

The Messenger

Friday 2<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Welcome back to school! I can hardly believe we have reached the summer term already! We have got so many exciting things planned for the children this term.

#### Year 5 Standon Bowers

A huge thank you to Mrs Schauer, Mrs Stokes and Mrs Townsend and Mrs Bazell, who have given up their own family time this week to take our Year 5 children to Standon Bowers. The children have been a credit to their parents and our school. I am sure they will have lots of stories to tell about their adventures when they return this afternoon.

#### <u>Y3 & Y4 Climate</u>

Steve Dickenson (Dad of Joab, Arthur and Sylvie) visited school this week to talk about his job at Ecologi, a climate organisation that helps businesses to reduce their environmental impact. We talked about the importance of Collective Action – when lots of individuals do a small thing, it can have a big impact – and how we all have a part to play in fighting climate change. We also discussed the Greenhouse Gas Effect and finished with a talk on trees and the role they play in removing carbon pollution from the atmosphere. His family also funded some trees for the children – here is a link to their virtual forest – Click Here – with a tree planted for each pupil in Southern Kenya, part of a project covering six individually-defined reforestation areas totalling 5,700 hectares in area.









#### Missio Appeal

Thank you for all of your donations for our Missio Appeal. This will make a huge difference and your donations are very much appreciated. Father Tony works tirelessly to support this important cause and is truly grateful for your kindness. We have raised an incredible  $\pounds+34.12$ 

#### Samuel Rayner

A huge well done to Samuel Rayner in Y6 who organised a cake sale in St Gabriel's Parish for the Syria appeal. Samuel managed to raise £265! Well done Samuel – we are so proud of you!

#### Food Bank Collection

We are still collecting each week for our local food bank. Donations in recent months have become less frequent, yet there has bever been a greater need. Please do continue to donate small items of nonperishable foods if you feel able; this helps support the most vulnerable in our community. If you have any questions about the Alsager Food Bank or you would like to help, please speak to Sarah Jayne Humphries who kindly dedicates a lot of her time in helping this fantastic cause.

#### Sport News

Well done to those who took part in the trampolining taster session at Alsager School last night. Our children enjoyed the event and it was lovely to see their confidence grow through the event.



## School Contact Details

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### Attendance

We are very proud of our school attendance figures. Last year our percentage was 97.9%. This is an outstanding achievement! We aim to maintain this figure and always seek to improve this.

# Absence requested for a holiday will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.

All late arrivals and absences will be recorded in the 'Absence and Late Diary' as a Health and Safety precaution.

Why is attendance at school and punctuality important?

• 90% attendance means that your child has missed 19 days in the school year

• 5 minutes late each day means three whole days lost each year

• Attendance affects learning, future earning, wellbeing and a sense of belonging.

Have a wonderful, restful weekend. God Bless, Mrs C. Stevenson Acting Headteacher