

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be reminded that school is closed on Monday for HM Elizabeth II's funeral.

**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

**~Amen~**

**School Applications:** Parents of children due into Reception in September 2023, will need to apply for a place this term. The on-line application system opens on **1st November 2022 and closes on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**. Anyone applying to St Adrian's must also complete our own SIF form. Although a certificate of Catholic practice is preferable, it is **NOT** essential for securing a place. Please contact the office if you have any enquiries. Could I also ask for you to spread the word to other families that are not part of our St Adrian's community to come to the open mornings to have a tour of our great school.

**Secondary Transfer:** Year 6 parents should have received information about secondary school open evenings. All applications must be made initially through the online admissions system. If anyone does not have access to an online application please let me know. On-line applications opened on **September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 and must be made by October 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**. Voluntary aided schools (eg Loreto, St Michael's, Nicholas Breakspear, Townsend) will also have their own Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which must be completed and returned to the individual school. I am happy to see anyone who wishes to discuss their application or needs assistance with completing the forms. Please contact the office for an appointment.

### **Open mornings**

There will be several open mornings in the school over the coming months for new parents to come and visit St Adrian's and have a tour of the school. Please encourage friends and other family members to attend the tours as it will give a real flavour of what the school is like and they will get to meet our great team and wonderfully welcoming children. The dates for open mornings are listed below. If you would like to come for a tour, please contact the office to book an appointment.

### **Open morning dates:**

Thursday 3rd November @ 9.00am

Friday 4th November @ 9.00am

Wednesday 30th November @ 9.00am

Friday 2nd December @ 9.00am

Thursday 12th January @ 9.00am

Friday 13th January @ 9.00am

### **Healthy Snacks**

In school, we are trying very hard to encourage children to have healthy snacks as part of their school lunches and morning break time snacks. Please can we only send in fruit / veg sticks or cereal bars ( No nuts, houmous or sesame seed products). A number of children are regularly eating crisps and chocolate biscuits which don't form part of a well balanced diet. Please be reminded that drinks for class should be water only and no juice.

### **SAVE THE DATES!!!!**

On Wednesday 5th October at 10.30am, we are going to hold a very special Mass in school. This year marks the 95th anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy coming to St Albans and as a mercy school, we are going to commemorate it with a tree planting ceremony and a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan and some of the Sisters of Mercy. I thought it could also be a special time to remember the school's 60th anniversary which fell in 2020 during the pandemic. I hope that you are able to join us as we celebrate this momentous occasion.

Normally, we would have the Mercy Mass on a Friday and have a family picnic but unfortunately Bishop Paul has other commitments on a Friday so we are unable to have the family picnic this year. The children will however have a party in their classes to celebrate in the afternoon. More information will follow. No doubt with the King's coronation later in the year, we will have an opportunity for a family picnic to celebrate.

Don't forget also that on Sunday 16th October, there will be a special children's celebration for St Bartholomew's 60th anniversary, where the children of St Adrian's will lead the Sunday Mass. They will also have a procession from school to the church. More information regarding this event will follow in due course. I hope that all the children can attend this lovely celebration.

### **PTA Update**

It's great to be back and it was lovely to see the new faces at the coffee morning today, welcome to all our new parents.

We will be sending out more information about our plans for events this year, but in the meantime, please save these two very important dates:

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS DISCO for children and parents, there will be a great DJ, food, drinks, games and lots more!**

Friday 3rd December, 4pm - 7pm

**ODYSSEY CINEMA ST ADRIAN'S TAKEOVER we have the whole venue to ourselves to enjoy a festive movie**

Sat 10th December, AM

As ever please contact us any time if you want to volunteer in any capacity, we are always available on the PTA email address:

[Stadrians.Herts.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Stadrians.Herts.pta@gmail.com)

You can also find out lots more here:

<https://stadians.herts.sch.uk/category/pta/>

We look forward to another exciting year of fundraising with you!

## **The PTA**

### **Congratulations**

#### **Headteacher's Awards**

This week's awards go to:

Year 6: Gianluca Barletta & Maddison Ava Banham

Year 5: Isabella Fitzgerald and Abbie Brown

Year 4: Neve Vlijter and Kane Hodgman

Year 3: Niamh Connolly & Mia Grace Mc Sweeney

Year 2: Rozalia Jackson & Jade Dedrick Lewis

Year 1: Noah Domingos and Frank Feistner

Reception: Macey Banham & Josie Doherty

**Have a great weekend everyone.**

**Many thanks,**

**Mrs Porter**