



Dear Parents and Carers,

SAPSMA Concert

This week I had the pleasure of watching our senior choir and orchestra perform with other local primary schools in the Alban Arena at the St Albans Primary Schools Music Association concert. The orchestra performed for 3 nights and played two exceptionally complex pieces with superb skill and concentration. The choir sang 14 songs from memory and were on stage for the entire concert. It was a wonderful occasion and I'm sure the children will have made life-long memories. Thank you to Ms Dore, Mrs Hornblow and all the other staff and parents who gave their time to provide this experience for the children.

Multi-faith assembly

On Monday we were delighted to welcome Reverend Mark from St Peter's Church, Rabbi Adam from the Masorti Synagogue and Akhtar from the St Albans Islamic Centre to talk to the children in assembly. The theme this time was British Values and what this means to Christian, Muslim and Jewish people who live in this country. It was so interesting to hear the similarities and shared values between these 3 world religions and provided some very important learning opportunities for the children, who listened respectfully and asked some thoughtful questions.

Sporting success

Congratulations to all the children who have represented the school in sports fixtures this term. Our Girls football team has been particularly successful and won their league! The netball team won their final match 7-5 against Oakwood and in the last cross country fixture Sophia was the fastest girl finishing 6th and Fergus was the fastest boy finishing 5th. Thank you to Mr Allen, Mrs Wonnacott and Miss Reynolds for their support with training and fixtures. Next term we aim to arrange some friendly fixtures so that more children from younger year groups can have the opportunity to represent the school.

Out of school successes

Alexa, Skyler, Ivy and Maisie-Ellen competed with their dance team at a national competition recently and were awarded 7th place in Contemporary and 4th in Street which was amazing considering the high standard and the number of teams they were competing against. Asiya took part in the Watford Music Festival and was awarded a merit in the Musical Theatre category. Congratulations to them all.

Donation to library

I am delighted to share the news that we have received a £500 donation from Sage Publishing that we will use to purchase new releases for our library.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the year is now 95.8%, but unfortunately today's attendance is only 88.9% because many families have chosen to start their Easter holidays early. Thank you to everyone who has not made that decision and has attended school right up until the end of term as expected by the DfE and Local Authority.

Sports Day

Sports Day which will take place on Friday 22nd May at Normandy Road Playing Field. The timings will be as follows:

YR and Y1	9.30-10.30
Y2 and Y3	11.00-12.00
Y4, 5 and 6	1.45 – 3.15

More information will be shared next term.

An enormous thank you to the staff team for their hard work this term, and to parents and carers for all your support. We have an INSET day on 13th April, so school reopens to the children on 14th April.

I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable break, and Happy Easter to everyone who is celebrating this festival.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

Summer term diary dates

(Please note that more dates will be added next term)

13 April	INSET day – school closed
14 April	First day of Summer Term
20 April	Year 5 trip to Tate Modern
21 April	PTA AGM 7pm
24 April	Sky Class assembly 9am in the theatre
1 May	Aqua Class assembly 9am in the theatre
4 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
5 May	Year 3 trip to Verulamium
8 May	Lime Class assembly 9am in the theatre
11 May	Year 6 SATS Week
14 May	Year 1 trip to Natural History Museum
15 May	Apple Class assembly 9am in the theatre
18 May	Athletes in Schools visit
22 May	Sports Day
25 May	Half term week – school closed
1 June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check week
5 June	Learning Outside the Classroom Day (non-school uniform)
8 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening week (and Year 2 re-sits)
10 June	Year 6 residential trip to Gilwell Park until 12 June
17 June	Year 4 Sports Festival @ Loreto School
18 June	Year 5 K'nex Challenge
2 July	Year 4 trip to Epping Forest
3 July	Annual reports published
7 July	Orchestra performance to parents
9 July	Transition Day and Open Evening
10 July	Year 6 performance in the hall 9.15am
16 July	Year 6 trip to West End theatre show
17 July	Year 4 Summer Concert 9am in the theatre
21 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am in the theatre

21 July	End of term 1.15pm Year R – 5, 1.30pm Year 6
22 July	INSET day – school closed
23 July	Occasional Day – school closed