

Newsletter

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Key Dates w/c: 24th February 2020

25th Feb: Yr 5 to BT Adastral Park

27th Feb: PGL Meeting – Years 4 & 5 Parents

27th Feb: Yr 3 Parish Mass 9.15am

28th Feb: Yr 3 Class Mass 2.30pm

Tweet of the Week



'Faith grows when we invoke the Lord with confidence, bringing to Jesus who we are, with open hearts, without hiding our sufferings.'

[Pope Francis \(@Pontifex\)](#)

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We hope you have a restful half term and look forward to seeing you on 24th February.

Congratulations to Mrs Ridall who safely delivered a baby girl yesterday. Mother and baby are doing well. We are delighted for her and her family.

Curriculum Meeting

Many thanks to all those who attended the curriculum meeting on Wednesday morning. It was a great turn out and we hope you found it informative. As promised the presentation is attached to this email.

If you have any further questions or suggestions on topics for future curriculum mornings please let me know. Mrs Jo Berry

St Alban's Catholic High School Quiz Night

Message from FoSA:

General knowledge quiz at St Alban's Catholic High School Friday 28 February.

Doors open at 7pm, quiz starts 7.30pm. £8 tickets includes quiz and fish/sausage/veggie burger & chips. Raffle prizes.

Call school to order tickets and book food on 01473 726178.

PGL Meeting – 27th February

There will be a meeting for Years 4 & 5 parents at 3.15pm on Thursday 27th February.

You will receive all the initial information that you need at this meeting so we would be grateful if you could attend. Children can be left in Year 5 with a teacher. Thank you.

Dance East – Year 5

Year 5 attended Dance East last Friday to watch a performance of 'Little Shop of Horrors' performed by students from St Joseph's College. We were treated to a wonderful show and some amazing dancing, singing and acting. This will be followed up by a workshop in May and all free of charge! For some children this was their first experience of a live show. Miss Godbold and Mrs Dyer



IPSSA Boys Football Cup:

Quarter Final - Springfield 0-3 St Mary's.

One of the biggest games of the school year so far in the cup quarter final and after a slow start the boys managed to take the lead without really hitting the heights in the first half but still led 1-0 at the break. A completely contrasting second half saw the boys raise their game up a level and started playing some fantastic football, creating a lot of chances, scoring 2 more to seal our place in the Semi Final for the first time in our history, where they will come up against either Dale Hall or Halifax. Superb boys!



Netball – St Mary's V Birchwood 16 -0

In the netball cup we had a win against Birchwood. We are now into the quarter finals. For some children it was their first match of the season. Well Done!



Young Art East Anglia

Many congratulations to the 16 children from the school who have had their work selected to appear in the exhibition in Aldeburgh. Their individual letters from YAEA were sent home on Wednesday (12th). Everyone is welcome to visit the exhibition and details can be found on the Young Art East Anglia website. The exhibition is at the Peter Pears Gallery in Aldeburgh on the following dates:

Friday, March 13th 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Saturday, March 14th 12.00 noon to 5.00 pm.

Sunday, March 15th 10.00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who entered, it was lovely to see all your ideas on the theme of "A Moment in Time". Miss Mudd

Forthcoming trips

Where applicable, we would be grateful if trips could be paid for before the due date specified on the parentmail information. Payment is permission for your child to take part. Thank you.

25th Feb: BT Adastral Park – Year 5

6th Mar: Awesome Arctic (in school) – Year 6

10th Mar: BT Adastral Park – Year 6

2nd Apr: Museum of East Anglian Life – Year 4

Updating Contact Details

Please could all parents notify the office as soon as you change your address or any of your telephone numbers even your emergency contact numbers. We need to make sure that we hold the correct information for each child.

Coronavirus Advice – The following information has been sent to us from Suffolk County Council

ALL SCHOOLS:

You will be aware of the current and ongoing situation regarding the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak in China as well as across the world. Most reported cases are at the mild end of the spectrum and currently in the UK there are two confirmed cases being treated in line with robust infection control measures.

[For advice and guidance on this outbreak, visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus). This is being updated nationally and should be the only source of information you need to access.

A UK wide information campaign has now been launched to provide practical advice and guidance on how to protect yourself from infection. As we would always advise to help stop the spread of viruses such as flu during the winter, you should;

- always carry tissues and use them to catch coughs and sneezes, and bin the tissue;
- wash hands with soap and water, or use sanitiser gel, to kill germs.

FOSM PTA News

Willow Garden - The Willow Garden play area phase has been completed and is looking fantastic. Huge thanks to everyone who helped make this happen, we are sure the children are going to love this new outdoor area.

Dress down - if you missed the PTA this morning for your £1 donation we can collect it this afternoon so don't worry. Thank you for your support.

Bags to school - the children should be sent home with a letter about the next bags to school collection date. Should help if you have a clear out over half term! If you would like more bags please feel free to let the office or Mrs Biondi know. Thank you.

Mother's Day hamper - we will be raffling off a fantastic Mother's Day hamper, tickets will be sent home after half term.

Survey - sincere thanks to everyone who has completed our PTA survey. It has given us a great deal to discuss and to work with. There is still time if you wish to fill it in and haven't already done so, we will publish an overview of the results after half term. Link follows:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KQ3DZSB>

E-Safety Week – A poem inspired by work on internet safety

What is going on in our minds,
We would rather be gorgeous than honest and kind.

You may not believe this is real,
But you can't imagine the pain that we feel.

Each time someone dislikes a selfie,
Inside we feel ever so empty.

Further we go just to get more likes,
We don't even realise that this just isn't right.

The perfect selfie is what we wish,
What about a diet? No meat, no fish.

That girl wastes all her money on makeup, that one's anorexic,
We don't care anything for the perfect pic.

The struggle is real for all of those girls,
And for most girls living in this world.

So beware, don't let your social media be your best friend,
Or soon you might come to your end.

By Milena Year 6

PTA dates for your diary

Non-uniform days:

Friday 3rd April: 'Chocs for Socks' day. Children wear their uniform but are encouraged to wear silly or mismatched socks, the brighter the better, in exchange for a kind donation of chocolate/sweets for the Summer fair tombola.

Friday 19th June: Non-uniform day. Children wear own clothes in exchange for a kind donation of a bottle of something for the summer fair tombola.

Friday 3rd July: Summer fair

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2020

17th–21st Feb: HALF TERM

25th Feb: Year 5 to BT Adastral Park

27th Feb: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am

27th Feb: **PGL Parent's Meeting/ 3.15pm – Years 4 & 5**

28th Feb: Year 3 Class Mass 2.30pm

5th Mar: Year 4 Parish Mass 9.15am

5th Mar: World Book Day. Dress as favourite book character.

6th Mar: Year 6 Awesome Arctic in school

6th Mar: Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm

10th Mar: Year 6 to BT Adastral Park

12th Mar: Year 5 Parish Mass 9.15am

13th Mar: Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm

17th Mar: Parents evening 3.30-6pm

19th Mar: Parents evening 4.30-7pm

26th Mar: KS1 Lenten Service 9am (Parents welcome)

27th Mar: Year 1 trip to Felixstowe

31st Mar: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am

2nd Apr: Year 4 to Museum of East Anglian Life

3rd Apr: PTA Chocs for Socks day

3rd Apr: Easter Liturgy – Church 1.30pm (Parents welcome)

3rd Apr: Last day of term. **School ends at 2.45pm**

Term dates for 2019/20

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term: 17th – 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July 2020

Bank holiday - Friday 8th May – (school open as usual Monday 4th May)

Half Term: 25th - 29th May 2020

Term dates for 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 18th December

Half term: 26th – 30th October

Staff Training Days: 1st & 2nd September

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 26th March

Half term: 15th – 19th February

Staff Training day: 4th January

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12th April – Friday 16th July

Bank holiday: 3rd May

Half term: 31st May – 4th June

Staff Training days: 19th & 20th July (disaggregated)