

## St Adrian's Weekly Bulletin- Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **CROWNING OF MARY**

We held a lovely Crowning of Mary celebration this morning where we thought about Mary's journey in Jesus' life and why she is so special. The children sang beautifully and presented lovely artwork that will form part of the display. Over the next few days, we will encourage each class to come and pray the Rosary at our May altar. Thank you so much to all those families who donated the wonderful array of plants and flowers. These will be planted around the school in due course.



### **GOING GREEN!!!**

The Eco Team are passionate about acting as stewards of God's world and protecting our planet. As part of their Planet versus Plastics Earth Day campaign, they collected together litter picks, gloves and buckets so that they can help each class to keep our playgrounds tidy and free of rubbish. To reduce the amount of plastic used and thrown away in school, they reminded the children of St Adrian's to bring their snack to school in a reusable container that can be used every day.

This week, the Eco Team also met with the Sopwell Ecostars, to receive seed potatoes for each Year 4 child to take home and try growing potatoes for themselves this summer. Good luck with your gardening, Year 4 and thank you to Ayletts for sponsoring this activity.



## CHANGES TO OUR RELATIONSHIPS, HEALTH AND SEX EDUCATION POLICY

Please can I draw your attention to changes that will be made to our RHSE policy that has been sent out for consultation today. Please read the accompanying letter and the policy and complete the Google form with comments about the key changes to the policy.

## TRIPS AND RESIDENTIALS

At St Adrian's, we strongly believe that school trips provide great personal development and cultural capital opportunities for our children and these tie in with our curriculum drivers. Please note that payments need to be made in full in advance of the trip (unless agreed by prior arrangements) this can be done in installments via your Arbor Trips section.

If we do not receive enough payments to cover the cost of the trips we sadly have to cancel them. Due to very low payments on some trips this year, the school has had to subsidise this at great cost. Sadly, if this becomes a trend, then we will have to cut back on those experiences.

Moving forward, if anybody would like to make a donation to sponsor another child for any trip or residential please contact the office or this payment can be made under 'support fund' in the shop section of Arbor.

When choosing trips or workshops for the children, we try to make it as cost effective as possible and sometimes may opt for a workshop in school rather than an off site visit using coaches.

Just to give you an idea of costings. The average cost for a coach just into St Albans is £200 with a coach to Portsmouth costing over £700 each way. This is where the greatest amount of the payments are required. We hope that you understand the situation and we appreciate your support in the matter.

## LOCKDOWN DRILL

This week, the children have been very good at following instructions and taking part in our lockdown drills. They have understood the need for them and have behaved in an orderly and well behaved manner. All staff have been fully briefed on lockdown procedures and the drill will now form part of the health and safety leaflet given to all visitors to school. Due to weather conditions today, we were unable to practise as a whole school together so this will be rescheduled for next week.

Please can I remind parents to read the letter sent on Tuesday so you are aware of the procedures. We hope and pray that we would never need to put these measures into place but it is always better to be prepared. Thank you for speaking to the children about this matter.

## THE GREAT SEWING BEE! - PLEASE READ SOME EXCITING INFORMATION FOR A TV SHOW!

*"My name is Conor and I work on The Great British Sewing Bee. We are excited to announce that applications for Series 11 of The Great British Sewing Bee are now open and we are looking for a new bunch of amateur sewers to take part. With this in mind I was wondering if you might be able to help get the word out in the local community that applications are open.*

*We are keen to hear from anyone 18+ who has a passion for sewing and creating clothes for themselves or others, so if you or someone you know is a talented amateur sewer then please do encourage them to apply at [www.applyforsewingbee.co.uk](http://www.applyforsewingbee.co.uk)*

*Applications Close: 8.00pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024*

*We would be more than happy to answer any questions at : [applyforsewingbee@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforsewingbee@loveproductions.co.uk)*

*Best wishes and regards,*

*Conor*

*The Great British Sewing Bee team*

## PTA UPDATE BINGO TONIGHT!!!!!!

### Family Bingo night

Tonight is our family bingo evening. 6-8pm. Pay on the door, Adults £5, under 16's £2. Looking forward to seeing lots of you there!

### 50 club winners

Congratulations to the following winners for April:

£25 Marie Thorley

£50 Hayley Booth

£100 Laura Donnellan

Please email the PTA on [stadrians.herts.pta@gmail.com](mailto:stadrians.herts.pta@gmail.com) to organise transfer of your winnings! Thank you for your continued support.

## HOUSE POINT WINNERS THIS WEEK ARE.....

### CONGRATULATIONS TO: St Mark

St Mark = 237

St Matthew = 235

St John = 178

St Luke = 153

## AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE .....

Class	Headteacher's Award	Star Writer Award
Reception	Alannah Carey	Nevaeh Khan
Year 1	Macey Banham	Indie Duncan

Year 2	Kabir Kamra	George Moore
Year 3	Paige Bates	Aoife Byrne
Year 4	Savannah Coupland	Tierney Mahoney
Year 5	Vincent Worsley	Annabelle Wilson
Year 6	Phoebe Mulkerrin	James Ngu

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

- Monday 6th May - School closed - Bank Holiday Monday.
- Wednesday 8th May - School class photos
- Thursday 9th May - 9.30 am Mass at St Barts - The Feast of the Ascension

Have a great bank holiday weekend everyone.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter