

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the Christmas Fair last Saturday. There was a lovely atmosphere and lots of fun to be had, and everyone who came helped to raise over £3,500 in the process which is an amazing amount! Huge thanks to the PTA team for co-ordinating the event and to everyone else who helped out either setting up, during the fair, or clearing up afterwards. I'm always so proud of our fantastic school community.

### **Sport results**

The netball team played the final game of their Autumn league against STAHS and showed improvement again as they were level 3-3 until the third quarter. The game ended 5-9 to STAHS (goals from Sinead x3 and Mary-Catherine x2). Mrs Wonnacott has been really impressed with the attitude and resilience of the girls to continue to improve each match.

The Girls football team has been working hard in training and this has paid off with victories over Cunningham Hill, Samuel Ryder and Skyswood, winning 2-1, 4-1 and 7-0 respectively. In the cup, the girls won 4-1 against Oakwood, which means that they are through to the quarter finals. Congratulations girls! What a season you are having!

### **Computing success**

This month, children across Years 3 to 6 competed in the Bebras Computing Challenge. The children answered questions that involved computational and logical thinking. Outstandingly, a group of pupils from Year 6 ranked in the top 10% nationally and are now invited to compete in the next round. Well done to everyone and thank you to Mr Bushell for leading the initiative.

### **Attendance**

Our current school attendance for the year is 96.5%. This is dropped a little since my last newsletter, so please help us to maintain a high attendance figure. Our aim is 97% at the end of this academic year.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Next Wednesday is our Christmas lunch day. Children should still come in school uniform, but they are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper to school that day instead of their school jumper if they want to, or bring a jumper or some festive headgear in their bag to put on at lunch time. The PTA have a few donated Christmas jumpers left over from the fair, so they will be selling them in the playground this afternoon if anyone wants a last minute purchase!

### **Solar panels**

Since we launched our fundraising initiative to support the installation of solar panels on the roof, we have been delighted to receive nearly £1,700 in donations towards our target of £10,000. Thank you so much for all the support so far. Please continue to share the link with friends, families and business connections and remind them that we will have a lovely thank board in the entrance area displaying the names of everyone who contributes £50 or more! <https://app.goodhub.com/alban-city-school-9605>

## Herts Neurodiversity Hub

Herts has launched a new Neurodiversity Support Hub, which is open Monday - Friday 9am-1pm. The Hub is staffed by experts who can answer questions to do with Neurodiversity, however big or small, or just be a listening ear. Please note, no diagnosis is required to access the support. The Hub can be contacted by phone on 01727 833963, with an answerphone facility for out of hours or by email at [supporthub@add-vance.org](mailto:supporthub@add-vance.org) A flyer is below and there is also a short digital animation [Your guide to ADHD and Autism support in Hertfordshire - YouTube](#)

There are also some new digital webinars which parents and carers can access on demand. Initially there are webinars on Understanding Autism, Understanding ADHD, Navigating the SEND world and Navigating the SEND world post 16. Over the coming months they will be expanding this offer to include several other topics. They can be accessed here [SEND documents and resources \(hertfordshire.gov.uk\)](#)

Have a lovely weekend, and a very Happy Hanukkah to everyone who is celebrating.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stray

### Diary dates      Autumn term 2023

12th December	Reception Performance in the theatre at 9:15am
13th December	Christmas Lunch with festive jumpers
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Girls football quarter final v Garden Fields
14th December	Pantomime at the Alban Arena 10:30am
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Boys football v Cunningham Hill
18th December	Year 3 Christmas Concert in the theatre at 9:00am
19th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert in the theatre at 9:00am
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Tudor Day
20th December	End of term 1.30pm

# Neurodiversity Support Hub

For Parents, Carers and Professionals

We can offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not

limited to:

- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed Behaviours
  - Anxiety
  - School

No  
Diagnosis  
Required

The phones are answered by our team of parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people

Are you a  
Parent, Carer  
or  
Professional?



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We Can't:

- Give updates/ fast track places on waiting lists
- Recommend specific private assessors




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Open Monday-Friday

9 AM - 1PM



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