



## Head's lines...

It has been a long half term and I am sensing from the children the need for their half term break and some well-earned rest and relaxation next week.

Another busy couple of weeks in school: Years 3 & 4 headed off on a trip to Southend and the Sea Life centre; Years 4, 5 & 6 enjoyed their tag rugby trial sessions in school and everyone listened so well to the 'Plastic Free St Albans' assembly on Monday. We also sent 2 teams off to take part in a basketball competition at Oaklands College yesterday.

I also wanted to let you know that over half term we are starting a major building project in school. The whole flat roof on the back of the school and over the kitchen and Nursery is being replaced. This work will take between 12-14 weeks in total. Scaffolding and fencing will be installed next week so, when you return, the exterior of the school may look a little different. However, we are managing to keep all main doorways in operation so pick up and drop off points will remain unchanged.

In addition to the dates listed above, we have also arranged cinema trips for Year 1 – 6 in the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> November. The transport is all booked and letters about the films will come out after half-term.

I hope you all have a lovely week and look forward to seeing you in November!

With Best wishes

**Sharon Barton**

### Important Dates:

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Half Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographs Y1 & 2 production
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Fair
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS performance
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto trip for Rec – Y6
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery end of term
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Term @ 1.30pm

Please note the school photographer will be in the first day back after half term - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. All children will have individual and family group photos taken during the school day. If you have pre-school age children and would like a family group photograph taken then please come to the hall from 8.30am on that morning.

## Junior Travel Ambassadors



Congratulations to our new Junior Travel Ambassadors who were announced in assembly this morning. Hannah, Grete, Lexie and Taybah from Year 5 will be taking on this important role in school for the year ahead and working with Mrs Kent to offer training and advice to keep us all safe as we travel to and from school. We look forward to hearing about the ideas and messages they have in an assembly next half-term.

Poppies are on sale from the Monday after half-term - every morning and afternoon in the playground. We suggest a minimum donation of 50p.



We are also using the plastic bottles you have sent in to make our own recycled poppies for this year's remembrance assembly. You will see the poppies on display after the assembly. If you still need to bring in a bottle, please bring it in on the first day back.

Our new menu for the winter starts on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November on week 1. This was emailed round to you so that you can support your children in selecting their meals each day.



The pupil choice menu is working really well in school, ensuring everyone gets their choice of meal and keeping waste to a minimum.