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Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems strange that we are already a month into the new school year! This week I had a real 'wow' moment when I walked passed a display in the Y3 corridor with a QR code that when I put an iPad camera in front of it, revealed a video of some of the children performing! How things have changed! Classroom displays were all about stencilled headings with drawings stapled to backing paper in my day!

We have invested a lot in technology over the last 2 years with 3 chrome book trolleys and 54 iPads added to the laptops and older iPad trolley that we already had. We are aiming for even more as we go through the next few academic years.

Next week our teachers will be having some training on 'robotics' – so we look forward to seeing what 'kit' we will need to add to our collection to teach this exciting area of computing to our children over the coming years.

Black History Month

Next week in assembly we will begin to celebrate Black History month, exploring many significant contributions made by Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (B.A.M.E) scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs, politicians, writers, artists, musicians, sports men and women, to both our country and the wider world. This year is actually the 34th year that Black History month has been celebrated in Britain.

I have already spoken to one of our parents who is happy to talk about his experiences as a young person from an ethnic minority group growing up in Britain. If there is anyone else who is interested in joining me for one of my virtual assemblies, to discuss this important theme then please do get in touch.



St Albans Action for Homeless

Isaac in Year 6 and his younger brother Owen have been designing (and packing) snack bags for St Albans Action for Homeless. If you would like to help out too then contact Sharon Linney, Lynn Dutton or St Albans Action for Homeless Facebook page to get involved. Well done Isaac (and your brother!) for doing something to help such a worthwhile cause!



Have a great weekend everyone – it is going to be very wet tomorrow apparently but a bit better on Sunday. Autumn has well and truly arrived!

Best wishes,

Mr Farrugia

