

St Adrian's Weekly Bulletin- Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

ADVENT SERVICE

The children led us in a special dressing of the tree and Advent assembly. We all took the time to reflect on the importance of Advent and the lead up to Christmas. It is a lovely way for us all to reflect and begin this special period of preparation. Thank you to all those children who helped to dress the tree and make the assembly so special.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Smith, Ms Cristofoli, Ms Pereira and all of the PTA and volunteers who helped with a very successful wreath making workshop last night. It was a lovely evening of creativity and festive cheer. So much time and preparation went into the event and it was enjoyed by all with a wonderful wreath as a reward. I am hoping mine will last the duration and not fall apart! - Well done to all involved.



STAFFING UPDATE

I write to inform you that sadly, Mrs Ruffell will be retiring at Christmas after 20 long years of service at St Adrian's. I am sure that many of your family members know Mrs Ruffell and will join us in saying a farewell to her on the last day of school. If you would like to be present or you know any past pupils that

would like to attend, please invite them along on Thursday 21st December at 9.00am when we will say a grand farewell to Mrs Ruffell. She will be sadly missed but she will always be a special part of St Adrian's rich history.

I am pleased to announce that after the Christmas holidays, we will have a new school business manager joining us. Please read below an introduction from Mrs Rachel Robinson.



I am delighted to have been appointed as School Business Manager at your wonderful school. Three of my nephews attended St Adrian's and I have fond memories of visiting such a friendly and happy place.

Some of my childhood years were spent living in St Albans and I returned 13 years ago after relocating from London with my family. We thoroughly enjoy living in St Albans, being part of the local community and making the most of all the amazing facilities and the beautiful surrounding countryside. I bring to the role of school business manager a background in business, finance and audit within central government and have been working in the education sector now for over a decade. I am looking forward to joining the school community in the new year and contributing to the continued growth and success of St Adrian's.

I look forward to meeting you.

*With warmest wishes and kind regards,
Mrs Rachel Robinson*

I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Mrs Robinson to St Adrian's. We look forward to her starting in January.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS REMINDERS

Please find attached all the dates for Christmas events. We will also be organising a visit for some children to Vesta Lodge to sing for the residents there, more information to follow.

We will be holding our Grandparents' Tea again this year and I have attached the link at the bottom of the dates and 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



OPEN MORNINGS

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting several open mornings in St Adrian's Catholic Primary School over the coming months. If you are preparing for your child to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024, then please book a tour, come along to visit our wonderful school and see it in action.

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.

The open morning dates are as follows:

Tuesday 5th December

Wednesday 6th December

Thursday 11th January

Friday 12th January

9.15am – Approx 10.00am

Please email the office : admin@stadrians.herts.sch.uk or call 01727852687 to book a tour.

FREE MUSIC CONCERT

On Stage with Philomusica

Experience the magic of the orchestra in this interactive musical performance – suitable for all the family. A chance to see a live orchestra playing, and to join in too!

Please note, this activity takes place outside school, at St Albans Music School (AL3 6DR), on Tuesday 5th December, 6:30 – 8:00pm.

To sign up, please visit onstagewithphilo.eventbrite.co.uk

For enquiries, please contact stalbanmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Congratulations to St Matthew!!!!

HOUSE POINTS- The points this week are as follows:

St Matthew = 285

St John = 259

St Luke = 206

St Mark = 156

AWARDS THIS WEEK - CONGRATULATIONS TO

This week's learning attitude was 'To embrace challenges !'

Class	Headteacher's Award	Star Writer Award
Reception	Elle Nagum	Anthony Ojeikere
Year 1	Indie Duncan	Lalena Bella Mongan
Year 2	Jerusha Watera	Frank Feistner
Year 3	Aoife Byrne	Olivia Connolly Wade
Year 4	Savannah Coupland	Scarlett Smith
Year 5	Alex Bliss	Roman Tyler
Year 6	Lily Christie	Rukksika Murukathan

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Tuesday 5th December - 9.15am - Open Morning for new parents
- Wednesday 6th December - 9.15am - Open Morning for new parents
- Thursday 7th December - 9.00am - Loko Cheer performance for parents and siblings
- Friday 8th December - 9.00am - Year 5 Class assembly - Parents welcome
- Friday 8th December - After school - Year 4 cake sale

Have a wonderful weekend.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter