

St Adrian's Weekly Bulletin- Friday 28th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

ST ALBANS MAYOR VISITS ST ADRIAN'S

Today, we welcomed the Mayor of St Albans, Councillor Geoff Harrison and the Macebearer John Hills, to St Adrians. This was a result of the school council writing a letter inviting him to come and speak to us.

The school council wanted to know more about local politics so that we might learn some tips which might help the school council be even more effective within our school.



The Mayor firstly gave an assembly to the whole school in the hall. During the assembly, he spoke about how many mayors there have been since the first mayor in 1553. Councillor Harrison is in fact the 478th mayor of St Albans. The Mayor and the Macebearer then showed all of the children how the mayor and Macebearer are formally dressed by dressing the Head Boy, Aidan as the Mayor and the Head Girl, Emily Jane as the Macebearer. We were told that the gold-plated mace dates back to King Charles II and has his initials on it: CR which are the initials of the new King Charles III: Charles Rex.



After the assembly, the school council met with the Mayor, Mrs Gallaher and Mrs Porter in the Mc Auley room. The school council had many questions for him about a range of issues such 'Does he ever have difficult days and what does he enjoy most about being mayor?'. He told us that serving St Albans is a privilege and that being a councillor and on a school council is about volunteering and giving back to the community.



It certainly has been a privilege to have the Mayor visit St Adrian's and to learn from him and the Macebearer about how we can make a difference. The school council representatives in Year 5 gave the mayor letters from Year 5 which were written to him during their geography lessons when they were learning about sustainability and ways we can use renewable sources of energy. The letters ask the Mayor to help St Albans to become a more sustainable city. The mayor was delighted to receive the letters as environmental issues are close to his heart. He said he would read the letters and look into what he can do to help.



The event was a great success. The school council is now buzzing with ideas of how we can serve our school and help to improve it in so many ways. Be sure to share your ideas with your school council rep and we will discuss the ideas in future meetings.

We are your voice!

FOOTBALL SUCCESS- Report by Leo and Michael

On the 26th of April we participated in a football tournament at Bowmansgreen Primary School vs Bowman's Green and St Columba's (St Bernadette's didn't turn up).

We started with warming up then we were off, St Adrians vs Bowmansgreen ,we got a throw in, Michael threw it at Leo and he went down the wing, crossed it to Aidan and slotted it in. Then the rest of the game flew by. After that, we played against St Columbas. We started off strong but in the second half they scored, then they scored three and we saw our old friend who used to be at our school. Although we lost, we were happy because we qualified for the tournament and it was lots of fun. We really enjoyed it.

TEACHER STRIKES

A reminder that the school will be open to the following classes on Tuesday 2nd May.

Tuesday 2nd May

Nursery

Year 1

Year 2

Year 6

Vulnerable children

STAFFING UPDATE

This is to inform you that Ms Caroline Bigham from the school office will be leaving us on 12th May. She has secured herself a full time post in Oaklands College which I am sure she will excel in. I know you will join me in wishing her well for the future.

GENTLE REMINDERS

Please can I remind you that mobile phones are not are not permitted to be used on school premises (aside from taking photos of children's performances). When collecting or picking up your child, please refrain from talking on your phone and try to give them your full attention. They are always very excited to see you and tell you about their busy day.

In school, we aim to encourage the children to eat a healthy, balanced diet but more and more frequently when monitoring the lunch hall, we are seeing children bring in sweets, chocolate and crisps. Perhaps a piece of fruit or rice cakes would be a better substitute as too often many children are eating chocolate and crisps daily.

Finally, please can you ensure that your children do not play on the equipment before or after school. For insurance purposes, they are not permitted to play on the equipment at these times as a teacher is not supervising.

KING'S CORONATION - FRIDAY 5TH MAY

For now, the weather looks to be fine and settled for our coronation picnic so, we will happily welcome parents to join their children for a picnic.

We will open the gates to all parents (including Nursery) at 12.00pm. Parents will collect children from Nursery - Y2 from their classrooms and then make their way to the field. Once the parents have collected the children they are no longer under the care of the school.

Parents from children in Year 3-6, please make your way to the field.

Miss Osman will take her class to the corner near the gym equipment.

Mrs Gibbons, will take her class to the corner close to the gate.

Mr Creaton will take his class to the back left corner and Mr Hayes will take his class to the back right corner. Please collect your child from these areas.

Any children whose parents can't come will remain with the teachers or SLT and will be collected as normal at 1.30pm. Please ensure that all litter is taken home or thrown in the bin and that you monitor the children. Once you have all eaten lunch, you are free to leave, the children will not be returning to the classrooms.

We hope for it to be a lovely day of celebration. If your child is entitled to free school meals or you would like the kitchen to prepare a picnic for them, please click on the link to place your order by the end of **Friday 28th April.**

[Coronation Picnic Order](#)

We will keep a close eye on the weather and notify you of any changes. Either way, the children will still need a picnic lunch and should come to school dressed in red, white or blue with a £1 donation for the PTA.

CROWNING OF MARY

We are all looking forward to our joyful May celebration which will take place on Tuesday 2nd May and each family or child is invited to bring in a plant. It would be great if this could be a perennial or hardier plant to celebrate Mary, the Queen of May. These might include dianthus, primroses, pansies, sweetpeas, calendula, wallflowers, geum, verbenas, snap dragons, heuchera, sweet william, bacopa, fuchsia, cineraria, delphinium, osteospermum, lavender, or herbs etc. etc. The garden centres are filled with many more plants to choose from and the children will certainly enjoy planting them all around the school grounds throughout May.

We are unable to hold the service any other day so it will just be a small service in school for the children only whose classes are in. If you wish to donate a plant, they may be brought for the May altar throughout the week commencing 1st May and all classes will visit the May altar and pray to Mary. If the children have rosary beads, then can bring them in as we will pray decades of the rosary throughout May.

PTA UPDATE

Hi all,

Happy Friday!

A reminder that **FAMILY BINGO** will be on **Friday 12th May** from 6pm to 8pm. We are looking for raffle donations, prize donations and volunteers so let us know if you're able to help. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2 children – you can pay directly into the PTA account or on the door. There is no food at this event, it's tuck shop only.

We also have **SPONSORED BOUNCE** coming up on **Tuesday 23rd May** and will take place during the school day. Sponsorship forms will be coming out in due course, the child that raises the most money will have a day being Mrs Porter's deputy head!

Finally, please diarise our **SUMMER BBQ**, taking place on Saturday 15th July.

In other news, we have drawn the winners for this month's **50 Club** draw! In first place winning £100 is Natasha Birch, 2nd prize of £50 goes to Lauren McEvoy and 3rd prize of £25 goes to Victoria Fitzgerald. Congratulations! Caroline will be in touch to transfer your funds.

Have a lovely weekend all,
The PTA.

Congratulations to St John !!!!

HOUSE POINTS- The points this week are as follows:

St John = 306

St Matthew = 300

St Luke = 237

St Mark = 224

Headteacher's Awards

This week's awards go to.....

Year 6: Orlaith O'Malley and Teresa Lai.

Year 5: Ailbhe Hanbury and Phoebe Mulkerrin

Year 4: Jack Brown and Bobbie Naghten

Year 3: Teddy Carroll and Henry Horwood

Year 2: Rozalia Jackson and Brianna Carey

Year 1: Divine Fordjour and Eva Pollecutt

Reception: Libby O'Malley and Georgie McEvoy

Have a great weekend.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter