



Alban City School
7 Hatfield Road
St Albans
AL1 3RR
www.albancityschool.org.uk

Office email: admin@albancityschool.herts.sch.uk

4th October 2018

Dear Parents

Our term is well under way now as the children continue to settle into their classes, make new friendships and work in their new books.

We have a busy time ahead of us so please find listed below dates, information and reminders for your attention.

Sharing Assemblies

Sharing assemblies will be starting shortly. For those of you who are new to the school each class takes a turn to present a sharing assembly to their phase group and to you. This is an opportunity for the children to share with each other learning activities that they have been undertaking in their class. Each class takes a turn once every half year to present an assembly to their phase group. These assemblies are held on a Thursday at 8.55am and parents are invited to their own child's class assembly. When it is your child's class assembly you will receive a letter on the Friday of the week before the assembly inviting you to attend.

We do realise that at times it is difficult for parents to attend an assembly with only one week's notice but if you are unable to attend we are always pleased to see another family member or friend of the family. As sharing assemblies reflect what is going on in the class at that point in time and are only prepared a couple of days in advance, we are not able to give more notice as we have to work around staff training, absence and events in school that can change quickly.

Packed Lunches

If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school can you please make sure that the lunch box is labelled clearly with the child's name. With many lunch boxes looking the same it is creating some confusion at lunchtimes.

Mrs Boothby

Mrs Boothby will be starting her maternity leave on October 15th with her last day at school being Friday 12th October. We wish her well for the birth of her baby.

Road Works

We have been notified of the following road works which are to take place next week.

A temporary traffic diversion is to be set up in St Albans City Centre due to essential utility work at the site of the former museum. One lane of a 200-metre section of Hatfield Road, between St Peter's Street and Upper Marlborough Road, will be closed from Monday 8 October for around nine days. This is to allow for water and gas supplies to be installed at a residential development called Oak Tree Gardens that is being built on the former site of the City's museum.

The partial closure will turn the road into a one-way street with the traffic direction changing according to the needs of the pipe-laying work. The restrictions will be in force 24 hours a day. It is anticipated that the work will finish on Tuesday 16 October, but this is dependent on the weather and other factors.

Traffic moving east will be diverted for the first few days before west-bound traffic is diverted during the second phase of the work. Yellow signboards at either end of the road involved will alert motorists to this. The diversion route will guide east-bound motorists away from the entrance of Hatfield Road at the roundabout by the Blacksmiths' Arms. They will be diverted south along St Peter's Street, left at traffic lights into Victoria Street and left at Upper Latimore Road to re-join Hatfield Road at the T-junction.

When traffic moving west along Hatfield Road towards the City Centre is diverted, it will be guided in the opposite direction. Motorists will take a left into Upper Latimore Road and a right at the T-junction with Victoria Street to reach St Peter's Street. The diversions may cause delays, particularly at the morning and evening rush hours. Motorists should make an allowance for this while planning their journey.

Pedestrians will retain access and will only be affected by occasional pavement closures when alternative routes and crossing points will be signposted.

The traffic management plan has been devised by Fulcrum, a utility services company, and agreed by the highways authority, Hertfordshire County Council.

Courtyard

If you are waiting in the courtyard area to collect children after school can you please not let younger children play on the equipment or help themselves to the resources. We wish to avoid equipment being damaged.

Dates for the Autumn Term

12 th October	Individual and sibling photos
17 th October	Nasal Spray Flu Vaccination for children in Years R – 5
18 th October	Year 6 Mayan Chocolate Experience Day
22 nd – 26 th October	Bikeability for Year 6
22 nd October	Parent/Teacher Consultations 5 - 8pm
24 th October	Parent/Teacher Consultations 4 – 7pm
26 th October	Harvest Celebration Event
29 th October – 2 nd November	Half Term
5 th November	Inset Day (school closed)
16 th November	Children in Need Event
10 th December	Money Sense Programme for Years 3 and 5
12 th December	Carol Service at St Peters Church
13 th December	Whole school visit to the Pantomime
21 st December	End of Term – school finishes at 1.30pm

Individual and Family Photographs

The photographer will be visiting school on Friday 12th October to take individual and sibling photographs. All children will automatically be photographed individually however if you would like your children to have their picture taken together please return the slip below by Tuesday 9th October. Due to the number of children being photographed we are unable to include children from Little Robins or babies/toddlers in sibling photos. We will only co-ordinate family photographs if we have received a signed slip from you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Goddard and Mrs G Stray

Co-Headteachers

Family Photograph

Oldest child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Sibling's Name: _____ Class: _____

Sibling's Name: _____ Class: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____