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20 July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of this academic year, for me it is a time to reflect on all the memorable achievement's and opportunities the children have had to learn.

The school continues to forge ahead at the forefront of Christian education delivering quality first education and care for your children. This only comes about by the dedication and hard work of a team. I wish to thank all my staff who have shown huge commitment and ability to deliver excellent lessons and opportunities for your children. I would like to thank the governors for their continued support of the school and I would like to thank you all for your voluntary help and support throughout this year.

We have achieved so much not just academically but also in sport and the arts. Huge thank you to Mr Hurd and all the children who have taken part in the sporting achievements. We have also achieved the Gold Schools Games Award. We have been successful with the International Award at intermediate level, thank you to all but particularly Miss O'Grady for leading on this.

A big thank you to Alice Stratton who started the Parent Prayer Meeting this term. It has been really good knowing that parents are praying for our school and for the community within it.

As always the end of the year means we have to say goodbye to our Year 6 children. They go from here with our prayers, love and best wishes, ready, prepared and with confidence to take these next steps in life. We wish each one of them success and happiness in all they do. This year we will be saying goodbye to eleven families, one family who has been here for 16 years. Thank you all for your contribution to St John's School, we will miss you.

We say goodbye to Mr Dunne after 17 years, we will remember and miss him equally. We also wish Miss O'Grady all the best as she leaves to teach in Dubai. We say goodbye to Cathy Allinson our lovely cook, we will miss her food!!

I look forward to September welcoming in our new teachers Miss Garnett, Miss Soames and Mrs Garland.

I am also looking forward to Mrs Pipe's return to the Office, she has a couple more hurdles to go but praying all will be well and she will be with us in September.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday with your families. I look forward to seeing you in the new school year which begins for the children on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

Best wishes,

Mrs Betts

Please try to avoid making medical or other appointments during the school day as these can be very disruptive to the rest of the class.

If not, please ensure you write to the teacher requesting your child to be released, giving reason, time and whether returning. Thank you





Uniform

After the Summer holidays, girls may wear a school dress and boys shorts up to October half term. After this you will need to ensure your child is wearing the winter uniform. This will be shirts, ties and grey skirts for the girls and long trousers only for the boys.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- all uniform should be named
- All shoulder length hair <u>must</u> be tied back.
- No jewellery in school. Pierced earrings should be stud type and removed or covered on PE days.
- Coats must be <u>plain navy</u> and brought in every day
 Children will still go outside every day We don't want them to get cold!
- Trainers may only be worn on PE days.
- Plain Black school shoes at all other times. No boots or ankle boots are permitted
 The LOST PROPERTY BOX is the office receiption area.

Dates for Diaries 2023

21 July - Leavers Service

6 September - Children back to school

13 September - Individual welcome meetings

15 September— Meeting the Year 6 team assembly 9.10am

25 September - SEN Passport meetings

29 September - Harvest Assembly—Year 3 9.10am

4 October - Individual school photos

6 October - KS1 Sharing assembly 9.10am

9 October - Year 5—Creativity Day St Albans High School

13 October - Prayer Space assembly 9.10am

20 October - Year 6 assembly 9.10 am

23-27 October - HALF TERM

30 October - PD Day

31 October - Children back to school



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THANK YOU



May God's blessing go with us today, At the end of this school year we pray. That you keep us safe and give us rest So we start again renewed and refreshed. Full of health, full of fun Ready to come and learn again.

May God's blessing go with us today, As we begin our school holiday. Give your peace and your joy, To every girl and every boy. Help the teachers to enjoy the break, and prepare and plan for the new intake. May God's blessings await us next year, To embrace each new challenge without fear. Fill this school with your love, and guide our hearts from above. Full of faith, full of hope, full of joy, and full of love. Amen.