

St Adrian's Weekly Bulletin- Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

As we enter this month of remembrance, we celebrated the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. On Monday, we will send the children home with heart shapes in which they can write the names of family members who have passed that they would like to pray for. The children may decorate them as they wish. We will pray for all those families who have lost someone dear.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Next Friday 11th November, we will hold a special remembrance assembly led by the Chaplaincy Team and involving a selection of children singing. It will begin with a moments silence at 11.00am to remember all those who have fought in wars. We hope that you are able to join us for this special assembly of remembrance, prayer and reflection. Also, poppies and other wrist bands and pins etc will be on sale for a suggested donation of 50p or £1.

EXTENSION OF SCHOOL DAY

Back in March, the government published the Schools White Paper and declared that all children must attend for 32.5 hours a week in school. Therefore, as of September 2023, the school day of St Adrian's will be extended for the afternoon on Fridays. Further information will follow about this in due course with particular timing details to be finalised. Please read the article below.

'The Schools White Paper sets out a series of new measures to support the delivery of these ambitions, including:

Schools will offer a minimum school week of 32.5 hours by September 2023'

[Article on the White Paper](#)



EXCITING AUTHOR VISIT !! - WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

We are delighted to announce that on the afternoon of **Wednesday 22nd November**, Isabel Thomas, an award winning science writer and children's author will visit and officially open our new library. She will deliver an assembly, meet with parents, have a book signing and hopefully inspire our young readers and writers! We are so excited to welcome her to St Adrian's. Please visit her website to see some of her

wonderful work. **Some of her books are already in the library and the children will begin visiting next week!**

<https://isabelthomas.co.uk/>

LIBRARY HELP - Calling any parents / grandparent volunteers!!

Would you be interested in giving an hour or so each week or fortnight to help keep our library organised? Would you also like to work with our young librarians that we will appoint and perhaps even run a book club at lunch??? If this is something you could do perhaps on a rotation with other parents, then we would love to hear from you. We can show you how the library is set up and I am sure you would have keen and eager helpers each week. Please contact the office if you would like to be involved in this wonderfully rewarding project.

HEALTHY SCHOOL & BIRTHDAY BOOK FOR THE LIBRARY

As part of a drive for a more healthy school, we now ask that you no longer send in sweets for your child's birthday. Instead, they will be allowed to come to school in their own clothes (if they wish). If you would like, you could also donate a new book to our school library - perhaps their favourite book!! So that all children could benefit! A lovely birthday sticker with their name on it will then be stuck inside the book as a thank you. Could we also ask you to consider the children's packed lunches as there are several chocolate, sweet and crisps items in them.



FIREWORK SAFETY

Please as always have fun this weekend if you are attending any fireworks competitions but also bear in mind some firework safety. The children have learnt about firework and sparklers safety this week in class or in assemblies. Maybe ask them what they have learnt and have a safe and enjoyable evening if you attend any parties or displays.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Don't forget that the children will have their individual photos taken on **Wednesday 9th November**.

School Applications:

Nursery Applications:

If you are applying for a place in Nursery, you do not need to apply through Hertfordshire County Council. We do our own admissions for Nursery. The Supplementary Information Form can be obtained from the school website. Please follow the link.

<https://stadrians.herts.sch.uk/statutory-information/nursery-admissions/>

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.

<https://email.hertfordshire.gov.uk/5ESZ-NX1C-76D6223AAF0A52DF1M6VQU07BB5B5B5798FBFB/cr.aspx>

PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL SIF ATTACHED

DON'T FORGET!!!! PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Open morning dates 2022/2023:

Wednesday 30th November @ 9.15am

Friday 2nd December @ 9.15am

Thursday 12th January @ 9.15am

Friday 13th January @ 9.15am

Congratulations to St Luke!!!!

HOUSE POINTS- The points this week are as follows:

St Luke = 234

St Mark = 216

St Matthew = 208

St John = 204

Headteacher's Awards

This week's awards go to:

Year 6: Shree Parmar and Alexandra Jones

Year 5: Isabella Fitzgerald and James Waidley

Year 4: Chun Ho Fong and Ralph Francis

Year 3: Alexander Livatino and May Biddlecombe

Year 2: Megan Ashworth and Matilda Kuszewski

Year 1: George Bromwich and Sofia Lupu

Reception: Lucy Pawlak - Ashworth and Jessica Tran

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter