using small world toys. We also made a story map all together as a class, which some children then decided to incorporate into their child-initiated learning.

In Maths, we have been learning about ordering numbers from 0-10. The children worked together to build towers to represent each number in the order and some excellent mathematical language was being used, such as 'one more', 'one less'.



Nursery have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather this week and the children have been enjoying a range of activities in the outdoor area. The children are particularly enjoying the mud kitchen and are whipping up all sorts of recipes. The water area has also been very popular in the hot weather. The children have been using the outdoor creative corner and creating lots of lovely drawings and paintings. They have also painted some banners for our RE area for our Topic 'Good News'. The children have been sharing all their good news with us too!



This first story we are focusing on is 'The Tiny Seed'. The children learned about the life cycle of the plant through its journey from its parent plant. We are really looking forward to learning more when we start preparing our Early Years Garden and grow some flowers of our own. The children also made their own window garden this week by drawing and colouring things that they would find in the garden.



Following the children's interests, we also have a spaceship in our role play!. The children are having a wonderful time imagining they are astronauts going to space. The rocket has blasted off into space many times this week! There has been lots of team work needed to get it there and back safely!

Dates for your Diary

This half term is going to be very busy and exciting. We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school for some of the celebrations and events below.

29.04.22 at 9.15 (Upper Hall) Year 3 family curriculum assembly. Year 3 parents and carers are welcome to attend.

06.05.22 at 9.15 (Lower Hall) Year 1 Marian celebration. Year 1 parents and carers are welcome to attend.

26.05.22 at 9.15 (Upper Hall) Year 4 family curriculum assembly. Year 4 parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Sustainability Fortnight and Green Day 16th-26th May

From the 16th - 26th May, we will be learning about how we can look after God's creation, our beautiful Planet Earth. This ties in with the annual St Albans Sustainability Festival. Many of our curriculum subjects will have an 'eco' theme during this fortnight and we will also be creating a whole school recycled art project. If you have any old white material eg sheets, pillow cases, shirts or t-shirts, please send them into school as soon as possible.



Thursday May 19th is our annual 'Green Day', when we spend the day outside and try to use no electricity at all- more details to follow!

Jubilee Celebration Day Thursday 26th May

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, all children can come to school either dressed up as royalty, or wearing red, white and blue. We will be learning more about the Jubilee and taking part in lots of fun, royalty-themed activities.



School will then be closed for the extra Jubilee Bank Holiday on Friday 27th May.