



Returning to School

It has been a marvellous week as the children returned to school. It has been lovely to see all the children's smiling faces and hear their excited chatter and the sound of laughing and learning. We have missed this. They have enjoyed renewing friendships and getting back to a little normality. We have used the book *Rain before Rainbows* this week as the children settle back in and to help them understand and we will continue to work on this as we recognise that for some of our younger children, in particular, may be feeling a little anxious or struggle getting back into the routine.

I hope that you all enjoyed your little pack of appreciation which we sent home last night and that you have taken some time to appreciate a little peace and quiet in whatever way you can.

We are thankful for your support.

With regards to our COVID safety please remember to wear a mask when you drop off or collect. If we want the children to remain in school, we need to ensure we keep our community safe and this begins with masks.

After school PE

I sent a letter home this week and I am hoping that most parents have returned the slips for children to stay after school. This will begin on Monday with Year 3.

Each class will be assigned a day and they will stay from 3.15 to 4.15pm. Please see below for allocated days. This will be different from a day that they usually do PE in school.

All COVID approaches will be in place and classes/bubbles will not mix.

The importance of catching up on physical activity missed during COVID times through lack of opportunity for regular exercise is of utmost importance for our children's physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. As a school, the time we can spend on PE has also been shortened, primarily as the hall is in use for lunch for additional hours and this also exacerbates the issue. We are therefore hoping that, with your support, we can narrow this gap asap.

Year 5 and Year 6 will also have had information in regard to catch up clubs that are taking place after school. Please encourage your child to attend these. In a normal Year 6 with SATs, children would have this level of support and we want our Year 6 children to leave at the same high levels as previous Year 6's, despite SATS being cancelled. It is therefore important that they avail of this opportunity. Year 5 are being given an early chance to catchup and prepare.

Photographer

On Tuesday next week children will be getting school individual photographs taken. Due to COVID there will be NO family photos as we cannot mix bubbles. Please ensure children are wearing FULL school uniform.

Please note if your child has PE on Tuesday their photograph will be taken with them wearing their PE kit.



PE

Please remember your child's PE day. Children should come into school in their PE kits as per our Risk Assessment

Year 6- Wednesday and Friday

Year 5 - Monday and Thursday

Year 4 - Monday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 2 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Reception - Tuesday

Chris Lubbe - Inspirational Speaker

We are delighted that we have been able to organise a webinar with Chris Lubbe for our Year 5 and Year 6 children. This is a fantastic opportunity to hear Nelson Mandela's former bodyguard talk about his life with inspirational leaders such as Mandela, Desmond Tutu, FW De Klerk and Colin La Foy.

Chris began his life in South Africa and experienced apartheid and the journey to democracy. He will share his experiences with the children and his relentless struggle against discrimination.

The key themes from his messages are determination, courage, perseverance, persistence, and the power of forgiveness.

We are looking forward to this virtual visit and we are sure that our children will benefit enormously from his insights.

Make sure your children are in school as this is not to be missed.

Census Day 2021

A census survey happens every 10 years and gives a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. This helps to plan and fund services in our area.

The next census day is taking place on Sunday 21st March. By taking part in a census, you'll make sure your voice is heard to help build a better future for your children and our community. For information on how to fill in the census, visit <https://census.gov.uk/>

Shakespeare Week

Next week, in English we will be celebrating the works of the famous playwright, poet and actor, William Shakespeare, widely viewed as the greatest writer in the English language.

This is one of our favourite focus weeks and children never fail to amaze us with the quality of their writing.

Each class will be looking at a different play over the course of the week, which children will learn in depth. Take a look at which play you are doing so you can get a head start over the weekend!



Reception: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Year 1: Macbeth

Year 2: Hamlet

Year 3: Romeo & Juliet

Year 4: Romeo & Juliet

Year 5: Julius Caesar

Year 6: Romeo & Juliet

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Home Testing Kits

Households of school staff and households with children of school age (under 18's) can pick up home testing kits from their local PCR testing sites (symptomatic sites). The tests will be LFD tests but are being distributed by the PCR sites. The PCR sites in Knowsley are in Huyton Car Park, Knowsley Community College Car Park in Kirkby and Stockbridge Village Car Park. These sites are not run by Knowsley LA. The tests can be picked up from 1pm - 7pm - [Find a test centre \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](https://www.test-and-trace.nhs.uk) Households can use any of their local PCR sites on this map if they are closer than the Knowsley ones. If households are unable to get to a test centre to pick up kits they can order them online - [Schools testing: Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-home-test-kits).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3 PE -Mr Unwin	Year 2 – Gymnastics with Total Gymnastics	Year 4 PE with Mr Woods	Y6 PE with Mr Unwin	Y5 PE Mr Woods
			Year 3 -Small group Keyboards	
	Year 5 Catch Up Club		Year 5 Catch Up Club	
	Year 6 Catch Up Club	Y6 Catch Up Club		Y6 Catch Up Club

At St. Albert's, our mission is walking together with Jesus to

LOVE, LEARN AND SERVE

Our vision centres around the 'CHILD'

C for the Child, H for High Expectations, I for Inspirational & Memorable, L for Listening and D for Dreams and Doors.