



St Albert's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Thursday, 15 July 2021

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As we begin to draw to the end of what has been another challenging year for us all, it is important that we reflect on how well we have managed as a school community. As a school we are extremely thankful for all the support that we have been given by our parents your attitude and all your hard work.

Our children have been superstars throughout all of this and they their adaptability has been wonderful to see.

They have been brave, sensible and have worked extremely hard inside and outside of school.

We have lots of plans in place for September and the biggest commitment that we will be asking for from our parents will be a commitment to the belief that 'Every Day Counts' and ensuring that all of our children have as near to 100% attendance that we can possibly get. Please make this your priority next year and continue to support your child in their learning journey and making up for lost time.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY - Monday 19th July 9.30am

We will be holding our whole school awards' assembly next week and although we will not be coming together in the hall, we will still be celebrating 100% attendance and each classes' achievement awards via zoom. Parents are welcome to join us and the zoom link will be sent out to you on the morning or you can use the log in and passcode below

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Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Tuesday 20th July 9.30am

Likewise, our year 6 goodbye assembly will take place via zoom and parents of year 6 children are asked to attend this as it is a celebration of Year 6 and all their hard work. Staff and children have worked very hard on this. The link will be sent to you but please or you can use the log in and passcode below

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Year 6 Play - Friday 16th July

We are busy getting ready for our Year 6 Leavers' Play which parents will be able to view in the comfort of their own home. A video link will be sent throughout the day on Friday.

The play is call 'WOW! What a Year' and the children and staff have, once again, done themselves proud. It is disappointing that we can not share this in our usual way but you will certainly not be disappointed with their efforts.

Diary Dates

Friday 16th July - Year 6 Leavers' Play (school only) - recordings to be sent to parents

Friday 16th July - Nursery & Alby Tots close

Monday 19th July - Whole School Zoom Awards' Assembly 9.30am

Tuesday 20th July - Y6 Zoom Leavers' Assembly 9.30am

Wednesday 21st - Last Day - school closes at 1pm

Thursday 2nd September - return to school

PE Kits

We are delighted with the new PE top that we have been designing and all children will be given a FREE top as part of the launch (purchased by school). The new top is much smarter, will wash easily and is better quality. Additional tops will be available from Lisa's Uniform Shop. We will begin wearing the top in September as children will continue to wear their PE kits on their PE days.

Unfortunately, the PE kits will not be with us until mid-way through the Summer Holidays so these will be distributed in the first week back. Please do not purchase the old PE top. The PE top will be worn with navy shorts or navy jogging bottoms (parents need to purchase these themselves).

PGL

If you still have not sent your £50 deposit into school for Year 6 PGL in September, please send this in before we finish.

FSM

The local authority have again agreed to issuing vouchers to those entitled to Free School Meals over the summer holidays. Each child will receive £87. You should have now had a text or email to access your voucher. If you have any queries contact the school office **before** we finish on 21st July.

Summer Activities

A range of summer activities are taking place across Knowsley this summer for Children and Young People. Let them look back at the summer with a smile

#SummerSNAP This summer make memories for your children that last longer than the holidays!

- Fun and Creative Activities
- Local to you
- Nutritious Food
- FREE

Visit: <https://oneknowsley.org/snap/> for more information - Follow: #SummerSnap for updates.

Summer Learning

Next week we will be launching our summer learning challenge. Each child will receive books to read over the summer and have access to an interactive learning programme.

Rec - Busy things

Y1-Y4 - Nussy spelling and reading

Y5 - Sats Companion

All children who engage with their summer learning will win a fun filled activity day upon our return in September. Don't miss out!

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Our plans for September

The Government will undoubtedly be making announcements over the next few days and it is likely that Step 4 will take place on Monday 19th July 2021. Most schools will have finished for the summer holidays but for those who are still in school, changes will not take effect until we return in September 2021.

It is great news for September and although we still need to be cautious this is a positive step towards the long awaited 'normality'.

As we have learnt this year and last, we will need to be flexible with any approaches that are re-introduced and of course, have a back-up plan ready if needed. Please see below for some planned changes for September

Drop Off - we will continue with the system that we currently have with children being dropped off at their assigned gates. Staggered times will continue but children who have been arriving at 9am will move to 8.55 slot. This system has worked marvellously with children becoming more independent and parents valuing the system as it allows them to safely drop and run.

Pick Up - we will revert back to allowing parents to come onto the school premises and pick children up outside of their classroom doors. This will be 3.15pm for all. This allows parents to have some contact with staff, for school to reduce the number of staff manning the gates and also for us to move the school day back to 3.15pm.

Lunch Times - we will revert to 3 slots one for Rec and Ks1, one for Y3 and 4, and one for Year 5 and 6. Once again this system has many benefits for the children.

Bubbles - We will continue to protect these as much as possible but there will be some movements between bubbles allowed.

Assemblies - these will be re-introduced in September but will be split between KS1 and KS2

Face Coverings - this will not be mandatory but will still be encouraged if necessary or needed. Staff will be able to choose in relation to this.

Isolating - Children will be required to isolate if they test positive or have symptoms as there is no change to the positive case procedure or symptomatic procedure.

The biggest difference will be to bubbles no longer needing to isolate if a positive case is identified. This will have a significant impact upon us all and enable us to keep children in school. This is reliant upon parents testing children when notified via a PCR but they will no longer have to isolate as a matter of course.

PE Kits - we will continue to wear PE to school on our scheduled PE days. Once again this has worked well and increased the amount of time that we can spend on PE activities. Please see previous page for new PE kit information

All of the above will be included in our updated risk assessment and you will receive more information in September upon our return. In the interim, however, it is looking positive.

We now need to focus on catch up and ensuring that our children make up for lost time so that we can minimise the long term effects. Parental support and involvement has never been more important than it is now. Parents who place a high priority on their child's learning will be helping their child enormously hence our summer learning project. Please make sure that this features in your child's summer activities

Stockbridge Village Housing

Stockbridge Village for Housing has launched an online platform called Well Space. This website has lots of information for parents regarding well being and has easy access to local organisations that offer support in the community.

The service covers lots of helpful topics for advice, such as:

- Mental Health
- Anxiety
- Activities for Children
- Abuse
- Homelessness.

The link is <https://wellspaceforhousing.co.uk/>

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