

# January 2012

Friday 13th January 2012

## Happy New Year



May I, on behalf of all the staff here at St Alban's School, wish you and your family a very Happy New Year.

We look forward to a fantastic year with you and your children.

## Staff Changes

Mrs Hughes and Mrs Tidbury have now retired from St Alban's School. We wish them both a happy and long retirement. We thank them for their contributions and dedication to the children of the school.

We welcome Miss Allwood to the Foundation Stage who will be working with Mrs Paterson and Mrs Bradford.

## Telephone Numbers



If you were lucky enough to have got a new phone from Santa this Christmas or have moved house or changed your telephone number, including mobiles, please let us know so that we can update our records accordingly. We have had a couple of cases where we've been trying to get hold of parents using an old contact number.

## Winter Weather

Although the signs of spring are appearing, bulbs peeping through the grass, snowdrops already in flower, I don't think we have seen the beginning of winter.



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### SPECIAL POINTS

- WANTED Relief Kitchen Staff
- Parents' evening 22nd March



## Extra Curricular Activities

We have a number of clubs that will be running this half term, don't worry if the courses have started, there is still room:

**Dodgeball:** an eleven week course on a Wednesday for years 2 to 6. £38.50 for 11 weeks, 3:30 to 4:30. Started 11th January. Contact 07739398039

**Street Dance:** an eleven week course on a Tuesday for years 1 to 6. £38.50 for 11 weeks, 3:30 to 4:30. Started 10th January. Contact 07739398039

**Football:** a six week course on a Thursday for years 1 to 4. £21 for 6 weeks, 3:30 to 4:40. Started 12th January. Contact 07943837994

**Spanish:** Monday and Wednesday; all years. £3 per session after school. Contact Mrs. Shawcross or the school.

A Mindstorm Club will start after half term, this is a Robotics Club run by Rolls Royce using lego and ICT. This will be restricted to years 5 & 6. Further information to follow.

Gardening Club will also be starting again after half term. Mrs Macquisten and Mrs Royal will be contacting parents.



## Reading

We are trying to encourage all parents to hear their children read each evening, even if only for five minutes. Please make it a positive experience not a chore for the child.

We are also going to have a Reading Club in a morning in the school library at 8:45, where adults will read stories to the children.



## Residential Visits for Years 5 & 6



We hope to be arranging both the above residential trips but need an estimate of children numbers. A letter will be sent out next week to see what uptake we have for the two residential trips.

Year 5 will be visiting North Wales ~ the area around Llandudno, whilst year 6

will be going to the Diocesan Retreat Centre "The Briars" in Crich.



Email [admin@stalbans.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stalbans.derby.sch.uk)



## PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening will be held on Thursday 22nd March from 4—7:00 pm. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

## Class Newsletters

You should have all received a newsletter from your child's class teacher. This outlines the areas of the curriculum which are to be covered over this Spring term. Although Parents Evening is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March please don't wait to get in touch before then if you have any concerns about your child's work.



## PTA NEWS

The PTA would like to thank the year 6 and their prayer partners in the Foundation Stage for participating in the PTA competition to design a logo for the PTA newsletter. The entries will be displayed in school.

At the committee meeting held on Monday evening; the committee decided on a number of events for the remainder of this year, these include:

A Pamper Night;

A Fashion Show on 15th March where you can buy an outfit for less than on the high street;

A Car Treasure Hunt;

A Street Party to celebrate the school's 55th birthday and the Queen's Jubilee;

A Golf Day on 20th July

St Albansbury ~ a take on Glastonbury! With a live band on 13th July

Look out for further details!



## DIARY DATES

January

Tuesday 17th	Brass lesson in school	years 5 & 6	am
	Swimming year 4		
	Governors' Meeting		7:30 pm
Friday 20th	Whole School Mass		9:30 am
Tuesday 24th	Brass lesson in school	years 5 & 6	am
	Swimming year 4		
Wednesday 25th	Class Liturgy ~ Miss Ruston & Miss Burton's		9:30 am
	Whole school liturgy led by Mrs Smalley's class		10:15 am
Friday 27th	Wow science Day		
Tuesday 31st	Brass lesson in school	years 5 & 6	am
	Swimming year 4		

February

Wednesday 1st	Years 3 & 4 out at the Space Centre		all day
	Whole school liturgy led by Mrs Muldoon's class		10:15 am