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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 19th May '23



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

It's great to see that the sun is shining - we are all starting to get that feeling that summer is finally here. Just a reminder about bringing in hats, sunglasses and water bottles as well as applying sunscreen. I have no issue with children wearing sunglasses outside, but please be aware that they are responsible for them (they are notorious for being dropped and broken, so please avoid sending children in with expensive pairs). We will advise the children to stay in the shade if it's hot but they often want to play directly in the sun so please apply sunscreen before school and encourage them to bring hats.

With the weather getting better, the afterschool club allow the children to go outside and play. With this in mind, can I please ask families not to stay around too long on the grounds after school. I notice that some children are playing football or using the trim trail for a long time after school has ended, which means that Orchards are waiting a long time before they can go out. The playground must be vacated and the green gate closed before they can play.

Congratulations to the Year 3 children who performed their sharing assembly today. Unfortunately I couldn't be there but I hear it went really well, with children sharing their experiences of Celtic Harmony among other work they have been doing.

On Tuesday, PSD held a Year 4 sports event with Alban City school, supported by the Year 6 children. The children had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

The Year 6 Hockey team were in action yesterday, representing the St Albans School's at the Herts School Games. I'm pleased to say that they did brilliantly, narrowly coming in 4th place overall. Thank you to Mrs Hobbs for all the work she has been putting in with sport, as well as Mr Legg and Emma Bertridge for their help on the day.

Also this week, we had an assembly from the Essex & Herts air ambulance. They shared with the children how they save lives, as well as what it takes to keep the service going. For more information please visit <https://ehaat.org/>

This week we also had Governor Week, with the Governors coming

into school, across the week, getting a good understanding of what happens here. All of the Governors are volunteers, ensuring accountability and supporting with strategic oversight. This is all done in their own time, for free, so is very much appreciated.

I would also like to say a big thank you to the parents, and staff, who gave up their time on Saturday and Sunday to help clean up the green wetpore surface outside the spare classroom. It was a difficult job and very much appreciated. Thank you.

We have found cover for Rebecca Jones in Year 2 until the end of the school Year. Nina Leigh, an experienced teacher, will be working with the class from after half term.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Fair this weekend.

Best wishes, Keith Smithard

LEARNING POWER CERTIFICATES
(awarded for reciprocity, resilience, resourcefulness and resourcefulness)

Serine (Y1) Alex (Y4)

All of Y6

**The Elemental Detectives
by Patrice Lawrence
Birthday book presented by
Nancy Y5**

BOOK OF THE WEEK



“Step into a world where magic sparks beneath the surface... Elemental spirits.—the fiery Dragons, the fairy Fumis, the watery Chads and the earthbound Magogs have existed peacefully for hundreds of years. Until today...”

DIARY DATES

Sat 20th May - ALSA Summer Fair from 2pm - 4pm

Tues 23rd May - Peter Pan workshop (Rec & KS1)

Weds 24th May David Allen (Superhero Scientists author) Assembly and workshops (Y3- 6)

Fri 26th May - ALSA Break the Rules Day

Mon 29th - Fri 2nd June - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Mon 5th - Fri 9th June - Year 6 Residential Culmington Manor

Thu 8th June - Y3/4 Basketball Tournament

Fri 9th June - Eat Beautifully workshop with Itsu (Year 4)

Tues 13th June - Tree Assembly (Friends of the Earth)

Thurs 29th June - SPORTS DAY (KS1 am, KS2 pm)

ALSA NOTICES

ALSA BALL—Friday 7th July—SAVE THE DATE!

The highlight of the ALSA calendar, tickets will soon go on sale for the ALSA Ball. Details to follow but please put Friday 7th July in your diary now and start thinking about who you want to sit with. Tables seat a max of 10 (although don't worry, we can always allocate you a table)

GIFT AMNESTY –Donations—For dads and other loved ones!

We are running another gift amnesty- this time to coincide with Father's Day- so the children can say thank you to the men in their lives!

We are asking you to keep hold of any unwanted items or gifts, especially small items which are suitable for the children to give as gifts - examples include: men's toiletries or grooming products, accessories, novelty gifts/ games, books, foodstuffs (eg chocolate, biscuits, nice crisps etc - no nuts please and must be unopened & not need refrigeration).

Grown-ups' items only please and they should be should be new (or very nearly new) and be suitable for the children to take home (and no alcohol, sharp objects or glass please).

PLEASE DO NOT BRING AMNESTY ITEMS INTO SCHOOL YET as we don't want them getting mixed up with the fair donations.

All children will be given an opportunity on Thursday 15 June* to select a present for their dad/carer/special someone. Nearer the time, ALSA will kindly ask for a suggested donation of £2-£5, which will be payable via Gateway.

*Nb if your child is away on the day, they will, unfortunately, not be able to select a gift on another day.

Thank you as always for your continued support. ALSA

