



Friday 10th January 2020

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Reasons to Celebrate!

Merit Awards (from before Christmas Holidays):

Year 1: Romeo, Henry, Miles, Max, Elliott, Christopher, George, Alice

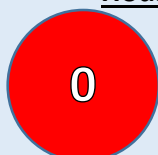
Elm (Y2): Freddie, Michael, George L, George H, Tia, Teodora, Zachary, Joh

Y4: Ivan, Camille

Y5: Freddie, Ellis, William, Jacob, Alfie, Henry

Y6: Connie

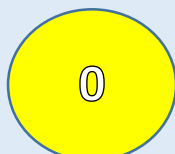
House Points:



St Nicholas



St Francis



St Alban



St Hilda

Value this half term:



"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."
(Philippians 4.13)

Dear Parents/Carers,

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

Pele

Happy New Year! Welcome back. I hope you have all had chance to reconnect with friends and family over the holidays, and enjoy Christmas together. On behalf of all the staff and myself, I would like to thank you for your generous gestures of thanks – cards and gifts. We do all feel loved!

Value of the half term: Perseverance

This term we are thinking about our value of Resilience, and focussing in on the characteristic of Perseverance. Is it just 'keeping on going', or is there more to it? We all have moments when we doubt ourselves, and feel like just giving up. It is hard to start over, or muddle through. But evidence shows (both academic and anecdotal) that we learn most when we go beyond our 'comfort zone', take a risk, and even make mistakes. Please find attached to this Newsletter a sheet with some activities you may wish to do at home.

PTA Meeting – 9am Tuesday 14th January, in school

Do join us for the next meeting with the PTA. We will be discussing upcoming events and fundraising ideas.

Behaviour Policy Update – Gold/Red Slips

This term we are launching the last part of our new Behaviour Policy. As shared with parents in October, we have fully reviewed our policy. Links to the presentation and the policy are included further in the Newsletter.

Afternoon Tea – St Francis

St Francis had their hard won afternoon tea this afternoon! Many thanks to Mrs Barnard in the kitchen for providing the cakes. Each half term, the winning house is invited to afternoon tea with me.

Philip Asher, *Headteacher*

Looking for a school place for Reception in September 2020?

Contact the school office to book your place to visit, or ask for more details.

Applications for Hertfordshire Primary Schools CLOSE on **15th January 2020**

Visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk for more information, or contact the school office.

Diary Dates

New dates since last Newsletter are in bold.

January 2020

Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th	• Y6 Bikeability Course
Tuesday 14 th	• 9am PTA Meeting
Wednesday 15 th	• Reception Applications Deadline (online through Hertfordshire)
Friday 17 th	• KS2 Celebration Praise - 2.45pm
Monday 20 th	• Nursery Applications for September 2020 open • 9.30am Nursery Tour (for parents applying for September 2020) • Y2 Chinese Cooking Experience
Tuesday 21 st	• Balance Bike Experience starts for Reception, Y1 and Y2 children
Wednesday 22 nd	• The Big Sort Out in our Library – <u>if you can help, please let the office know!</u>
Friday 24 th	• 9.30am Nursery Tour (for parents applying for September 2020) • KS1 Celebration Praise- 2.45pm
Tuesday 28 th	• 9.30am Nursery Tour (for parents applying for September 2020) • Balance Bike Experience session for Reception, Y1 and Y2
Friday 31 st	• PTA Bring and Buy Sale (Details TBC) • KS2 Celebration Praise- 2.45pm

February 2020

Tuesday 4 th	• Balance Bike Experience session for Reception, Y1 and Y2
Thursday 6 th	• 9.30am Nursery Tour (for parents applying for September 2020)
Friday 7 th	• KS1 Celebration Praise- 2.45pm
Monday 10 th	• 9.30am Nursery Tour (for parents applying for September 2020) • Library Bus visit to school
Tuesday 11 th	• Safer Internet Day – themed activities this week! • Balance Bike Experience session for Reception, Y1 and Y2
Wednesday 12 th	• BMX Mindfulness Workshops – KS2
Friday 14 th	• Y1 Class Assembly 2.45pm – Parents invited!
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st	• Half Term Holiday (school closed)
Wednesday 26 th	• Ash Wednesday Service

March 2020

Tuesday 3 rd & Wednesday 4 th	• Fruit Workshops – Reception to Y6
Friday 6 th	• PTA Clothing Collection • KS1 Celebration Praise- 2.45pm
Sunday 8 th	• All Saints Choir at the Royal Albert Hall gala!
Wednesday 11 th	• Parent Consultations – Late session 3.30 – 7pm
Thursday 12 th	• Parent Consultations – Earlier session 3.30 – 5.30pm
Friday 13 th	• Nursery Application Deadline for September 2020 • KS2 Celebration Praise- 2.45pm
Tuesday 24 th	• Y3/4 Production: Afternoon Performance
Wednesday 25 th	• Y3/4 Production: Evening Performance
Friday 27 th	• Y2 Class Assembly 2.45pm – Parents invited!

April 2020

Wednesday 1 st	• 9.30am Easter Service with Mass- in school, parents invited
Friday 3 rd	• Last day of Spring Term – school closes at 1.15pm



Golden Ticket Fridays!

Parents/carers can join their child(ren) on a Friday in school. A two course lunch for £3.55! Only 5 available each Friday, and strictly first come, first served.

Book in advance to secure your ticket!

Some start of term reminders:

Parking in Church Manor

Unfortunately, we have already received a complaint from our neighbours about parents parking on the green space in Church Manor. Several cars have been parked partially blocking the pavement and on the grass, which churns up the grass.

Please park considerately and with respect to our neighbours, pedestrians and the Highway Code (Section 244). Thank you for your support.

Lost Property



Please check the box in the main entrance for any missing clothes or belongings. We have a large stock of water bottles (no names!), and some scarves, gloves and hats. If not claimed by next Friday 17th they will be placed in the Bertie Clothes Bin. Thank you!

Behaviour Policy

At our last Parent Consultations in Autumn, we shared that the Behaviour Policy in school has changed. We have consulted staff, pupils, governors and parents, and feel our new policy reflects our aim to help pupils be confident, safe and resilient learners.

Our general ethos and approach remains the same, but we have included new approaches. These include Zones of Regulation, Hertfordshire Steps, and Gold/Red slips. The full policy is available on our website:

[Click Here](#)

This term we will be launching our new Values Slips – gold and red slips to share with home when children have exceeded our expectations for showing behaviour in school. The way they are used is outlined in our policy (Appendix 2) and in the presentation below.

The Presentation we used at Parents Consultation is available here: [Click this link](#)

You may need to click 'Open' to view the presentation.

The slips will be used from Monday onwards. Please ask your child's class teacher if you need further information.

Sharing Safeguarding: Online Safety

You can visit the Safer Internet website for help and support in protecting your children at home. If they have been given a new games console – particularly one that allows playing with multiple players over the internet – it is important to review your 'home rules' and safety.



The link is:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Remember: If you have any concerns about a child, please speak to one of the school's Designated Senior Persons: Mr Asher, Miss Brooks or Mrs Moore.

Alternatively, telephone **0300 123 4043**.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance last term up to end of December: **96.1%**
(down from 97.2% at Half Term)

The Local Authority requires us to be proactive when a child's attendance drops below the expected levels – this is part of our safeguarding duty. We therefore closely monitor absence and reasons given. For a variety of reasons, a large number of children currently have attendance below 95%.

In keeping with our policy and the Local Authority Policy, parents may be sent a standard letter to alert them if their child's attendance has dropped below this level. There are often legitimate reasons for absence, illness being one of them. Please ensure you provide as much information as you can about any absence (such as appointment letters/cards) so we can appropriately record it on the registers. Thank you for your support.

If you would like more information about how we approach attendance, our policy is available on the school website: <http://www.allsaints.herts.sch.uk/website/absence/148596>

Smart Watches

Several children have lovely new Smart Watches this term. Unfortunately, in many cases they have caused a large distraction in the classroom, interrupting learning. In this situation, we may need to ask the children to put their watches away until the end of the day so that learning is not interrupted.

We would recommend a simple watch – digital or analogue – that helps them to practice reading the time, and to save Smart Watches for home when they can be used to their full potential.

Finally, just a reminder that all watches are worn entirely at the users' risk. School cannot accept any responsibility for damage/loss.

THUNK...

At home, find some time to have a 'Thunk' moment – A beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light. Have fun thinking/talking about them!

If I paint over a window, is it still a window?

Term Dates 2019-20

Please note the May Bank Holiday has changed (the Government moved the day for 2020).

Spring Term: 6th January – 3rd April

Inset Day: Monday 6th January (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February

Half Term: Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

Pupils in school: Monday 24th February – Friday 3rd April

Summer Term: 20th April – 20th July

Pupils in school: Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May

Updated Early May Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May – School Closed (NOT Monday 4th!!)

Half Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Inset Day: Monday 1st June (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 2nd June – Friday 17th July

Inset Day: Monday 20th July (School closed to pupils)

School closes at 1.15pm on the last day of each FULL term:

- Friday 20th December
- Friday 3rd April
- Friday 17th July

Please note all family holiday should be taken during school holidays or weekends.

If you need to take your child out of school for medical appointments, these should normally be appointments that are not routine, and please provide an appointment letter or similar to support your request for a Leave of Absence.

You can find out more on the school website:

<http://www.allsaints.herts.sch.uk/website/absence/148596>

Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn Term: 3rd September – 18th December 2020

Inset Days: Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Monday 7th September – Friday 23rd October

Half Term: Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Pupils in school: Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Spring Term: 4th January – 26th March 2021

Inset Day: Monday 4th January (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February

Half Term: Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

Pupils in school: Monday 22nd February – Friday 26th March

Summer Term: 12th April – 22nd July 2021

Inset Day: Monday 12th April (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 13th April – Friday 28th May

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May (School closed)

Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Inset Day: Monday 7th June (School closed to pupils)

Pupils in school: Tuesday 8th June – Thursday 22nd July

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- Friday 18th December
- Friday 26th March
- Thursday 22nd July