

Dear Parents and Carers,

Solar Panel fundraiser

The fundraising campaign for the solar panels closes on 31st January. Thank you so much for all the donations we have received. After this date, we will arrange for a board to be made with the names of everyone who has donated £50 or more, which will be displayed permanently in the school entrance. The weather hasn't been that great since the panels were installed, but we have already generated 354kWh energy which is equivalent to saving 68.4kg of carbon dioxide or planting 4 trees.

<https://app.goodhub.com/alban-city-school-9605>

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the year has dropped slightly to 95.8%. I know there has been a lot of illness this week, so I hope everyone feels better soon.

Wet Playtime Games Needed

If you have had a bit of a clear out after Christmas and have any unwanted board games, card games, jigsaws, lego etc, we will gladly rehome them for the children to use when it's too wet to go outside.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch is taking place this weekend. This is the UK's largest garden wildlife survey. It's been running since 1979, and every year, around 700,000 people take part, providing the RSPB a valuable snapshot of how our garden birds are doing in the UK. If you would like more information please visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch> It's very easy to take part, and it's a screen free hour to connect with nature too!

Sports results

Our Boys B football team narrowly lost 4-2 to Prae Wood in a close exciting match. The boys have shown real improvement and created lots of chances, playing well as a team. The Boys A team drew 1-1 against St John Fisher, with the opposition scoring in the last minute. Our netball team were unlucky to lose 4-5, with another last minute goal in their match against St Peter's.

The PTA welcomes Kate Davies as our new Chair and Trustee.

We are really pleased to confirm that Kate Davies, mum to Fiona and Georgina, was voted in as the new Chair of the PTA at last week's AGM. Kate takes over from Danielle and Lucy who have stepped down as Co-Chairs after 2 years of fabulous fundraising for the school. A huge thanks to Danielle and Lucy for all their hard work supporting the school. Lucy has agreed to stay on as Communications Officer and Trustee and Jean continues in her role as Treasurer and Trustee. Kate is keen to hear about any new fundraising ideas you may have for the school - so drop by at the next PTA Coffee Morning in February (date TBC) or pop them an email at pta@albancityschool.herts.sch.uk

Please see information below about a Pancake Day competition being run by our catering company, abm. Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray



Instructions for the Pancake Competition!

The Pancake Competition is running until **Monday 19th February**.

One lucky winner will be chosen week commencing 19th February.

All you have to do is get creative and design a pancake! Cut them up, shape and decorate with some delicious treats - the more creative the better!

Please print a picture of your pancake design and hand it to the Catering Manager no later than Monday 19th February for inclusion in the competition.

This competition is run by your school catering provider - abm catering.



Spring Term Diary Dates

29th January	Spurs football sessions Scarlet, Vermillion, Magenta classes
30 th January	Boys A football at Watford FC training ground 9am - 1.30pm
31st January	Girls football v Mandeville
1st February	Y4 football v Skyswood
2nd February	Young Voices concert – Wembley Arena
2nd February	Boys B football and Y5 v Killigrew
2nd February	Vermillion Class sharing assembly 9am
5 th February	Spurs football sessions Sky, Saffron, Sage classes
6 th February	Safer Internet Day
7th February	Boys B and Girls football v Samuel Ryder
8 th February	Chinese New Year Theme Lunch
8 th February	Netball v Wheatfields
9th February	Crimson Class sharing assembly 9am
14 th February	Netball v Camp
15 th February	Boys A football v Oakwood
16th February	Scarlet Class sharing assembly 9am
19th February	Half Term week
27 th February	Girls football tournament 9am – 1.30pm
28th February	Y4 football v Bowmansgreen
29th February	Cross Country at Mandeville
1st March	Sky Class sharing assembly 9am
1 st March	Girls football v Prae Wood
5th March	Animal Man visiting Y2
6th March	Y2/3 football v Bowmansgreen
7th March	World Book Day
8th March	Aqua Class sharing assembly 9am
8 th March	Careers Day

8 th March	#Letgirlsplay football initiative
9 th March	Y6 Netball Tournament
13 th March	Boys A football v Mount Pleasant Lane
14 th March	Cross country at Garden Fields
15 th March	Lime Class sharing assembly 9am
18 th March	Last week of clubs
19 th March	Parents Evening
19 th March	Y5 Netball Tournament
20 th march	Boys A football and netball v Mount Pleasant Lane
21 st March	Parents Evening
22 nd March	Apple Class sharing assembly 9am
25 th March	Year 5 concert in the theatre 9am
26 th March	Orchestra concert in the hall 9am
26 th March	Y5 and 6 visiting Easter experience at St Peter's Church
26 th March	Phase 1 Film Night
27 th March	Year 4 concert in the theatre 9am
28 th March	End of Term 1:30pm