

## St Adrian's Weekly Bulletin- Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### MERCY MASS

Thank you to those who attended the Mercy Mass to mark the beginning of our school year. I was delighted to have Sr Margaret back with us - a Sister of Mercy and former Headteacher of St Adrian's. It was a very special Mass as we said a huge thank you to Mrs Barbara Bliss who has concluded her time as clerk and governor after 30 years of service to the school. The children sang beautifully and behaved very well. Thank you Barbara for all your years of hard work and dedication.

### FUN FEST HOLIDAY CLUB

We are delighted to announce that there will be a holiday club at St Adrian's in October half term. This is run independently of the school by 'Fun Fest' who have clubs throughout Hertfordshire. More information and details can be found at: <https://fun-fest.co.uk/stalbans-abbey/>. If the club is a great success, the intention is that they would provide the club over all the holidays. We hope that you will make use of this great service. There is a wide variety of activities that they run such as: laser tag, archery, circus skills, escape rooms, sports, themed parties and much, much more!



### PUPIL LEADERSHIP

All our pupil leaders have been appointed and given their badges and some have begun their duties. You can visit the various pages on the website and see their photos in due course. They are very excited about these new opportunities.

### SIGNING CERTIFICATES OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

#### Signing at St Bartholomew's

For those parents and guardians who need to obtain a certificate of Catholic Practice to accompany their child's application for a school or nursery place, certificates can be signed at the following times.

Fr Francis will be signing certificates of Catholic Practice on the following dates:

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10-11am and 5-6pm**
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10-11am and 5-6pm**

#### Signing at St Alban and St Stephen

Fr Michael will be available at the presbytery at the following times to sign school forms.

- **Friday 20 October 3.30 - 6.00pm and Wednesday 25 October 7.30pm - 9.00pm**
- **Tuesday 31 October 3.30 - 6.00pm and Wednesday 8 November 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

- **Wednesday 13 December 3.30 – 6.00pm and Tuesday 9 January 3.30 – 6.00pm**

### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

As has happened in previous years, for morning parent consultations, please follow the signs through the main gate and down the left side of the school and meet in the McAuley Room. Parents will be able to look at the books and meet with the teacher to discuss how the children have settled into their new classes. Please can I stress the importance of turning up on time for your appointment. There are 10 minute slots only and so I would recommend coming 10 minutes before your given time to look through the books. Unfortunately, if you arrive late, you may risk the chance of not having your meeting.

### **CHOIR PERFORMANCE**

Well done to our wonderful Junior Choir who attended Holy Trinity Church in Frogmore to entertain some of the senior citizens after their luncheon. The children performed beautifully and the behaviour was exemplary. We have had many messages of thanks and lots of high praise as regards the children's beautiful behaviour and their confidence when chatting with the lunch club members. They had a really lovely time! Great thanks goes to Mrs Fitzgerald who is so passionate and committed to ensuring the children really enjoy themselves and sing so well. It is very much appreciated.



### **PTA UPDATE**

#### Summer BBQ

A huge thank you to you all for supporting our school summer BBQ. We have managed to raise a fantastic £2570 for our school PTA! It's a great start to the year and we hope those that attended had an enjoyable afternoon.

#### Panto tickets

A reminder about Panto tickets this year. We have been allocated a great date (Saturday 9th December @6pm) however this year the Alban Arena are no longer offering group discount rates.

Adults £30.50

Children £28

Please transfer to the school PTA account (reference Panto & Surname)

Once you have transferred please fill out the google form.

**ORDER AND PAYMENT DUE BY THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER**

#### Christmas Fair

Yes it's September but we are thinking ahead to Christmas already!

Please keep **Saturday 2nd December** as a date free in your diary! You will hopefully have seen our poster sent out by our wonderful class REPS. Please consider any ways you may like to help the school, either through donations or sponsorship.

Thank you for your continued support and bearing with us whilst we find our feet!

Emma and Donna

#### **St Adrian's PTA**

[www.stadrians.herts.sch.uk/pta](http://www.stadrians.herts.sch.uk/pta)

#### **HARVEST CELEBRATION**

On the week commencing 9th October, we will begin to collect items for our harvest collection for the VineYard Church. Please donate non perishables. I will provide a list nearer the time after I have done an assembly with the children. There will be a whole school celebration on Wednesday 18th October. More information to follow.

#### **AWARDS THIS WEEK - CONGRATULATIONS TO .....**

**This week's learning attitude was 'To question!'**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Headteacher's Award</b>	<b>Star Writer Award</b>
Reception	Chiara Donnellan	Rachel Avram
Year 1	Louie Watts	Sienna Moorat
Year 2	George Bromwich	Adam Chowdhury
Year 3	Jan Kryvoi	Victoria Omotoso
Year 4	April Fenwood	Harper Nash
Year 5	Janis To	Livia Feistner
Year 6	Jessica Barrett	Enoch Fordjour

**Congratulations to St Matthew!!!!**

**HOUSE POINTS- The points this week are as follows:**

**St Matthew = 367**

**St Mark = 350**

**St John = 348**

**St Luke = 189**

**IMPORTANT DATES NEXT WEEK**

- Monday 2nd October - Black History Month Launch Assembly
- Tuesday 3rd October - 8.30am-12.00pm - Year 6 consultations
- Tuesday 3rd October - 1.00pm - 3.10pm - Nursery consultations
- Wednesday 4th October - 8.30am-12.00pm - Year 2 consultations
- Wednesday 4th October - EYFS Little City Workshop
- Thursday 5th October - 8.30am-12.00pm - Year 1 consultations
- Friday 6th October - 8.30am-12.00pm - Year 3 consultations
- Friday 6th October - 1.00pm - 3.10pm - Reception consultations
- Friday 6th October - World Multiplication Day activities in school

**Have a wonderful weekend everyone.**

**Many thanks,**

**Mrs Porter**