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Dear Parent

The weather has definitely got a lot colder and the daylight hours much shorter so winter is well and truly here. We do try to get the children out for some fresh air every day so please remember to send your child to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves.

We are looking forward to a busy half term ahead of us with lots of events and activities planned for the forthcoming weeks:

Spotlight on Africa

Thank you to everyone who supported this charity for our Harvest appeal. I hope that the children all undertook some jobs at home during the half term to earn the money for the donations. To date we have collected £808.00 which is a brilliant effort. If there are any envelopes still to be returned, please get them in as soon as possible so that we can add the money to this total.

Admission to School 2018/19

Some of our children have younger siblings who are due to start school next September so this is a reminder that if your child is born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 the online application process to apply for their school place is now open. More information is available online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for application is 15th January 2018. If you need any help with the application, please speak to Mrs Brown in the office.

Staffing News

Congratulations go to Miss Burgis (Teaching Assistant in Year 2) who got married over the October half term and is now Mrs Starck. We have seen the wedding photos and it looks as if she had a wonderful day with her family!

Christmas Card Ordering

You should have received the Christmas card ordering forms from the PTA and the deadline for returning them with the money is Wednesday 15th November. The money and form should be placed in the yellow PTA box. If you wish to view your design please visit:

<http://www.school-fundraising.co.uk/christmas-cards-for-schools/?ID=GBJBSPTTK>

School Performance – Assessment Results

In her letter at the end of term our Chair of Governors Mrs Crawley gave you some information about our school performance. I thought that you might like to see our school data, bench marked against other schools in Hertfordshire and also Nationally. Here it is for 2017:

Phonic Screening Check – Year One

Percentage of children meeting the expected standard compared with Hertfordshire and National average:

Alban City School 94.9%, Hertfordshire 83.3%, National 82%

Key Stage One – Year Two

Percentage of children working at the expected standard or above compared with Hertfordshire and National average:

Reading: Alban City School 91%, Hertfordshire 79%, National 75.6%

Writing: Alban City School 87.5%, Hertfordshire 71.5%, National 68%

Maths: Alban City School 82% Hertfordshire 77%, National 75%

You may also be interested to see the trends over the last three years and this information is on the school website under the Curriculum tab.

Poppy Appeal

Assemblies this week are focussing on remembrance and to support this we have poppies and a collecting tin outside the Reception classes in the morning.

Premier League Trophy / Watford Football Club Event

On Tuesday 21st November we are hosting an event here where we will have the Premier League trophy in school. Representatives from Watford Football club and the Premier league will be leading a number of practical sports and class based sessions with the children throughout the day in addition to the children being able to see the trophy. Further details will follow.

Children in Need

On Friday 17th November Alban City School is raising money for Children in Need. This year's theme is "Do Your Thing" and we are all going to do our thing and have a crazy hair day! Crazy hair really could be anything involving colour or decoration or style. We are asking the children to donate £1 and come to school with crazy hair. Please note that the children will still be expected to be in uniform on this day but we can't wait to see all your crazy hair ideas.

Dates for the Autumn Term

Please find listed below dates for the remainder of the term:

9th November	Bilingual parent group coffee morning 9am
10th November	PTA Comedy Night
17th November	Children in Need – Crazy Hair Day
17th November	PTA Coffee Morning for Children in Need
21st November	Premier League Trophy/Watford Football Club Event
2nd December	PTA Christmas Fair
5th December	Apple/Lime Class Concert 9.30am
6th December	Aqua/Sky Class Concert 9.30am
8th December	PTA Popcorn Night for Years Reception and Year One
13th December	Carol Service at St Peter's Church for Years 2,3,4 and 5.
14th December	Whole school visit to the Pantomime
15th December	Christmas dinner for the children
19th December	End of Term – school finishes at 1.30pm

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Goddard

Headteacher