

Dear Parents and Carers,

Computing

Congratulations to Mr Bushell, our Computing Leader, who is now also the community lead for St Albans and Hemel Hempstead through CAS (Computing at School). Alban City School is the host school for regular cluster meetings where teachers from other local schools can meet together to share good practice.

For anyone whose child is interested in coding, Software Academy are giving away 50,000 free lifetime licenses to their STEM learning platform. You just need to access the link below and register, then add your child's details: <https://online.softwareacademy.co.uk/enroll/282879...> There is a huge catalogue of video tutorials from scratch coding to python, and using the link above will give you free access to this catalogue. They also offer paid virtual clubs as well as accredited courses for a fee.

Young Voices

Congratulations to our school choir for their performance as part of the massed children's choir at Young Voices last week at Wembley Arena. It was a very exciting experience for them and I hope everyone involved really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the staff and parents who accompanied the children to make their participation in this event possible.

Sports results

The girls' football team played their quarter final match against Garden Fields and played brilliantly to come back to 2-2 from 2-0 down. After a nail-biting penalty shootout, they were unlucky to lose out on a spot in the semi-finals, but we are so proud of them for their performance. In their league match, the girls won in a hard fought 1-0 victory over Mandeville.

The Boys A team had an exciting morning playing in a tournament at the Watford FC training ground. They ended up finishing 2nd in the group with only 1st place going through to the finals, but a great effort from all of them too! The Boys B team battled hard against a very tough Killigrew side and although they lost 4-0, they were really positive about the football they played and looked much improved since their last match.

Some children from Year 4 played their first match for the school against Skyswood last week. The boys lost 6-0 and the girls lost 2-0 but it was a very positive experience for everyone involved so well done to all the players and thank you to Mr Clements for organising it.

Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 95.7%. Mrs Carter is very happy to speak to anyone who would like any support or has any questions about their child's attendance.

Bricket Road Night Shelter donations

There will be a donation point at the school gates at morning drop off next Friday 16th February. The items they are most in need of at the moment are coffee, mayonnaise, sugar, biscuits and crisps. If you would like to donate anything, it will be gratefully received. They also have an Amazon wish list which can be found here

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/26PB1WXXG5OTS?ref_=wl_share

Solar Panels

The TV monitor in the entrance area now displays information about how much energy the solar panels are generating. Representatives from the company that installed them are coming to talk to the children in assembly on 26th February to explain more about how the panels work and what this means for the energy we are generating and consuming. If you would like to take a look at home with your children, the data is available here <https://monitoringpublic.solaredge.com/solaredge-web/p/kiosk?guid=3e1dd79a-3d00-44e9-a45a-0414ebe445d4>

Have a lovely weekend, and Happy New Year 新年快樂 to everyone who is celebrating this weekend.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Stray

Spring Term Diary Dates

14 th February	Netball v Camp
15 th February	Boys A football v Oakwood
16 th February	Scarlet Class sharing assembly 9am
16 th February	Donations for Bricket Road Night Shelter
19 th February	Half Term week
27 th February	Girls football tournament 9am – 1.30pm
28 th February	Y4 football v Bowmansgreen
29 th February	Cross Country at Mandeville
1 st March	Sky Class sharing assembly 9am
1 st March	Girls football v Prae Wood
5 th March	Animal Man visiting Y2
6 th March	Y2/3 football v Bowmansgreen
7 th March	World Book Day
8 th March	Aqua Class sharing assembly 9am
8 th March	Careers Day
8 th March	#Letgirlsplay football initiative

9th March	Y6 Netball Tournament
13 th March	Boys A football v Mount Pleasant Lane
14th March	Cross country at Garden Fields
15th March	Lime Class sharing assembly 9am
18th March	Last week of clubs
19th March	Parents Evening
19th March	Y5 Netball Tournament
20 th march	Boys A football and netball v Mount Pleasant Lane
21st March	Parents Evening
22nd March	Apple Class sharing assembly 9am
25 th March	Year 5 concert in the theatre 9am
26 th March	Orchestra concert in the hall 9am
26 th March	Y5 and 6 visiting Easter experience at St Peter's Church
26 th March	Phase 1 Film Night
27 th March	Year 4 concert in the theatre 9am
28th March	End of Term 1:30pm