



St. Alban's Catholic Primary School

Following in the footsteps of Jesus we love, live and learn together'



Headteacher: Mrs R McKinney
Week ending: Friday 8th September

Dear Parents,



On behalf of the staff at St. Alban's, I am happy to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year! Thank you for sending the children back to school with smart school uniform and lots of exciting experiences to share with us from their summer holidays. The children's bright smiling faces have made the return to school an easy one. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. Together we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 3) Completes homework tasks to the best of their ability
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject

A Prayer for the New School Year

Heavenly Father

At the start of a new school year, we give you thanks for the work of all schools (and particularly in our own parish).

We pray for all children starting at new schools, and for those returning. Help them to explore what they can achieve, and give them confidence to play their part in shaping our world.

We pray for all those who work in schools. Care for them as they care for our children.

We pray for all governors of schools. Grant them wisdom and sound judgement, and help them to keep children's well-being at the heart of everything they do.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen



Mass

Thank you to Father Simon for celebrating our first Mass of the school year on Thursday and also for the joint staff Mass on Monday afternoon of the three Parish schools. Unfortunately we will NOT be having a school Mass for the next three weeks due to Father Simon and Father Phillip's holidays – we hope they both have a well-deserved break. We will be walking to St. Jude's for Mass on 19th September with Y3,4,5 and 6. Parents are welcome to come and walk with us. We will be leaving at 9.20am.

Confirmation Commitment Mass: 3rd December 10.00am

Confirmation Date: 7th February 2018

After School Clubs – Please note the majority of Sports Clubs will begin w/b 18th September except for the clubs run by Stardust which will resume this week.

Tuesday morning - Cheerleading Tuesday after school - KS1 Dance

Wednesday morning – Dance Wednesday after school –Gym Please contact Carla on 07957 283608

Parent Pay Thank you for your patience with ParentPay we appreciate there have been some teething problems but I am hoping that over the next fortnight all of that will be resolved. If you have any concerns please come and speak with Mrs McKinney or Mr Emery.

Congratulations Assembly Will begin from Monday 18th September at 9.05am all parents are welcome to join us.

Uniform Many thanks to all parents for sending the children back to school so smartly dressed. Please can you make sure **ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM IS LABELLED!** A number of children have returned to school wearing earrings please can I remind you that earrings are not permitted at school. Many children have very large school bags which is becoming an issue in school. The children do not need to carry many things to and from school so please can you refrain from sending in very large bags as we do not have the space for them. School book bags are available to buy from the school office.

Planners Your child should be receiving their new planner in the next couple of days if they have not already received it. Please can you ensure that you sign the planner daily when they have completed their home reading. (Planners must be signed in order for your child to receive a golden stamp.) Please use the planner as a tool for communicating any celebrations or concerns with your child’s class teacher.

Transition Meetings Thank you to parents in Y1 and Y2 for attending transition meetings on Thursday. We look forward to the remaining meetings next week. The meetings are a chance for you to meet your child’s new teacher and also to find out new expectations for their year group and the long term curriculum overview.

Dates for your diary	
<p>Monday 11th September – Y3 Transition Workshop – 2:30pm Tuesday 12th September – Y4 Transition Workshop – 9am Tuesday 12th September – Y5 Transition Workshop – 2:30pm Tuesday 12th September – Y3 to begin swimming Wednesday 13th September – Y6 Transition Workshop – 9am Monday 18th September – School Council Elections Thursday 28th September – Y6 Alton Castle meeting – 3:30pm Monday 2nd October – Little Way Week Monday 9th October – Black History Week Monday 16th – 18th October – Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle Wednesday 1st November – Parents’ Evening – 2:00pm – 6:30pm Wednesday 1st November – Open Day – 9:30am Thursday 9th November – Open Day – 2:30pm Monday 13th November – Anti-Bullying Week – All different, All Equal Friday 1st December – Christmas Decorations Monday 18th December – Carol Service– 2:00pm Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Card competition Thursday 21st December – Attendance Assembly Thursday 21st December – Christmas Jumper Day – bring a £1 donation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AUTUMN TERM 2017</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children’s First Day: Wednesday 6th September</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Break up for Half Term: Friday 20th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Back to School: Monday 30th October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Term Ends: Thursday 21st December</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Teacher Training Day: Friday 22nd December</p>

Have a super weekend!

Mrs. McKinney

