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Dear Parents

It has been a busy couple of weeks here at Alban City School with lots of activities taking place. Year Three and Reception enjoyed their visits to Celtic Harmony, Year Four had a good Egyptian experience day with some very imaginative costumes being worn coupled with artefact handling sessions. Year Two enjoyed their visit to Kew Gardens and I am sure that by the time you are reading this Year One will have returned from their trip to Bekonscot Model Village.

I would like to thank all of you who came to help cover library books last Friday. We really appreciated your help and support and it was so good to get them all covered and on the shelves in the library for the children to use.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Two of the librarians from the St Albans library came to assembly to talk to the children about the Animal Agent Summer Reading Challenge. The reading challenge operates throughout the summer holidays and requires children to read 6 books and complete challenges; with prizes to win so if you are interested visit the library to register and get further details.

### **Herts Advertiser Awards**

We were delighted to be nominated for Primary School of the Year at the Herts Advertiser Award ceremony and although we didn't win we were very proud to hear all the lovely things that you said about us. Thank you for taking the time to nominate and also write all the positive comments. We really do have a school to be proud of.

### **Sports Day**

Sports day is to be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July or Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> if wet. Detailed information will be sent out regarding sports day closer to the date but I thought that I would give you approximate timings of the day now so that you can plan ahead. Due to the increased number of children that we have on roll now, we have had to make some changes to the day.

9.00am Sports for YR and Y1 at school  
10.30am Sports begin for Y2 and Y3 at the sports field  
10.45am Sports begin for Y4 at the sports field  
11.30am Races for YR/1 at the sports field

The event will conclude with a family picnic.

### **Organisation for Next Year**

We have a number of staff leaving us at the end of term, some of whom you are aware of already. Those leaving include Mr Woodcock who is moving to Canada, Mrs Fernandes who is moving to work closer to home and Miss Atkins who has secured a position in another Hertfordshire school. Mrs Mortimer is also leaving us at the end of term due to ill health and Miss Watts to move to Devon. We are very grateful to all of them who have worked so hard for the school, all playing a significant part in the education of the children here.

We have made the following teaching appointments: Miss Jackson joins us from teaching in London, Mr Bushell from teaching in Croydon, Miss Farley from Enfield, and Mrs Thomas and Mr Wanless from schools in Hertfordshire. We welcome them to our team.

We also have four new Teaching Assistants joining us: Mr Mullen, Mrs Boyle, Mrs Irwin and Mrs Hennin.

I am therefore now in a position to share with you the class organisation for next year. The classes will be as follows:

Reception Apple	Miss Novell
Reception Lime	Miss Jackson
Year One Aqua	Mr Wanless (current Lime class)
Year One Sky	Miss Mawhood (current Apple class)
Year Two Crimson	Miss Hesketh (current Aqua class)
Year Two Scarlet	Miss Hind (current Sky class)
Year Three Amber	Mrs Freer (current Scarlet class)
Year Three Vermillion	Mrs Carter (current Crimson class)
Year Four Saffron	Mrs Jennings (current Vermillion class)
Year Four Gold	Miss Farley (current Amber class)
Year Five Sage	Mrs Thomas (current Gold class)
Year Five Forest	Mr Bushell (current Saffron class)

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July the new children and staff who are joining us in September will be spending time in school. On this day also, all classes will spend the day with their new teacher for September in their new classroom. I hope that this will ensure a smooth transition for all children in September. Children will begin and end the day in their current classrooms as usual. There will be one minor change to the usual routine of Lime class on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and that is that they will be dismissed at the end of the day from Little Robins door.

**Summer Fair**

Please remember that the PTA Summer Fair is taking place on Saturday from 12pm to 3pm. The weather forecast is looking promising so we should be in for a good day. I do hope that you will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs J Goddard*

Headteacher