



Newsletter

Monday 11th September 2023

Welcome back

We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday with your family and we were delighted to see the children's smiling faces on Tuesday! I am so impressed with how the children have returned from their break and settled into their new classes so well. We also welcome our new Nursery and Reception children who have started their school journey this week. We are looking forward to working alongside all our parents this year, in supporting your child at St. Alban's.

Safeguarding

Can we please remind parents that if the child needs to enter school via the office at any time during the school day, including breakfast club, you **MUST** escort them to the school office and they should **NOT** be left at the school gate, as sometimes vehicles are moving around the car park. It is your responsibility to ensure your child has been signed in via the school office.

A draft copy of the **2023-24 Safeguarding Policy** will be available online soon. This needs to be agreed by the Governors. If parents have any questions regarding the policy, please contact me via the school office.

RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) inspections

You may have seen the news that some schools are needing to close because of issues around RAAC. Our school has been inspected and the Trust have confirmed that there are no issues with RAAC in St Alban's School.

Uniform Policy

Can I just remind parents that earrings are **not** allowed in school, even if they are covered with a plaster. Please remember the rule we have on sensible haircuts.

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We have completed our Monday Liturgical Prayer timetable. We have planned to invite all parent/carers into our Liturgical Prayer sessions every half term. After the Liturgical Prayer, parents can stay for a cup of coffee and look at some of their children's work.

Years 2-6 will celebrate Mass at St. Anthony's at 10am on Wednesday. Families are welcome to join us.

Miss Green and Mrs Gosling are working with the parish to finalise this year's First Holy Communion programme. We will send out details to our Year 4 parents soon. If any Year 5 or 6 children want to take part in the programme, they should contact the school office.

Children's Curriculum Maps

Later this week, we will email out to all parents a copy of this half terms Curriculum Map. This will tell you what the children will be learning up until half term in October.

Clubs

Breakfast and after school club are available for children from Reception to Year 6. These sessions, each costing £2.00, must be booked in advance. Children can be dropped off at the office, no earlier than 8.00am and no later than 8:15am and children attending all after school clubs must be collected from the office at 4:15pm.

Curriculum

The children have been spending time getting to know their class staff and routines. Our older children have completed a writing task. This week, the children will begin their art block which focusses on drawing skills.

Reading Journals

This week, your child will receive a copy of their school journal. The home-school agreement is an important document within the journal and needs to be signed by your child, their teacher and you, as their parent. Please ensure that you discuss this with your child and sign the document as it contains lots of important information, including our school rules. The uniform policy, including the wearing of jewellery, is also in the journal, so please see this for guidance, as we have noticed children returning to school with jewellery or items of clothing which are not in line with our policy.

Dates for your dairy

Welcome back Mass in Church	10.00am Wednesday 13 th September 2023
School Photos	Tuesday 19 th September
Whole School Liturgical Prayer	9.00am Monday 25 th September. (All parents invited)
Flu immunisation	29 th September (Parents <i>MUST</i> book on line)
Parents Evenings	Monday 16 th , Tuesday 17 th & Wednesday 18 th October

New Parent Governor

We need to appoint a Parent Governor to our Local Governing Committee. This is a great way for parents to support our school. If any parent is interested or would like to find out more information, please will you contact Mr Smith via the school office.

School Photos

School photos will take place on Tuesday 19th. The photographer will start at 8.30am for parents who would like photos with siblings who are not in our school. If you have siblings in school, school will organise their photo together across the school day.

House Groups

We have six house groups in our school: St Anthony, St Aidan, St Bede, St Cuthbert, St Francis and St Oswald. All of Key Stage 1 and 2 children are given a house group, which they will keep for their time at St Alban's. The Year 1 children have been allocated their new house groups. The children win house points for good work throughout the week and also for different competitions in school.

Contacting School

If you want to contact your child's class teacher, please ring the school office and make an appointment. If you need to email the school, please email via the school office on the email address below:

office@stalbansnewcastle.co.uk

Old uniforms

Can I thank all of the parents for taking the time to recycle old uniforms. However, we are now inundated with them and so for the time being, school we be not collecting uniforms from parents.

Healthy Eating

As we promote healthy eating in our school, can you please ensure that if your child wishes to have a breacktime snack, that only fruit or vegetables are brought in.

Our lunch menu is available on-line. Hard copies can be obtained from the school office. If your child has a packed lunch, we would encourage you to limit the amount of sugary treats. Please remember that fizzy drinks and glass bottle are not permitted in school.

Future Newsletters.

We normally send out our school newsletters by email and post them on Facebook and the school website. I wanted to send out paper copies of this week's newsletter today, just to remind any parents, who may not have been receiving copies of our newsletter by email, to contact the school office with their email address.