

Friday 10th May 2019



Weekly Attendance

Class 1	94.58%
Class 2	95.71%
Class 3	99.51%
Class 4	96.15%
Class 5	97.62%
Class 6	100%
Class 7	96.19%
Class 8	97.14%

Well done

Class 6!

Ss Alban and Stephen Catholic Junior School Weekly Newsletter

"Nurturing every child to grow and flourish in Christ"

Year 6 SATS

As I am sure many of you will know, it is Year 6 SATs next week. Before the children sit their SATs, I would like to make it explicitly clear how proud we all are of them already. The progress the children have made throughout this year and all the challenges they have overcome is a credit to them. For those who have found things difficult at times, it has been so rewarding to see them persevere and succeed. This positive attitude towards their learning and this resilience will stand them in good stead in later life. We do understand that for some, these tests may be stressful but we want the children to know that all they can do is their very best, which I am sure they will. At the end of the day, when they are grown adults looking for a job, their employers will not look for their SATS scores! They will however, look for the many wonderful qualities that your children have such as: grit and determination, patience, commitment, creativity in arts or music, great communication skills, sporting prowess, the ability to work as a team, empathy towards others, strong logical thinking and even some good leadership skills to name a few.

So, Year 6, this weekend, if you wish to study, then do so, but please also ensure you get plenty of rest too. Before the tests, have a good night's sleep, eat a hearty breakfast every morning and arrive punctually each day. You are more than ready to take the tests as you have prepared so well for them. Now it's time to shine like the stars you all are!

Coffee with Miss McFlynn

Our new Executive Headteacher, Miss McFlynn started with us last week. There will be an opportunity for parents of children in the Infant school to go and have a cup of coffee and meet with Miss McFlynn on Wednesday 15th May at 9:10am in the school hall. Parents of children in the Junior school will meet with her on Monday 20th May at 9:30am; please do pop along to say 'hello' if you are available.

Book Fair

Thank you to all those who came to the book fair. It managed to raise over £700. As a result of this, the school is entitled to a percentage of this amount to spend on other new books for the children so thank you once again for your support.

Scooters and cycling

Please can I remind parents that children should not be scooting or cycling on school premises. There are many clubs in the morning before the school day starts and visitors are often driving out of the school playground when the bell rings. For your child's safety, please make sure that they dismount and walk alongside you round to the bike park. Also, please can all scooters be left in the scooter park and not at the front door. Any scooters left at the front door will be removed. Thank you.

Office Notices

We have been using School Comms and the School Gateway for a few weeks now and the office report that, other than a few teething problems, everything is running smoothly.

Mrs Blakemore asks that you use the App to book places in After School and/or Breakfast Club. It is important that places are booked in advance so that we can ensure we have sufficient staff members on duty. If you cannot see a session it can mean it is full, but you should check with the office first. Places can only be cancelled by the office. If you give them 24 hours' notice, they will cancel the session and you will not be charged.

PTA Notices

SSAS PTA Screening - Odyssey Cinema, Monday June 3rd 10am

Details were emailed this morning Please note this is an INSET day.

Fun Run Reminder - Sunday June 9th, Verulamium Park

Please make sure to select our school when you enter so that we can win the prize this year! Enter at <https://www.stalbanshalfmarathon.com/races>. The step to select your school is just after you enter your date of birth.

Wine Pairing Evening - Church Hall, Thursday June 27th 8pm

Henry from Naked Wines (formerly Majestic Wines) will teach us the art of pairing wine with cheese. All over 18s welcome. Tickets cost £20 each (usually this event costs £35). Further details and reply slip are in this week's Summer PTA newsletter, reattached here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATS week Monday 13th May–Thursday 16th May – Please refrain from booking any appointments this week. No assembly on Monday.

Saturday 18th May – Year 3 First Holy Communion–11am and 2.00pm

Monday 20th – Friday 24th May–Islam week

Friday 24th May – Year 4 Anglo-Saxon day all day

Friday 24th May 3.20pm – Finish for half term

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Porter.