



8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term in school is really short – just 4 and a half weeks in total. However, that just means that each week seems extra busy as we try and fit in the curriculum learning and the range of wider opportunities for the children.

We have now held spring term **Parent Consultation sessions** for all our children in Nursery and Reception. We do not hold parent consultations this term for children in Years 1 to 6. Instead, teachers are busy writing the **Annual Progress Reports** for these year groups which will come home to you in the last week of term.

Our **Choir** is busy rehearsing for a concert at the Alban Arena at the end of March. We join with other local primary schools in St Albans to perform as apart of a larger choir and orchestra and it is always a lovely opportunity for the children. We also have our spring concert in school to look forward to where those children learning the piano will be performing along with year 4 on the ukulele.



We also wanted to share with you that the children in Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to take part in **Bikeability training** recently. They spent a whole week working towards either their level 1 or level 2 badges – starting with training on the playground before being taken out in small groups on the local roads to develop their skills. Well done to all the children who took part so sensibly during this week.

Although it was a few weeks ago we also wanted to say a belated thank you to Saoirse's Dad in Reception for coming into school to make pancakes for **Shrove Tuesday**. How exciting for the children to have a real chef come in and share his skills with them.

We also need to say a huge well done to the children in Year 3 who represented the school in a recent **Speed Stacking Competition**. They worked so well as a team, it's no surprise that they came in a very close 2nd overall in the competition! The atmosphere in the hall was friendly and positive with everyone cheering on the teams and big cheers for Camp School when we won our awards. Well done to Phoebe Lavin who kept her calm demeanour and was able to come home with the fastest girl overall in both individual girls' competitions. The girls team came in 2nd overall with the boys coming in 1st with the 3,3,3 competition and 3rd overall. Fantastic effort Camp School!



Assemblies so far this half-term have been very interesting and have included a visit from the Mayor of St Albans who shared with the children what his role involves each day. He even gave some children the chance to try on his mayoral robes and hat! We also had an information assembly where we invited two local faith leaders, Rabbi Adam and Imam Akhtar, for

a special KS2 assembly on Judaism and Islam with a focus on peace. They spoke about the similarities and shared values in their religions in an extremely clear, informative and engaging way. We were really proud of the children for their thoughtful contributions and questions. This week we have talked to the children about **Ramadan** which starts next week. If any of our children in Years 5 and 6 do want to fast for Ramadan then we ask that they write to us and explain why they want to do this and make sure their letter is also signed by a parent supporting their decision. We cannot let children fast on PE days.

As you know yesterday was **World Book Day** and it was lovely to see the whole school in their pyjamas ready for a day of snuggling up to listen to a variety of stories. Each class had several sessions across the day where they listened to different teachers reading them a story and then taking part in activities linked to the book. We also heard from the librarians in assembly time, and everyone visited the library during the day too. Later this month we will have the Travelling Book Fair coming to school and will be inviting parents to come and purchase books which raises funds for our school library. Please keep hold of your £1 world book day vouchers as you can use these at the book fair. Miss Rowlatt will send details out about the book fair times shortly.



Eco News - Please join us in the Great Big School Clean! This is Keep Britain Tidy's annual mass action campaign and last year over 400,000 bags of litter were collected by volunteers - including 240,000 school pupils. We have pledged to collect 30 bags of litter between now and the end of the Easter holidays. We will continue to lend out our school litter pickers on a weekly basis and we will keep a tally of how many bags of litter have been collected. Please get involved too and let us know how many bags you collect. It makes an immediate and visible difference to the environment.

We do need to let you know of an increase in the costs of **school meals**. After Easter these will increase to £2.60 per day for Nursery children and £3.35 per day for children in Years 3 – 6.

As there is so much happening we thought a reminder of some **key dates** would be useful:

Thursday 14 th March	Year 3 class assembly at 9:15am
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day (see email sent from school council)
Friday 15 th March	PA coffee morning 9-10am
Wednesday 20 th March	2:30 pm Year 4 performance to parents
Thursday 21 st March	9:10 am Year 4 performance to parents
Monday 25 th March	Spring music concerts at 9:10am and 9:40am
Tuesday 26 th March	SEN Coffee morning
Tuesday 26 th March	Choir evening performance at Alban Arena
Wednesday 27 th March	Break the rules day – PA fund-raising event
Wednesday 27 th March	End of term at 1:30pm
Thursday 28 th March	INSET Day

The summer term will start on Monday 15th April at 8.45am.

We wish all the best to our **Netball Team** for tomorrow morning as they take part in a tournament and thank Mr Wootton for his time in taking them. It is also the **PA Quiz Night** tomorrow evening and we look forward to seeing some of you there.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

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