



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 20th October



Eternal rest
grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May the souls of
the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support this half term. It has been a very interesting half term with visits to Alton Castle, the formation of our new school choir, election of the School Council and the start of our new creative curriculum topics. Unfortunately Mrs Robertson, a long serving lunchtime supervisor, passed away on Wednesday morning. She was a very kind lady who loved St. Alban's and said that coming to work was the highlight of her day. The children have written some thoughtful prayers and have been remembering happy times they spent with Mrs Robertson.

"Dear Lord, Please remember Mrs Robertson because she always touched our hearts. Mrs Robertson loved everyone to smile. Amen."

Dear Lord, Please watch over Mrs Robertson and her family. Mrs Robertson meant a lot to me and she was my dinner lady from day one. She was a perfect role model to me and I hope to be like her when I grow up. Amen."

Congratulations Assembly Parents are welcome to join us at 9.05am for assembly in the school hall.

Reception Jake Roulston	Y4 Oliver Padley
Y1 Ethan Townsend	Y5 Millie Tullett-Flavin
Y2 Emmy Connaire	Y6 The whole of Year 6 for embracing their trip to Alton Castle
Y3 Maddox Clarke	

Spotlight on Attendance We are unable to authorise any requests for holidays during term time.

Rec – 95.3%	Y4- 98.6%
Y1 – 98.1%	Y5 – 98.2%
Y2 – 96.1%	Y6 – 97.5%
Y3 – 93.3%	Overall 96.7%

Text2parents –We have a new texting service to aid communication between home and school. If this is to work effectively it is vital we have your up to date contact number. Please can you ensure that if your mobile number has changed that you inform the school office.

St. Chad's Sanctuary Thank you to all parents who made a donation to our Harvest Collection. On Thursday afternoon Mr Emery and Mrs Doherty took the School Councillors from Y4, 5 and 6 to St. Chad's Sanctuary. They were treated to a guided tour of the Sanctuary. They learnt about the Asylum Seekers and Refugees first experiences of the Sanctuary and were shown the clothes room, food stores and classrooms. The school council are very keen to start some collections to support those in need. At the moment they really need umbrellas and warm winter coats. Please can donations be sent into school during our first week back. Many thanks!

Playground Equipment Once children are dismissed by their teachers please can parents make sure they are not playing on the climbing frame or mud kitchen as they are unsupervised and this could be dangerous. Once teachers have dismissed children to parents they are no longer responsible for their behaviour.

Attendance The school office have done an attendance sweep and any parents whose child's attendance has fallen below 95% will be contacted by Mrs. McKinney. If your child is ill please inform the school office by 9.15am and when they return to school write a letter to explain their absence or put a note in your child's planner.

Healthy Teeth Talk Many thanks to Mrs Finglass, who came to school today and gave the children a very informative talk about keeping their teeth healthy!

Alton Castle – A big thank you to Miss Ingram for leading the team on their trip to Alton Castle. Thank you also to Mr Sorroll who supported the children. The children found the experience extremely rewarding and also challenging. From hiking to bike rides – they were pushed to their limits and needed to work together as a team. Although they did not sleep much, Miss Ingram was very proud of their achievements.

Parent Pay

You can now make payments for the following on Parent Pay.

Autumn Term 2		4 weeks		1 week	
Dinners	£87.75	Dinners	£45.00	Dinners	£11.25
Toast	£7.80	Toast	£4.00		
Milk	£7.80	Milk	£4.00		
Juice	£9.75	Juice	£5.00		

Secondary Transfer Reminder The local authority deadline for return of Preference Forms for Secondary Transfer is 31st October 2017. You are strongly advised to apply online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions by this date. If you do not receive acknowledgement of your application by 31 October, please contact the School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service urgently by telephone on 0121 303 1888.

PTA – Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising a super disco for the children last Friday. The children were very excited and all enjoyed themselves!

Dates for your diary	Parent Shared Lunches
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 31st October – Year 4 to begin swimming Wednesday 1st November – Open Day – 9:30am Wednesday 1st November – Parents’ Evening – 2:00pm – 6:30pm Wednesday 8th November – Y2/Y3 Trip to Sarehole Mill Thursday 9th November – Open Day – 2:30pm Thursday 9th November - PTA AGM – 7.00 -8.00pm Any new members very welcome! Monday 13th November – Anti-Bullying Week – All Different, All Equal Friday 17th November – PTA Pyjama Day Friday 1st December – Christmas Decorations Wednesday 6th December – Reception Trip to see Santa Wednesday 6th December – Theatre trip - Y6 Group A Friday 8th December – Shakespeare Tour – Y4 and Y5 Saturday 9th December – PTA Breakfast with Santa Tuesday 12th December – Theatre trip- Y6 Group B Friday 15th December – Reception Nativity- 9.15am Monday 18th December – Carol Service– 2:00pm Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Dinner Day Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Card competition Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Panto in school 9.30am Wednesday 20th December – Y1/Y2 Christmas Production 2.00pm Thursday 21st December – Attendance Assembly Thursday 21st December – Christmas Jumper Day – bring a £1 donation. Thursday 21st December – Break up for Christmas 	<p>15th November - Year Two 17th January – Year Three 7th March – Year Four 18th April – Year Five 30th May – Year Six</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IMPORTANT NEWS!!! <u>Emailing Newsletter!</u> <u>We are hoping that this will be the last paper copy of the newsletter for most of our parents. You should have received the last two copies of the newsletter via email from parentpay. If you have not received the emails then please can you let the office staff know and give your correct email address.</u> <u>Many thanks</u></p> <p>We wish all our families a wonderful half term holiday! See you all on Monday 30th October.</p> <p>Mrs. McKinney</p>