

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Governor Elections

Thank you so much to the five parents who offered to stand as a parent governor, and to everyone who voted. The election closed on Wednesday afternoon, and Peter Harris and Rob Crick received the most votes so they are duly elected.

Celebrating talents, cultures and interests

We are always looking for ways to inspire the children and expand their knowledge and horizons, so we thought we'd tap into our hugely talented parent body! We would love to hear from you if you play a musical instrument or have another talent, interest, something from your own traditions and culture, your education or job role ...anything really that you would be willing to tell the children about. Please take a look at our questionnaire and respond if you think you could volunteer a little (or a lot!) of your time.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSjwbm77RhMzIxqUFLY32tkavrqWteSqaChyZwQd3xkMBsZg/viewform?usp=pp_url

Golden Rules Poster Competition

Our school council is running a competition to design a poster about our school's Golden Rules. Information about the competition has been posted on everyone's Google Classroom, so please encourage your child to have a look and get involved.

Year Group libraries

Thank you to the PTA and to parents who have donated a book to get our year group libraries started. These will be in boxes outside the classrooms every day so that, during soft start, parents and children can borrow books from our suggested reading lists. There is a yellow signing in and out book in the front of each box. Please can you write your child's name and the title of the book if you borrow one, and then tick it off when you return it so that we keep a track of where the books are. Please see the book lists outside the classrooms if you would still like to donate a book. Happy reading!

Lunchtime provision

After half term we will be enhancing our lunchtime provision by introducing some themed activity zones to the playground in addition to the large space we already have for running around and being active. Zones will include reading, dress up / performance and drawing/colouring. If you are clearing out any cupboards over half term, we would be grateful for donations of dressing up clothes and props, reading books, cosy blankets, waterproof backed picnic blankets and colouring books.

Teaching assistant vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a teaching assistant and 1:1 learning support assistant. If you would like more information please speak to me or see the Teach in Herts website <https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job.htm?schoolid=552>

New menus

After half term we will have new menus. These have been published on our website and will be displayed outside classrooms as usual. We will also have a themed Firework Day lunch on the first Thursday back. The menu for this is below for your information but this does not need to be pre-ordered.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance figure is up again from two weeks ago and is now 97.4%. Thank you very much for supporting your child's good attendance and punctuality at school.

Thank you from St Albans and District Food bank

We have received a certificate of thanks and a visit from one of the volunteers at the food bank to tell the children about where their Harvest Festival donations went and how they are helping people. Thanks to your generosity and support we collected 319kg in donations which is the equivalent of 133 meals.

Free online course for Dads

A free 6 week course for Dads, Step-Dads and Male Carers is running via Zoom in November and December. The course can help to understand the links between feelings, thoughts and behaviour, understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour, respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries, improve communication and build better relationships. For more information please see <https://familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Online-course-for-Dads-Step-Dads-male-carers-NovDec-2022.pdf>

Update from the PTA

A lot of thank you messages from the PTA this week plus a few festive dates:

- Firstly, thanks to everyone who embraced **Scary Hair Day** yesterday. Some amazing creations! Any last minute donations can be made here: <https://square.link/u/Z5isvsD9>.
- A huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped us put on a fantastically spooky **Halloween Disco** for Years 4 - 6 last night.
- And another huge thanks to all our **EasyFundraisers** who helped raise the £774.05 which has just paid for an amazing collection of books for the year group libraries. You can help us to continue funding more books by signing up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk.
- **Christmas Card Fundraiser** - order forms were handed out to the children this week. Please order by Monday 31st October. You can email XmasCardsACSPTA@outlook.com with any queries.

Lastly, please see below a flyer highlighting some of the festive fun coming up next half term.

Next week is half term and school will be closed. Thank you so much for all your support this term. I hope you have an enjoyable break and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 31st October.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray



Festive Fundraising at Alban City School

FRIDAY 25TH NOV

15.15 - 16.45

"Nearly New"

Christmas Jumper Sale

FRIDAY 2ND DEC

Non Uniform Day

- Christmas theme

SATURDAY 3RD DEC

Sponsored by:- 14.00 - 16.30



Christmas Fair

FRIDAY 9TH DEC

*Salvation Army Toy Appeal**

All donations to the Salvation Army



More information on all events coming soon!

Alban City School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a registered charity in England and Wales, #1195271.

Diary dates Autumn term 2022

24 th October	Half term week
4th November	Magenta sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
11th November	Sage sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
11 th November	Year 6 Tag Rugby Festival
14th November	Year 6 cycle training all week
14th November	Parents Evening 3:40-7:00pm
17th November	Parents Evening 3:40-7:00pm
18th November	Amethyst sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
23rd November	Flu vaccinations catch up
25 th November	PTA nearly new Christmas jumper sale
25th November	Forest sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
2nd December	Saffron sharing assembly in the theatre at 9:00am
2 nd December	Christmas themed non-uniform day
3rd December	PTA Christmas Event
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



Happy Bonfire Night!

Thursday 3rd NOVEMBER

**BBQ Bangers & Baked
Beans stuffed Jacket
Potato**

**BBQ Veggie Bangers &
Baked Beans stuffed
Jacket Potato**

Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard