



Newsletter

Enjoying and excelling in the presence of God

Thursday 21st December 2017

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New year

Can you believe the Autumn term is now complete and what an eventful busy term it has been. We started the term with the sad news that Father Conaty had had an accident whilst on holiday in Ireland. At that point we didn't understand the full extent of his injuries and we certainly didn't expect him not to return to the Parish or School. Father Conaty is a big miss to the community but we are all united in his spirit.

Ofsted inspected our school in September and gave the school a **GOOD** rating. I would like to thank all the parents for their support and the staff for all their hard work not just during the inspection but for their constant dedication to the children of St Alban's.

The front of the building is looking much tidier now and is much safer for our children. The work continues inside school, making a better learning environment for all children.

The children have had a full curriculum and enjoyed lots of exciting learning opportunities since September. I hope parents are finding out lots about the books we are reading together in school as our reading initiative is beginning to gather pace. There will be lots of new reading activities planned for the new year and I hope parents will engage and join in where possible. We finished the term with excellent performances by the children and a visit to the pantomime. The last event will be Mass tomorrow at 1pm at St Anthony's of Padua. I hope to see a lot of you parents there.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Moran good luck in his new job and thank him for all his hard work here at St Alban's. He will be missed by all.

End of term Mass

Please note **Mass on the 22nd December will be at 1pm in St Anthony's of Padua Church**. Parents and Carers are welcome to attend. You will be able to collect your child from church around 2.00pm when Mass is finished and take your child home. Any Child not picked up, after Holy Mass from church, will return to school and leave school at 3.05pm as normal.

THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB THIS FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER



Christmas cards and Mass time

Last week all children should have received a Christmas Card from the staff and governors. This had all of the mass times over the festive period at St Anthony's of Padua. Just a reminder:

Christmas Eve: 10.30am

Christmas Eve Carols: 5.30pm

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass of Christmas: 6pm

Christmas Day Mass: 10am

Personal Belongings

Can I just remind parents to not allow children to bring personal belongings into school. From time to time things do get lost or go missing. To avoid any distress to the children, it would be in the best interest not to bring personal belongings in the first place.

Parking

We have had another parking incident around school. I must remind parents to park with consideration when collecting or dropping off children any time of the day. If an incident is reported to me my advice to parents would be to contact the local police.

Clubs

Breakfast club and after school clubs re-opens on Monday 8th January. Forms ***MUST*** be completed and handed in to school office if your child requires a place. It is important that forms are completed to ensure we are safeguarding our children.

Mr Marshall's Sports Clubs are as follows from Monday 8th January

Monday: Year 3, 4 5 & 6 Girls Football

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Thursday: Year 3 & 4 Boys Football

Return to school on Monday 8th January 2018

