



*'Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not become angry easily. Love does not remember wrongs done against it. Love takes no pleasure in evil, but rejoices over the truth. Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always continues strong. These three things continue forever: faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is love.'* 1 Corinthians 13

Dear Parents,

A very busy couple of weeks have passed since our last newsletter, the girls full of industry undertaking trips, assessments and visits. This morning, several girls came to assembly dressed in their outfits recently worn for their First Holy Communion. We found out what this represents and how the occasion is marked. We then celebrated the marriage tomorrow of the royal couple, looked back at previous Royal Weddings and how times have changed. We wish them well for the future.



We were pleased to welcome Marc Bignell, our new Governor, to spend the day with us on Monday visiting classes and spending time with staff. On Wednesday, further outdoor learning opportunities took place and the younger girls in Nursery, Reception and Form I have had a great time exploring the grounds and enjoying the new learning corner on the field. We hope this will provide a lot of fun and allow the girls to broaden their understanding of the environment, whilst acquiring new skills. Further sessions will take place after Half Term for the remaining classes. In September, we are looking forward to rolling out our new outdoor curriculum, details of which will follow soon.



I was privileged to attend the ISA London North Athletics in Bedford and really enjoyed watching the girls participate. All competitors had a great time and the respective teams from Form IV, V and VI acquitted themselves very well.

#### St Albans and District Bereavement Network

Sadly I have been informed that the St Albans and District Bereavement Network (SABN) has ceased to offer adult counselling and children's services with immediate effect, due to funding cuts. Further details are included on the next page. Several of our families have benefited from these over the years. If anyone wishes to ask for support in these circumstances, please do get in touch as we have a variety of resources to support in times of loss.

#### Staff News

I am sorry to announce that Miss Ramdani and Mrs Wallace will be leaving us at the end of term. Miss Ramdani will be taking up a place on the PGCE course at the University of Hertfordshire in September, for which we offer our warmest congratulations and wish her every success. Mrs Wallace will be taking up a full time teaching position at Abbot's Hill. I would like to thank them both for their several years of service to St Hilda's. Mrs Wallace previously taught Computing across the whole School, and Miss Ramdani is well known to many in the parent community in After School Club, in addition to her other responsibilities in Form II and across the School. We wish them both every happiness for the future.



I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Kendall, who previously taught Reception during Mrs Wallace's maternity leave, will be returning to her previous position in September, on a permanent basis. We also look forward to welcoming Mrs Diane Houten (a recent ex-parent) as a Teaching Assistant in Reception, working in the afternoon from next term. Mrs Stella De Malglaive will be increasing her work in After School Club. The other new staff will be available in the coming weeks to meet parents at the handover meetings, details of which are outlined in the Calendar of Events.

#### Drama Summer School

Miss O'Hare still has places available at her Drama Summer School, from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Please see the letters on our website here for further details <http://www.sthildasharpenden.co.uk/parents/useful-information/letters/>.

Next week I am looking forward to visiting North Yorkshire with Form V, together with Mrs Lipman and Madame Knight. After Half Term, Form VI will be undertaking Bikeability training. We hope the girls all have a fantastic time.

The next newsletter will be issued on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Wishing you all a very Happy Half Term.

With best wishes  
Mr Sayers



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## 2018 CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

You are invited to take part in the inaugural Ayot St Lawrence Art Show Children's Art Competition. There are great prizes up for grabs as well as seeing your own art work displayed at the prestigious Ayot St Lawrence Art Show itself, which takes places on **Saturday 9 June to Monday 11 June 2018** in the beautiful Palladian Church.

See here for details: <https://www.ayotartshow.co.uk/>

There are two categories:

**1. The Pots of Art competition for children aged 7 and under: "An incredible ice cream".**

First prize: **£40** Pots of Art voucher

Runner up: **£20** Pots of Art voucher

**2. The Artscape competition for children aged 8 to 11: "Cake, glorious cake".**



First prize: **£40** Artscape voucher

Runner up: **£20** Artscape voucher

**Good luck!**

### Rules of entry:

1. Entries must be received by **Friday 1 June 2018**.
2. Please send entries together with your name, age, school and parent/guardian's name and email address to Art Show Competition, Lower Meadow, Ayot St Lawrence, AL6 9BW.
3. Entries may be in any medium but must be no larger than A4. One entry per child.
4. The winners will be chosen at the judge's discretion. We reserve the right to substitute the prizes described and/or cancel the Competition.
5. Entries will be displayed in the tea tent at the Art Show (subject to there being sufficient available space to display all entries and suitability) and will not be returned unless collected on Monday 11 June at the Art Show between 11am and 4pm.



# THE FARM RUN

**SUNDAY 15 JULY 2018**

Hammonds End Farm, Harpenden  
01727 731009

[farmrun@renniegrove.org](mailto:farmrun@renniegrove.org)

[www.renniegrove.org/farmrun](http://www.renniegrove.org/farmrun)

**5K OBSTACLE RUN & FUN RUN**



**1K**  
FARM FUN RUN  
£5 AGE 4+  
UNDER 4 ENTER FREE  
(MEDAL INCLUDED)

**5K\***  
£15 AGE 10+  
AND OVER  
(MEDAL AND T-SHIRT  
INCLUDED)

**PLUS**  
EXTREME HILL  
OPTION:  
(16+)

**FUN RUN**  
FARM - BEST DRESSED  
COMPETITION

**h** Hammonds  
End Farm

**FR** Registered with  
FUNDRAISING  
REGULATOR

*\* Those entering the 5K can enter the fun run FREE with paying family members*

Registered office: Grove House, Waverley Road, St. Albans, Hertfordshire AL3 5QX. Registered Charity No. 1140386.



# Bereavement Matters

St Albans & District Bereavement Network

We regret to inform you that we have ceased to offer both adult counselling and children's services with immediate effect. Sadly, it is no longer financially viable for us to offer these services. It is a challenging time for all small charities and we have found it increasingly difficult to raise the funds necessary to sustain our work.

However, we are pleased to be able to signpost you to these organisations who offer specialist bereavement counselling for adults:

## **The Counselling Foundation**

Please send referrals/enquiries to: [jo.spilling@counsellingfoundation.org](mailto:jo.spilling@counsellingfoundation.org)

<https://www.counsellingfoundation.org/>

**Tel: 01727 856693**

## **St Albans and Harpenden Counselling**

Please send referrals/enquiries to: [stahcounselling@hotmail.com](mailto:stahcounselling@hotmail.com)

**Tel: 07914258862**

## **CRUSE Hertfordshire**

[www.cruse-hertfordshire.org.uk](http://www.cruse-hertfordshire.org.uk)

**Tel: 01707 278389**

*If you are seeking generic counselling for children/young people aged 13-25, please contact:*

## **Youth Talk**

[www.youthtalk.org.uk](http://www.youthtalk.org.uk)

**Tel: 01727 868684**

*If you are seeking generic affordable counselling for adults, please contact:*

## **Mosaic Counselling**

<http://mosaiccounsellingservices.com>

**Tel: 01727 863224**

You can also use the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) directory to find registered counsellors on <https://www.bacp.co.uk/membership/therapist-directory>