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Dear Parents & Carers,

We had a special visitor from Herts for Learning on Thursday to discuss with the school leadership team the excellent progress that the children make in our school. He was particularly impressed by the number of children who read fluently by the end of Year 2. To celebrate reading, our topic of learning this term is 'Take One Author', with each year group focusing on a different author. Ask your child who their focus author is.

### **Consideration for others**

It has once again been brought to my attention that a small group of parents are causing issues for others at drop off and collection times. This contradicts the strong message of caring for others that we promote to our children. Firstly, I would ask you to have consideration for the environment and do not idle your car out-side the school gates, this causes pollution and is quite unpleasant for those around you. Secondly, please have consideration for other drivers and those on the footpath. You are requested not to turn your car around out-side the school gates, instead, please follow the road to the top of Vanda Crescent. Your co-operation is appreciated.

### **Snacks**

If your child is coming to Spanish, French or Italian lessons after school please do not send snacks from home with them. There will be fruit available in the classrooms if they would like to have a snack before the lesson starts.

### **Illness**

Please be reminded that we apply a 48 hour policy to illness in school. Your child must not return to school until 48hours have passed from the last bout of sickness.

### **CCTV- Alban Way**

A lot of families use the Alban Way to walk to and from school. There is a petition to put CCTV on the Alban Way to make it safer. The link is below if any parents would like to sign it: <https://www.change.org/p/we-need-cctv-cameras-along-alban-way-st-albans>. The video posted on the site is not suitable for children to view, parents please use your discretion.

### **Year 2**

Year 2 require empty Pringle tubes (large ones), preferably with the lid, for their next D & T project. If you have any, please drop them off at the office. Thank you.

### **Admissions 2019-20**

The official application window for Reception has now closed. Nursery applications will be open until Thursday 14 February. We have added 2 more tour dates – 24 January and 7 February, both at 9.30 am. Please book a place with the office if you would like to attend.



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### **Question of the week..**

Often when we ask children what they did at school that day, we get 'nothing' or 'I don't know' as a response. Here are a couple of alternative conversation starters to help you to guide that interesting discussion about your child's time at school:

- What is the silliest thing that happened today? 😊
- What is the most important rule in your classroom?

### **PTA Notices**

Quiz Night - Friday February 8th, bar opens 7:30pm, quiz starts 8:00pm at the Infant school.

Come along to our quiz night, one of the funniest nights of the PTA calendar! Teams of up to 8 people can take part. Non parents are very welcome. You can apply as a team, part team or as an individual. There is an application form in this week's PTA newsletter. Alternatively send a sheet of paper with your name, and the names of any team members you have organised, together with contact details for at least one team member in an envelope marked 'PTA Quiz night'. Cheques should be made out to 'Ss Alban & Stephen Schools PTA'

### **Children's Raffle Prizes**

Do you have any unwanted Christmas gifts that could be used as raffle prizes for the Junior discos? They would need to be unused and suitable for children age 7 - 12. If so, please e-mail [ssaspta@gmail.com](mailto:ssaspta@gmail.com)

Have a lovely weekend, God bless.

Kind regards

Aisling Cannon

