



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 26th January 2018

Dear Parents,

Peace can only come about when we treat each other as brothers and sisters and recognise our shared vocation as children of God. This week we have been encouraging children to put their faith into action. Being a Catholic isn't simply about going to Mass and saying your prayers. It is about loving your neighbour as yourself.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbour as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these. Mark 12.

Parish Activities for Families

Calling all toddlers and teens, the gallivanting and the (dis)gracefully ageing – all are welcome to join thought-provoking activities and reflection for families. Come along to the 6th Form Common Room of Bishop Challoner School after the 10am Mass at St Dunstan's Church on Sunday 28th January for the first of a series of events. These events will explore current social issues in the light of faith. The theme of the first session will be refugees. We'll finish with free pizza at 12.30! There is no commitment to attend any future events - if you cannot make this first event then please join us on the 11th of February.

Congratulations Assembly - As the hall is currently being used as the Y3 classroom we are unable to hold a whole school assembly. We will still be choosing children for weekly certificates and they will receive them on Monday 12th February at 9.05am.

Reception Grace Slater	Y4 Emily Doyle
Y1 Jack Patheyjohns	Y5 Molly O'Kane
Y2 Frank Whatmore	Y6 Kae'de Kassim
Y3 Lily Blundell	

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

Rec – 95.8% CONCERN	Y4 – 96.1% CONCERN
Y1 – 96.1 %CONCERN	Y5 – 98.8% CONCERN
Y2 – 96.8% CONCERN	Y6 – 97.2%
Y3 – 97.5%	Overall 96.9% CONCERN

Unavoidable Emergency Building Works

Work is almost complete in the Y3 and Y6 classrooms and we hope to move the children back in on Wednesday 31st January. Additional funding from the Diocese has enabled us to complete some emergency works to the school building. However, clauses in the funding mean that the money has to be spent by the end of March 2018. This has resulted in the works having to take place during term time. If we could have avoided this at all, we certainly would have. Thank you for your patience.

New House Captains Our new house captains were announced at Oscott College. We look forward to our Y6 pupils leading some exciting things during this term.

St. Patrick's: Grace Fenton and Danny Murphy	St. Bernadette's: Maddison Paul and James Doherty
St. Gregory's: Tobias Wilks and Lewis O'Sullivan	St. Francis': Oliver Ensor and Erin Gulson



Y6 Confirmation Wednesday 7th February at 7.00pm. We would like to invite all parents to a short meeting in school on **Monday 29th January at 3.30pm** to give some more information about Benediction. Father Simon will be coming along to lead this session.

Y6 visit to Oscott College – Miss Ingram and Mr Emery were very impressed with the children's behaviour at Oscott College on Tuesday and would like to thank Father Simon for such a wonderful insight to the college. Miss Ingram said 'It was an amazing day.'

Y3 First Holy Communion We would like to invite parents to attend a FHC workshop with their children on **Monday 12th February at 3.30pm.** Father Simon and Mrs Jones will be leading this session and will talk through First Confession and also further details on dates and times of the First Holy Communion. **Sunday 13th May : Y3 First Holy Communion at 10.00am and 12.00pm at St. Dunstan's.**



Y3 visit to the Council House The children enjoyed a very informative visit to the council house on Thursday morning. They learnt a great deal about the Lord Mayor and have written letters inviting her to come and visit us at St. Alban's.

Mass During January due to the building works we will be unable to have Mass in the school hall. Therefore we are providing a number of opportunities for the children to go to Mass at St. Dunstan's and St. Jude's. Please see the dates section for more details. Parents are very welcome to come along and walk with us.

Magical Maths There are still places available if you would like your child to take part in the Magical Maths after school club. Take a look at the clip available here www.magicalmathsclub.com/comingsoon for more information

We currently have spaces in our **Class Act Theatix Drama Club** Monday after school-4.30pm. Take a look at their website to find out how amazing this opportunity is-www.classacttheatix.com. Contact Ash on 07540 591130.



Rocksteady Music We still have a few spaces in our Rocksteady music groups that take place on Friday mornings. These sessions are thoroughly enjoyed by the children. They learn to play their favourite songs as a band and it is a great way of getting into the electric guitar, drums, keyboard and vocals under the leadership of a real rock musician – Becca. Lessons are booked through Rock Steady-0845 094 1259 or www.rocksteadymusicschool.com.

Y4 Homework y4 have been preparing for their assembly today and have been unable to complete their homework showcase. Therefore homework for Y4 will be sent out on Monday 29th January.

Safeguarding Newsletter has been sent separately – please take a look!

Dates for your diary

Friday 26th January: PTA Quiz night - 8pm
Monday 29th January: Y6 Confirmation Meeting 3.30pm
Tuesday 30th January: Mass at St Jude's for Y6, Y5, and Y4 at 10am (Y6 Confession after Mass)
Wednesday 31st January: Chaplaincy Team retreat at Bishop Challoner
Tuesday 6th February: Y4/5 Trip to Stratford
Tuesday 6th February: Safer Internet Day Assembly 9.05am
Wednesday 7th February: Magical Maths after school club to begin 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday 7th February: Y6 confirmation at St Dunstan's at 7pm (Children to arrive at 6.40pm)
Friday 9th February: Y2 Lent Assembly 2.30pm
Sunday 11th February: Y3 FHC Commitment Mass at St Dunstan's - 10am
Monday 12th February: Y3 FHC Parent Workshop at 3.30pm
Tuesday 13th February: 'We love school' day – School Council Event
Wednesday 14th February: Ash Wednesday - season of Lent begins
Friday 16th February: School closes for Half-term
Monday 26th February: School reopens at 8:45pm
Thursday 1st March: St David's day - children to wear yellow
Friday 2nd March: World Book Day - dress up as your favourite character from a book
Saturday 3rd March: First Confessions Y3 after Mass at St. Dunstan's
Wednesday 7th March: Y4 Shared Lunch - 12pm
Friday 9th March: Reception Mothers' Day Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 12th March: Science week
Wednesday 14th March: Big Bang Fair at the NEC for KS2 classes
Friday 16th March: Y1 St. Patrick's Day Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 16th March: PTA St. Patrick's Disco
Friday 23rd March: Y3 Palm Sunday Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 26th March: Brass Concert 2.00pm
Wednesday 28th March: Parents' Evening
Thursday 29th March: Egg Diorama Competition
Thursday 29th March: Rec and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade – 9.10am
Thursday 29th March: Attendance Assembly– 9.20am
Thursday 29th March: Y5 to lead Stations of the Cross for KS2 - 2pm
Thursday 29th March: School closes for Easter break

Kind regards,

R McKinney