

St Adrian's Weekly Bulletin- Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Calling any budding photographers!!

As you know, we are having our special 60th celebratory Mass on Wednesday 5th October. I wondered if anyone has a good quality camera and wouldn't mind coming along and taking some photos of the event as well as the tree planting. It would be lovely if someone in our community could offer their services to get some great photos to go on our school website and to remember the day by. I have contacted the Herts Advertiser and they are delighted to run the story. Please contact the office if this is something you could offer.

St Albans District in Bloom

Tonight, Mrs Hayes, myself and Annabelle Wilson, Gabriel Watson, Aoibhinn and Emilia Donnellan will go along to the award ceremony of St Albans District in Bloom to see if St Adrian's managed to win anything. Mrs Hayes and the children in 'Green Shoots Gardening Club' have worked INCREDIBLY hard through the year so fingers crossed and watch this space!!!

Certificate of Catholic Practice for Secondary Schools

I have been in contact with Dawn Pace at St Bartholomew's who has assured me that if your child is in Year 6 and requires a certificate of Catholic Practice, that these can be obtained from her. Please email her at dawnpace@rcdow.org.uk to request this, then complete all of the documents required. Fr Francis will return on 16th October and she will ensure that he signs them and she will then contact you to tell you they have been completed.

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 15th 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 1st 2022 and must be made by October 31st 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!!!!

Wednesday 5th October - Mercy Mass @ 10.30am in school
Sunday 16th October - Meet at school 9.00-9.15 for Breakfast then procession and 10.30am Mass at Bartholomew's.

PTA Update

We are looking forward to a fun packed Friday next week!

It's the Year 6 cake sale after school and we will also be running a "pop up" 2nd hand uniform sale - so please bring your cash and you can pick up a spare cardigan alongside your cream cake!

Later that evening, we are hosting our Junior Movie Night in the hall from 5pm - 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 and include the film and a hot dog, the kids can also bring some money for our tuck shop where we will have sweets, popcorn, fruit shoots and fizzy drinks - like a real trip to the cinema, except they're also able to come in their pyjamas and bring their favourite soft toy, pillow and blanket. Cosy!

We have asked our class reps for two parent volunteers from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - please do let us know if you're able to help!

Lastly, we are still waiting for some payments for our 50 Club. We have sent out email reminders so please check your inbox!

That's it from us this week, have a fab weekend.

The PTA

Congratulations to St John!!!!

HOUSE POINTS- The points this week are as follows:

St John = 227

St Mark = 181

St Luke = 170

St Matthew = 158

Headteacher's Awards

This week's awards go to:

Year 6: Michael Di Maio and Ruby Jenkins.

Year 5: Archie Bheghani- Phillips and Maya Zammit- Ventura

Year 4: Darragh Byrne and Sophia Igbinomwanhia

Year 3: Harper Smith and Savannah Coupland.

Year 2: Isabella, Quinn O'Connor and Emmie O'Leary.

Year 1: Bianca Roddman and Jack McNamara

Reception: Sienna Moorat and Alfie O' Toole

Have a great weekend everyone.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter