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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 21st July '23



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of another school year, and what a fantastic one it has been: we have met a Buddhist monk, explored the wonders of space, been back to the great fire of London, complained to the BBC, won silver Blue Peter badges, became Lego champions, learned to code with Ocado, found out about the Air Ambulance, sang at Wembley Arena and the Albert Hall, visited the world of the Celts, started an orchestra, created art, danced, performed and learned lots.

Back in November and watched by our local MP, Daisy Cooper, Finn won our first ever speakers cup with his speech about alopecia.

We have had lots of success in sport. We won both our leagues this year in football, with the girls team making the final of the St Alban's Trophy. Jocelyn was chosen for the St Alban's Girls District Football Team. We also did well in basketball, speed stacking and reached the County finals for hockey. Jonah won the individual cross country title, representing Hertfordshire in the National Finals for the second time. Our Netballers

also did fantastically well in their league. Russet won our Sports Day this year, and we were also awarded the Gold School Games Mark. A tribute to the hard work that Mrs. Hobbs has put in.

All of this doesn't happen without the staff and Governor support. I would like to personally thank all of the staff and Governors for their commitment, hard work and dedication. They really are a great team who care about the school and the community around it.

I would also like to thank you as parents. Lots of you give up time to support the school in a multitude of different ways - helping out ALSA, volunteering, coming on trips, making costumes, supporting with homework and putting your hands in your pockets so generously.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Alex Leech - our fantastic Year 1 teacher. She is much loved here and will be really missed. We all wish her the very best in her new role.

A final bit of news - we have appointed Fi Sherwood to teach alongside Michelle Charsley in Year 2 until the end of term. Miss Scanes will be back after Christmas.

For those children and families leaving us this year. We wish you all continued success and the very best of luck for the future. For everyone else, have a lovely summer—we'll see you all back, refreshed and ready to go on Monday 4th September.

Warmest wishes,

Keith Smithard

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 1st Sep - Staff INSET Day - No school for children

Monday 4th Sep - School Begins.

Weds 6th Sep - New to Year 6 meeting @ 9am

Thurs 7th Sep—New to Y2 meeting @ 9am

Fri 8th Sep - New to Y3 meeting @ 9am

Tues 12th Sep - New to Y5 Meeting @ 9am

Weds 13th Sep - New to Y4 Meeting @ 9am

Thurs 14th Sep—New to Y1 meeting @ 9am

My Beautiful Voice by Joseph Coelho Recommended by Mrs Leech



BOOK OF THE WEEK

“Mrs Leech loves this book because it’s a moving story about a shy child unlocking the power of their own voice through poetry, with the help from a very special teacher.”



Free School Meals

For many people, the last few years have been particularly tough. If you are struggling a bit financially, it may be that you qualify for free school meals. This also gives you access to free holiday activity camps and attracts some extra funding for the school, which can be used to support your child directly and wider school projects. Families who already qualify may also need to reapply. Go to the [Herts CC website](#) and follow the steps. If you do need help please let the office know and we’ll help you through the process.

