

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely three weeks it has been having everyone back in school. It feels quite surreal to be finishing today for the Easter holidays when we've only just got going again! However, following the long days of home schooling and online learning, and then the joyful but tiring return to school, I think we are all happy to be taking a break. I would like to say an enormous well done to the children for how well they have adapted to all the changes this term and the amazing resilience they have shown, and a huge thank you to all the staff and parents who have supported the school and the children's learning and wellbeing so magnificently. I hope we can now all look forward to a settled summer term, filled with learning and fun, and lots of long, warm, sunny days too!

Staffing updates

Today is Miss Jackson's last day with her class in preparation for her maternity leave. She will still be working for a few more weeks in the summer term so we're not saying goodbye to her quite yet, but we are welcoming Miss Cooper who will be teaching Lime class after Easter. Mrs Boothby is returning to work after the holidays from her maternity leave and will be providing additional support for children's learning in the summer term. We are also welcoming Mrs Lawton, who will be working with Miss Lord as our new Assistant SENCo.

School lunches

There will be a new 3 week menu cycle for the summer term. The menu can be found on our website. <https://albancityschool.org.uk/parents/school-meals/> If your child has a bespoke menu due to a food allergy, this will be emailed directly to you before the start of term. We will be holding a free lunch day on 21st April to encourage all children to try a school meal, particularly if they usually bring a packed lunch and haven't tried one before. More information and a booking form will be sent home after the holidays.

After school clubs

We will be offering after school clubs in the summer term for children in Years 2-6 in their year group bubbles. These clubs will all be free of charge for this term only, as we have additional funding from the government that we can use to support the children's health and wellbeing. More information and an online booking form will be sent out at 5pm on Monday 12th April. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Unfortunately we are unable to offer clubs to children in Reception and Year 1, partly due to their age because the school day is already a long and tiring one, but also due to a lack of capacity for the club providers.

Reporting a positive Covid case

Please continue to inform us this weekend and next week by emailing the school if your child tests positive for Covid as we will need to inform any contacts to self-isolate. Please do not telephone and leave a voice message as the message will not be picked up during the holidays.

Inset day

Monday 12th April is an Inset day, so we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 13th April.

I would like to wish all our families who are celebrating a very Happy Easter, Passover and Holi. I hope you have a relaxing, fun and safe holiday. Maybe Lani and I will see some of you when we do the PTA Easter trail?!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray