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Dear Parents

The weather has definitely got a lot colder and the daylight hours much shorter so winter is well and truly here. We do try and get the children outside for fresh air and active play every day so please do remember to send your child to school with a warm coat each day.

### **Harvest Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who supported Spotlight on Africa for our Harvest Appeal. £390 was collected on the non-uniform day. Thank you also for the donations of stationery for the school in the Gambia. This will be shipped to the Gambia very soon.

### **Staffing**

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Parikh and Mrs Bollen to our staffing team. Mrs Parikh is working as a Teaching Assistant in Amber Class in the morning and Forest Class in the afternoon while Mrs Bollen is working as a Learning Support Assistant.

Mrs Boothby had a little girl called Ivy on 7<sup>th</sup> November. Mum and baby are both well and back at home. Mr Wanless will be taking paternity leave for two weeks later in the month.

### **Admission to School 2018/19**

Some of our children have younger siblings who are due to start school in September 2019 so this is a reminder that if your child is born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 the online application process to apply for their school place is now open. More information is available online at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)  
The closing date for applications is 15 January 2019.

### **Museum Time Capsule**

As part of the redevelopment of the old museum building into apartments on Hatfield Road a time capsule was unearthed that was buried within the building. This capsule contained artefacts from 1898 which then had been opened with further artefacts added in 1960. Some of the children in our school have been involved in selecting some items to be added to the capsule which will be resealed and reburied within the apartments this week. The children have chosen to add a letter about eco awareness, an eco- badge, a school sweatshirt and booklet, some newspaper articles about our school and also some poppy artefacts.

### **Children in Need**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November Alban City School is raising money for Children in Need. This year's theme is 'Spotacular'! Children are invited to wear anything spotty to school instead of their school uniform in return for a £1 donation.

### **Help for Heroes Concert**

Please find attached to this letter information about participation in a Help for Heroes Concert in Covent Garden.

### **Dates for the Term**

Please find listed below dates for the term.

Please note that Year One will not perform a concert this term as usually occurs due to staff absence. Their concert will take place in the first half of the Spring term.

16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Event
24 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Christmas Fair
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception concert 9.30am
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Money Sense Programme for Years 3 and 5
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St Peters Church 2pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school visit to the Pantomime
21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Term – school finishes at 1.30pm

Yours sincerely

*Mrs J Goddard and Mrs G Stray*  
Co-Headteachers