

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staff update

We were very sad to say goodbye to Miss Jackson today, who is leaving ACS because she has moved away from the area. Miss Jackson has worked here since 2017, and her wonderful teaching and caring approach has provided such a great start to school for so many children. We will really miss her and wish her all the very best for the future. We are also sorry to say goodbye to Miss McKay, who has been teaching in Year 2 this term, and wish her the best of luck in her new role as a maths adviser. Next term we are welcoming Miss Arnold to teach Miss Jackson's class and Miss D'Souza to teach Miss McKay's class. Congratulations to Miss Farley who is getting married during the holidays and will now be called Mrs Poole.

Sports results

It's been another busy week of sports fixtures for our teams, with some more fantastic results. Our netball team smashed their goal scoring record again this week with a 14-2 win against Oakwood. Our Girls football team finished the season with 5-0 and 1-0 losses against Samuel Ryder to finish the season in 5th place with 2 wins. Our Boys A football team won 2-0 against Oakwood and 2-0 against Skyswood, and we are waiting confirmation to see if they have won their league! Our Boys B team had a well-earned 1-1 draw against Skyswood to finish 4th in their league. Congratulations to all our teams for a wonderful season. We are so proud of you all for the spirit in which you have played. A special mention must go to the Boys A team who fought their way back from being 5-1 down to draw 5-5 recently. You showed amazing resilience! Thank you Mr Clements, Mrs Wonnacott and Mrs Balmforth for their dedicated coaching too, and to all our parent supporters and taxi drivers! We couldn't play all these matches without you.

Online safety

Mr Bushell recently held a meeting for parents about online safety. The slides from his presentation are available on our website, along with other information and resources to keep you up-to-date with the latest apps and games, as well as guides to help you create and manage parental controls on your devices at home. <https://albancityschool.org.uk/curriculum/esafety/>

Extra-curricular clubs

You should have received some information and a booking form for the extra-curricular clubs we have available next term. I am so grateful to the members of staff who give up their time to run a club for the children and enable us to provide such a wide range and number of clubs to hopefully appeal to as many children as possible. Mrs Hutton also does a huge amount of work behind the scenes sorting out the administration for our clubs, so thank you to her too. Please respond by 8am on 17th April if you would like your child to attend a club.

Road safety and parking outside school

We have received some concerning phone calls from members of the public about near misses where parents have dodged between cars to cross Hatfield Road with their children at the end of the day. Please use the crossing points for everyone's safety. We have also received some complaints about parents pulling up outside school to drop off children and blocking the road or our staff car park entrance, or parking in the private car park opposite the school. I appreciate that parking may not be very easy or convenient, especially if you are in a rush, but please help us to maintain a positive relationship with the local community by parking in a permitted place.

Easter offer from Megan's Restaurant

From Monday 3rd April to Sunday 16th April, Megan's will be giving every child that dines with them an Easter-themed colouring sheet with an egg on it to colour in. Children can trade in the egg for a real chocolate egg, & for every egg that they receive, Megan's will donate £1 to our school! If ever you needed an excuse for a meal out, here it is!

End of term arrangements

Term ends tomorrow at 1.30pm. The PTA are holding a bake sale and are very grateful to receive any donations of baked or bought cakes – no nuts or fresh cream please. Donations can be left in the community room in soft start tomorrow morning. Some children from Y5 are also holding a charity sale at the end of term to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. This is all their own initiative, and they have made their own items to sell, so we hope you will have a little spare change to support them.

There is no INSET day at the start of next term, so the children return on Monday 17th April. I hope you have a lovely break and the sun finally decides to makes a welcome return after all this rain!

Best wishes,

Mrs Stray