

## St Adrian's Weekly Bulletin- Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### WONDERFUL PERFORMANCES

We have had a very busy week with all the performances throughout the school. We began the week with a carol service from the Key Stage 2 children at St Bartholomew's which was a great success. Then on Wednesday, we were treated to a wonderful rendition of 'A Miracle in Town' by the children in Early Years and finally on Thursday, the children in Key Stage 1 led us through the nativity story in their wonderful play 'Babushka'. Thank you to all the staff who have worked incredibly hard to prepare the children and teach them all of the songs and the words. Thank you also to the parents for helping the children to learn their lines. Last but not least, a HUGE thank you and well done to all of the children. You really were shining superstars!

We finished the week off with Christmas dinner for everyone and we even had a special visitor to the younger children. Santa Claus came to town!



### THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

At the end of term, we say a sad farewell to Mrs Sophie McSweeney who has worked in the kitchen here at St Adrian's for 6 years. We wish her well as she takes on a new role as manager in the restaurant at Notcutts Garden Centre. We wish her every success in her new role and we thank her for all the delicious meals she has cooked over the years, not least the Christmas dinner we had today. Thank you very much!!

### HAPPY HUMAN PROJECT

St Adrian's is delighted to announce as part of ensuring the ongoing wellbeing of our children, we will be providing a wellbeing club organised by the Happy Human Project due to commence in January. Please see the flyer attached to the bulletin and below is an introduction from Charlotte who will run the club every Thursday after school. We hope that there will be a good uptake and that it will be a great success.

*Join us each week as we embark on a magical adventure and learn about managing our emotions! Our classes teach children about their brains, bodies and mental health in order to empower them with techniques to feel confident and calm. Each session involves fun movement, games, peer and self-massage, breathing techniques, positive affirmations and relaxation & mindfulness. Each session is designed to build compassionate, kind and self-aware children. These classes give them the opportunity to learn how to deal with stress, develop a positive view of themselves and their abilities and build healthy relationships plus so much more!*

Here is the booking link: [www.happyhumanproject.co.uk/bookings](http://www.happyhumanproject.co.uk/bookings)

### **TEACH CLUB IN ST ADRIANS - YEARS 3-6**

We will also begin to run a tech club after school every Tuesday starting in January. The club will focus on game creation, coding, music production, video editing, 3D modelling, robotics coding and more. Check out their website for more information. The children have flyers in their bags today with booking information. I hope it too will be a great success.

[Coding Club Website](#)

### **ST BART'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 16:00 24<sup>th</sup> December**

This is the first mass of Christmas at St Barts where involvement of the children is the focus. All children under 12 years who will be attending this mass are invited to take a special part. The children are welcome to dress as a holy nativity figure and will be invited to take a leading part as the Gospel is read. Children wanting to take part should attend the practice in St Barts church hall between **09:30 and 10.15 this Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> December)**. Parents or responsible adults should remain with the children for the practice. Children and families are asked to attend by 15:20 for a final run through immediately before the mass on the 24th December. If you want to know any more information, please contact Maureen Kelly either by email: [stars2004@btinternet.com](mailto:stars2004@btinternet.com) or phone:07860 283743

### **PTA UPDATE**

I would like to thank Mrs Smith, Ms Cristofili and all of the PTA for the amazing work they have done for the school in this term and also to all parents and family members who have donated to the various events held. We have managed to raise an INCREDIBLE **£3483.89** from the fair, **£749.17** for the wreath making, and £337 for the panto tickets. That's a HUGE **£4610.06**. Thank you so much for all of your contributions of time, donations or money. This will go a long way towards the next big project for the school.

### **DONATIONS PLEASE**

'Tis the season for sniffles and colds! Please could we ask for donations of boxes of tissues for the classes as there are a lot of runny noses amongst us.

Also, if you are intending to come to the grandparents' tea, please could you send in some mince pies this coming week. Many thanks.

### **FINAL REMINDER TO SIGN UP FOR GRANDPARENTS' TEA- DEADLINE IS TODAY**

We will be holding our Grandparents' Tea again on Monday and Tuesday and I have attached the link below. Please sign up so we have an idea of numbers. 2 Grandparents per child only. **Please be assured that if grandparents are unable to make it, any family member may come.**

[Grandparents' Tea 2023](#)

### **COLLECTIONS FOR THE RED CROSS**

Thank you so much for all your generous donations for the Red Cross. We managed to raise an incredible **£406.77** this will be added together with donations from all the schools in the St Albans Schools' Consortium to be sent to aid the crisis in Gaza. Thank you so much for all your donations.

## **ST ALBANS MUSIC SCHOOL CLASSES**

### ***Fantastic musical progression opportunities from January 2024***

*All activities take place at St Albans Music School, based at Townsend School, High Oaks, St Albans AL3 6DR. Rehearsals commence from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.*

***Ukulele Bandits*** – Tuesdays, 4:30 – 5:15 pm - an opportunity to learn from scratch, or develop, your ukulele playing skills at an affordable price

***Fife Club*** - Wednesdays, 4:30 – 5:15 pm an affordable gateway into woodwind playing – learn to play fife (a small flute) together with others, in a fun, ensemble setting

***St Albans Musical Voices*** – Thursdays, 4:30 – 5:15pm - a regional choir for children across the area to sing, develop confidence and make new friends.

*Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.*

*For more information and to sign up, please visit*

*[www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/st-albans-music-school](http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/st-albans-music-school)*

*For any enquiries, please contact [stalbanmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:stalbanmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk), or telephone 01438 845299 on weekdays 3:30 – 7:00 pm during term time.*

## **OPEN MORNINGS**

St Adrian's is a fantastic community with the children at the heart of all that we do. A visit to the school is warmly encouraged - Let all friends and families know and invite them along too.

Our final open morning dates are as follows:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

**9am – Approx 10.00am**

Please email the office : [admin@stadrians.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stadrians.herts.sch.uk) or call 01727852687 to book a tour.

**PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE DEADLINE FOR RECEPTION APPLICATIONS IS 15TH JANUARY AND NURSERY APPLICATIONS IS 23RD FEBRUARY**

**HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK WELL DONE TO....**

**Congratulations to St Mark!!!**

**The points this week are as follows:**

**St Mark = 260**

**St Luke = 222**

**St Matthew = 207**

**St John = 133**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ST MATTHEW FOR THE OVERALL WINNING TOTALS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM**

**Autumn 1**

**St Matthew = 1565**

**St Mark = 1292**

**St John = 1247**

**St Luke = 914**

**Autumn 2**

**St Matthew = 1426**

**St Luke = 1212**

**St John = 1153**

**St Mark = 1117**

On Wednesday 20th December, the children from **ST MATTHEW**, will be permitted to come into school in their own clothes and will have extra playtime because they were the overall winners for the half term.

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS AND STAR WRITER AWARDS WILL RESUME AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- Monday 18th December - 9.30am - EYFS Grandparents' Tea and Carols
- Monday 18th December - 2.00pm - Y1 and Y2 Grandparents' Tea and Carols
- Tuesday 19th December - 9.30am - Y3 and Y4 Grandparents' Tea and Carols
- Tuesday 19th December - 2.00pm - Y5 and Y6 Grandparents' Tea and Carols
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December- 11am -the choir to go and sing at Vesta Lodge
- Wednesday 20th December - House point winners come to school in their own clothes and get extra playtime. Well done to St Matthew
- Thursday 21st December - 9.00am - Final assembly and Goodbye to Mrs Ruffell - parents welcome
- Thursday 21st December - 1.30pm - School finishes for the Christmas holidays

**Have a wonderful weekend.**

**Many thanks,**

**Mrs Porter**