

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Teacher Consultation meetings

Please remember that meetings are taking place next week on either Monday or Thursday with your child's teacher. The school office will be closed but the pupil entrance gates will be open for you to enter the building. Your child's work will be available for you to look at while you are waiting. We will make every effort to ensure meetings start and finish promptly and run to time for everyone's convenience, and we appreciate your help with this.

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

Next week is national Anti-Bullying week. The theme this year is Reach Out and the children will be taking part in activities to raise awareness about the impact of bullying, reflect on their own behaviour, know how to reach out for help if they ever need it and support each other. The week begins with Odd Socks Day to celebrate what makes us all unique. Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday to help spread positive messages about acceptance, understanding and respect.

Admission arrangements consultation for Reception entry September 2024

Thank you very much to everyone who has already responded and shared their views. The consultation runs until 11th December and the form can be accessed [here](#). More information about the consultation can be accessed using this [link](#)

Sports results

Congratulations to our boys' football team who drew 2-2 against St Alban and St Stephen School after a very close match. We also had some fantastic results in the recent cross county competition and are very proud of the progress our runners are making each time they race.

St Albans Blue Plaque Initiative

Today some children from Year 6 were invited to attend the unveiling of a blue plaque in Cannon Street to remember Ted Warner, who attended the school that used to be on this site and was awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery after he was killed in action in the First World War. I told the children about Ted in assembly so if you are out over the weekend perhaps you could help your child to spot his plaque and or other plaques that are being installed across the city, and learn about the people they commemorate.

Visit from Daisy Cooper MP

On Tuesday our local MP, Daisy Cooper, came to speak to our school council and also took assembly to tell the children about her role and how she helps the local community. The children asked her some interesting questions too. Perhaps we have some future politicians in our midst!

Year 6 cycle training

Next week Year 6 children will be learning about how to ride their bikes safely on the road. If you are driving in the area during the school day please keep an eye out for them. If your Y6 child is participating, they should wheel their bike across the playground when they arrive in the morning and staff will help them to store it at the side of the school. We do not have secure overnight storage so we would prefer bikes to be taken home each night, but if this is not possible please

provide a lock and understand that bikes are left overnight at your own risk. If the weather is wet the training will still go ahead, so please provide appropriate waterproof clothing and footwear.

Update from the PTA

Christmas Fair - 3rd Dec 14.00 - 16.30

Planning for the festive season is in full swing and we would love your help to make it even more special. If you can spare an hour on Saturday 3rd December, we do need more volunteers to help our Christmas Fair sparkle. In particular, we are looking for help on our games and craft stalls as a parent or grandparent who might like to be one of our "Santas"? You can choose your time slot here: <https://volunteersignup.org/HDCLF> or drop us a note for more info.

Nearly New Christmas Jumper Sale

Also, please remember to have a dig around for your old Christmas Jumpers that can be donated on Monday 21st Nov for our Nearly New Christmas Jumper Sale on Friday 25th Nov.

Fancy joining the team?

Lastly, we are still looking for a Secretary and Events Support Officer to keep our calendar of events running smoothly. Please drop Danielle, Helen or Lucy a message at PTA@albancityschool.herts.sch.uk to find out more. We're a friendly bunch and can work around your work and personal commitments.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

	Diary dates	Autumn term 2022
14 th November		Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day
14 th November		Year 6 cycle training all week
14 th November		Parents Evening 3:40-7:00pm
17 th November		Parents Evening 3:40-7:00pm
18 th November		Amethyst sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
23 rd November		Flu vaccinations catch up
25 th November		PTA nearly new Christmas jumper sale
25 th November		Forest sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
2 nd December		Saffron sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
2 nd December		Christmas themed non-uniform day

3rd December	PTA Christmas Fair
7th December	Y1 Performance in the theatre at 9:15am
9th December	Gold sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
13th December	Reception Performance in the theatre at 9:15am
14th December	Christmas Lunch
15th December	Pantomime at the Alban Arena 10:30am
19th December	Year 3 Christmas Concert in the theatre at 9:00am
20th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert in the theatre at 9:00am
21st December	End of term 1.30pm