



St Alphege CE Infant School

Newsletter 18 January 28th 2022



Music of the Month:- The Lords Prayer
Value for this term - Valuing Difference



I have recently been reviewing individual children's attendance at both schools. Parents and carers will be aware that good regular attendance at school is vital for children to achieve their potential. The DfE requires regular updates from us on this and recommends a target of 96% as a measure of good attendance. We currently have overall attendance figures of 94.6% (Infants) and 93.7% (Juniors). Where children have an attendance of 90% or less this is classed as persistently absent. Clearly there have been significant factors impacting upon attendance during the last 20 months or so of the pandemic, but it is important that schools work with parents and carers where attendance is a concern. We buy into an attendance and welfare service, CSAW, who assist us in doing this. Just to be clear where individual attendance is below 90% because of covid or something like chicken pox, we have no concerns. In the next few weeks I will be issuing letters, in conjunction with CSAW, to inform parents and carers where their child's attendance is low (non - covid related) or where a child has a significant amount of unauthorised absences. Again it is important to be clear that legally only a head teacher can authorise any absence during term time and requests for leave to go on holiday are not normally authorised. Please also note that the purpose of these letters is to highlight a concern and work together to improve the attendance of your child/ children.

Mr Morrissey
Executive Head Teacher

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School Calendar

- ◆ w/c 14/2/22 YR 1 visit to the Synagogue *details to follow*
- ◆ Mon 21th - Fri 25th February half term
- ◆ Mon 11 April- Fri 22 April Easter Holidays

**Additional Staff Training Days
(School Closed for Pupils)**

Mon 28th February 2022
Fri 27th May 2022

Oliver Bird Hall Parking Permits

The Parish Office have asked us to remind you that the OBH parking permits only give permission to park at the Oliver Bird Hall for the periods indicated on the permit and not all day. Any body parking for extended periods of time run the risk of getting a parking fine .

Admissions Policy

In accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021,

St Alphege CE Federation of Schools is required to consult on its arrangements at least every seven years or where changes to the arrangements are proposed.

Our draft Admissions Policy for the academic year 2023-24 is available to view on our website at <https://www.stalphege.solihull.sch.uk/admissions/>

FSAS (PTA)
Save the Date

18th February - Wear your own clothes day £2 donation
25th March - Mothers Day Gift Sale (am Infants and pm Juniors)
More information to follow

Weekly Awards ~ 21st January 2022			
Y 1	Patrick Perregaard	Lorelai Yates	Akshat Mehta
Y 2	Adam Kaf Al'Ghazal	Ladislav Bilmont	Matthew Fisher

Clubs Commencing Monday 31st January 2022

There is NO parental vehicle access on school grounds at anytime

M				<i>French Club Finish 4.15pm All years</i>	<i>Footiebugs Finish 4.30pm Reception</i>
T				<i>Spanish Club Finish 4.15pm All years</i>	<i>Dance Club Finish 4.25 All Years Dance Club</i>
W					
Th	<i>Dance and Gymnastic Club 8am-8.45am All Years</i>				
Fr	<i>Cricket Club 8am-8.45am All Years</i>			<i>Footiebugs Finish 4.30pm Year 1 & Year 2</i>	

Appointments

Please ensure that you notify the school office in advance of any appointments for your child. All appointments must be accompanied by an appointment card or hospital letter.

Nut Free zone

A reminder that our school is a nut free zone, There are children in school who have extremely severe nut allergies, please do not bring nuts onto any part of our school site.



Friends of St Alphege Schools



Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Uniform can now be purchased throughout the year at www.pta-events.co.uk/fsas
All good condition and will be available within 1 week of ordering.



If you have donations of good quality second hand St Alphege uniform please contact Amanda Berry 07972495253.



We are really excited to be working with the Mayor of Solihull on the 'Fly a Flag for Commonwealth Day Competition' as part of **Solihull Schools' Year of the Commonwealth Games** in the build up to Birmingham 2022. The **'Fly a Flag for Commonwealth Day Competition'** has run for a number of years through the Mayor's Office and the winner is invited to lift the Commonwealth Flag at the Council House on Commonwealth Day – 14th March. This year we are taking the opportunity of tying it in with Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. Children are invited to design or create a Poem, Story or a Picture based Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games theme – **'Bringing People Together'** Children can think about the different countries in the Commonwealth how they come together to take part. If they are writing a short story they may want to imagine taking part themselves, representing their country..... A picture could include the different sports, a race, inclusivity as para events will be integrated and not separate. Here are some video links that may help:

Countdown of Birmingham 2022 <https://youtu.be/XGbCAC9DEEQ>
Meet Perry he will tell you about Birmingham 2022 <https://youtu.be/nk7QfLpT5Sk>
Birmingham 2022 A celebration <https://youtu.be/pMWUy3fMaEU> Birmingham 2022 <https://youtu.be/Qmid5NefU> You can go to the website www.birmingham2022.com and find out more

The entry should be on an A4 piece of paper and is to be posted to directly to the Mayors office:

The Mayor's Office, Civic Suite, Council House, Solihull, B91 3QB.

Office Information

Office hours

8.30am-3.45pm

Did you know?

There is a secure letterbox positioned to the right of the door for posting letters to school.

Telephone 0121 705 0443

E-Mail of-

ficeinf@stalphege.solihull.sch.uk

Website <http://www.stalphege.solihull.sch.uk/>

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Punctuality for the week beginning 17th January 2022

Class	Lates	Class	Lates	Class	Lates
Seahorse	1	Robin	1	Badger	5
Dolphin	0	Swan	4	Fox	0
Starfish	3	Kingfisher	4	Hedgehog	4

Well done Robin class, what a big improvement on last week