



# St Albert's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter Friday, 20 November 2020

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### Anti-Bullying

This week was Anti Bullying week and all classes looked at this with Mrs Cruse. We began the week with an assembly lead by Mrs Riddick on Simon Sock and all the children came into school in 'odd' socks. The odd socks represented the importance of embracing difference and celebrating ourselves as a person. Please see twitter for some photographs of the work undertaken.

### No Pens Day

We will be participating in No Pens Day this coming Wednesday and undertaking various activities. The importance of speaking and listening and developing the children's vocabulary and spoken language cannot be under estimated. Being able to speak clearly, confidently and with expression will open many doors for our children. It is thought that children's language skills have been affected by the lockdown and missed schooling but this is an area where parents can easily support the school and their children's learning and outcomes. Make time to talk to your children, ask them questions, model good language and widen their vocabulary. Introduce new words whenever you can and direct them to words that they may be new to.



### Steerscroft Gate

We are putting barriers across the Steerscroft vehicle gate because we are concerned with the number of parents who are using the gate entrance to reverse. Whilst this would usually be ok, I am sure that you can appreciate that there are a lot more children exiting school on their own and it is very busy and therefore particularly unsafe at the moment. There are yellow marking on the entrance forbidding this and we would ask that parents try their best to observe avoid doing this.

### Remote Learning

Any children who are isolating must be engaging in remote learning. The teachers have worked very hard to ensure that quality learning can take place and we have been asking you to prepare for this since we came back to school in September. Although we appreciate the difficulties, we cannot afford to lose any more learning time!

Please support your child with reading every night, ensuring that they are accessing the maths programs on the internet to practice their basic number skills and, for early years, working on recognising the phonics sounds. Teachers are increasingly setting homework via the learning platforms to encourage children to use and become more familiar with the systems we have available.

Please do everything that you can to support your child with this. If we are to make up for lost time we all need to work together and prioritise their learning.

### Christmas

Christmas is fast approaching and we are moving forwards with our Christmas plans and continuing to look at how we can make Christmas special, but safe, this year. Please see below for some details, although please note that they are all subject to change or cancellation depending upon circumstances.



We will not be charging for any of the activities this year, as we know that it has been a particularly difficult year for all.

### Stockbridge Village Testing Centre

On Wednesday we emailed a letter to all parents regarding the new testing centre that has opened in Stockbridge Village. Please read the letter.

### Flu Vaccines

Next Tuesday the school nurse will be returning to school to vaccinate children who were absent last time. If you want your child didn't receive it and you want them to have it please contact the office ASAP.

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## St Albert's Christmas Festivities 2020

Let's make St Albert's Christmas as special as can be!  
 All subject to **cancellation, isolation or school closure**  
**Dates are still to be confirmed**

Friday 4th December	School Holiday – school is closed		All
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rec</li> <li>• Year 3 and 4</li> </ul> Christmas jumpers can be worn		rec Y3/Y4
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1 and 2</li> <li>• Year 5 and 6</li> </ul> Christmas Jumpers can be worn		Y1/2 Y5/6
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Grotto Visit for Nurs &amp; Alby Tots</b>	<b>Grotto Visit for Rec in the afternoon</b>	Alby Tots Nur Rec
	<b>The Grotto experience this year will be socially distanced. The children will have Hot Chocolate and a Christmas Story with Santa as a class.</b>		
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Grotto Visit for Year 2 in the morning- see above</b>	Virtual Christmas Pantomime Cinderella – pm No charge	Y2 panto-school only
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery <b>Virtual</b> Christmas Nativity  R/Y1 <b>Virtual</b> Christmas Nativity  Children will watch these in school and this will be available for parents to watch at home via an identified medium. Details will follow	<b>Grotto Visit for Year 1 in the afternoon- see above</b>	Year 1 parents invited to play
		<b>KS2 Christmas Movie Extravaganza in classes</b>	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Zoom Awards' Assembly 9.15am Details for Parents will follow	<b>Jingle Bell Ball (if available). Party Clothes Year 3</b>	Parents welcome Y3
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		<b>Jingle Bell Ball year 4</b>	Y4
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December		<b>Jingle Bell Ball year 5 Nursery &amp; Alby Tots close for Christmas</b>	Y5
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		<b>Jingle Bell Ball – Y6</b>	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Virtual School Reflection	School Closes for Christmas 1.30pm	school only
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Return to school 8.55am		All

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