



# St Albert's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Monday, 29 June 2020

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Donnelly and her family who welcomed baby Lottie last week. Both mother and baby are doing well.

## Year 6

We welcomed some Year 6 children back to school today as part of the school's wider opening and it was lovely to see them after all this time. The planned transition zoom meetings for children in Year 6 will continue this week so if your child is not back at school, please continue to encourage them to access the zoom meetings.

## Year 6 End of Year Celebrations.

The last day of term for year 6 will be Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July. We are in the process of organising a Leavers' Zoom Assembly for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30 am. This will be an assembly for children and parents to attend together via Zoom so please make the necessary



arrangements to be present with your child. On the Monday afternoon Year 6 teachers will do a socially distanced visit to each child's home to deliver photographs etc. Miss Ashdown will send information asap but we wanted you to get the date into your diary.

## Last Week's Parent Zoom Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the zoom meetings last week. It was lovely to see you all and I hope that you found it useful.

For various reasons, not everyone was able to attend so please find a condensed summary of some of the pertinent points within this newsletter.

## Phone calls

This week instead of your child's current class teacher calling you, your child's NEW class teacher will call you to introduce themselves. This is part of our transition programme.

## Communication

Communication will continue to be key over the coming months and it is vital that you have access to our website and we would urge you all to follow our twitter account for updates. We will continue to contact you by text so please make sure that the school office has your correct number



## Zoom meeting for children

This will be followed up the next week with an individual zoom call for you and your child. This will only be a short 5-10 minute call so that your child has the opportunity to either see their new class teacher or have a little one to one chat. An adult will need to support the child with this. This is again, part of our transition programme as we try to look for alternative ways to prepare the children.

## Summer

The school should close for the summer holidays on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and we reopen on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. During that time the class teacher will not be making calls home and remote learning will not be taking place. Everyone will be asked to enjoy their holidays and some freedom before we return to a busy autumn term.



## Summer Learning- Reading Books

We will soon be sending home reading books to KS2 children and would ask that the children read these throughout the holidays so that they are fully prepared, when we return, to study these without needing to read them. This kills three birds with

- one stone.
- Helps them to prepare
- Keeps them reading
- Keeps them busy

It is important that ALL children continue with their reading. If you do nothing else, please make sure that your child keeps **READING.**

Get the children to re-read books, if necessary, or read the books to your child and discuss them.

We will be sending further Summer Reading Challenges home and getting you all connected to the library soon and hopefully this will aid summer reading.

## CPG Work Books

We will also be sending new activity books home which can keep the children busy and education ticking over during the holidays.

## Reading Book and CPG Collection

We will be arranging for parents to collect these in a socially distanced format once they arrive in school. We will send out information, via a text message, giving parents in each class a time slot.

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## September

I explained in the zoom that this is still somewhat unknown and whilst we await guidance it appears that things will be moving quickly. My advice at the moment is that we all need to be prepared to be flexible and open to new ways of learning.

Whether the government has guidance out before we break up for the summer holidays is another matter but we will be making every attempt to keep you as fully informed as possible.

The 2m/1m rule will need to be relaxed for whole classes to return as the classrooms are too small otherwise so watch this space.

There will be lots of changes to routines and expectations such as staggered start and finishing times and these will all be communicated to you.

There will also be a drop off system in the morning and a one way system throughout school as we attempt to limit the number of people on the school site and avoid people congregating

All of this information, when finalised, will be sent to you in a parent guidance booklet, hopefully before we finish school for the summer.

My proposal for our first week back, from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September until the Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September (3 days), **at present**, is to re-introduce all children for either a morning session or an afternoon session for the first week. This means that we have a plan from September and can begin from day 1. We can then re-adjust and move forward accordingly.

## Thoughts and Worries Parents Form

We will be sending this out shortly, and would like parents to complete it and return it to school. It will also be available to download on the website. The form asks for information on your lock down experience so that we can be fully prepared for when the children and families come back to school and are aware of the support that we will need to put in place.

## Wild Week and Summer Learning

Wild Week begins this week and we be posting a different activity designed to get you and your child out and about in nature. Please see our website each day. At the end of the week you may then like to sign up for the RSPB wild challenge which we will be promoting. This is free and a worthwhile SUMMER project for you to have in your back pocket. The children undertake different challenges for bronze (6 challenges) silver (12 challenges) and gold awards (18 challenges) and is centred around helping nature and experiencing nature



See the <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning-for-teachers/schools-wild-challenge/what-is-wild-challenge/>

Or google free RSPB wild challenge and sign up.

## Holy Communion

Some of the year 4 parents queried Holy Communion arrangements in our Zoom meeting. As explained previously, this again cannot be arranged until we have further guidance. Fr David has, however, told us that the current year 4 (whose Holy Communion was cancelled) will hopefully be re-arranged and take place late Autumn term and then we will get back on track with the new Year 4 for the summer.



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