



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 9th March 2018

Dear Parents,

Mothering Sunday

We thank you for the gift of our mothers. I hope that over the weekend the children shower you with love. We also remember those in our school community who find mother's day difficult and mourn the loss of loved ones.

Lord, thank you for all mothers.

For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms.

For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life.

For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children.

For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their teenagers.

For the persistent ones, who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini-adults.

For the mother aunts, who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews.

For all grandmas, who love and support their precious grandchildren.

For the foster mums that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones.

For the teacher mums who care for our children and lead them in faith.

Thank you Lord for all our beautiful mothers. Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers. May you bless them now on this their special day.



Amen

Congratulations Assembly - Monday 12th March at 9.05am assembly.

Reception – Nina B	Y4 – Martha Mc
Y1 – Luke G	Y5 – Oliver K
Y2 - Billy K	Y6 - Ciara H
Y3 – Braydon W	

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

Rec – 97.2%	Y4 – 96% CONCERN
Y1 – 97%	Y5 – 98.6%
Y2 – 97.2%	Y6 – 95.3% CONCERN
Y3 – 97.3%	Overall 96.9% CONCERN

Welcome back On Monday we welcome back Mr Emery following two weeks paternity leave. We wish the Emery family lots of blessings as they welcome their new baby girl, Evelyn.



Swimming Gala

Members of the Year 5 and 6 swimming team competed in the Bishop Challoner Swimming Gala on Wednesday afternoon. The team of four boys and four girls raced individually against children from other schools in a variety of strokes, with the final race being a relay. The team finished fourth overall, narrowly missing out on a third place finish by just three points. All members of the team enjoyed the gala and showed great determination and a fantastic attitude. Thank you to Mr Griffin and Miss Smith for taking the children along to the Swimming Gala.

Science Week Next week we are celebrating Science Week. Children from each class will be visiting different schools to take part in exciting activities. Children in Y3,4,5 and 6 will be attending the BIG Bang Fair at the NEC on Wednesday. Make sure you follow us on Twitter to find out about what your budding scientist is getting up to! Mr Sorroll has spent a great deal of time organising our events in school and we are very grateful. Science is one of our whole school priorities this year and the teaching across the school has really improved. We have applied for the Primary Science Mark and we look forward to updating you on our progress in future months.



School Photographs If you wish to purchase school photographs then you must return them to school by Monday 12th March at the latest!

Rocksteady Assembly Parents are invited to join us for a showcase of our school bands on Friday 23rd March at 9.15am in the school hall.

Healthy Eating Assembly Parents are welcome to join us on Friday 16th March at 11.00am for a special 'Healthy Eating' assembly by City Serve.



PTA Disco We're looking forward to having lots of fun at the disco on 16th March 2018, 19:00-20:30 at The Corks Club, 225 Alcester Road South. Tickets are £2 per child or adult. Please get your tickets from school in advance. Any donations of raffle prizes or chocolate for the chocolate tombola gratefully received, please also send these into school.

Reception Mother's Day Assembly and Tea Party God bless all our fabulous Reception children for a very special assembly to show their mummies how loved they are. Thank you Mrs Darbinson and Miss Knowles for supporting the children.



World Book Day We had a wonderful day on Monday celebrating the wonderful world of books.

Thank you to all children, parents and staff who dressed up as some very imaginative characters! The children were thoroughly engaged throughout the day! Can I remind all parents that children should be reading for at least ten minutes each night at home!

Parent Workshops Thank you to Miss Hung and Mrs McLynn for leading a very informative session on Wednesday afternoon about KS1 SATS. Some parents requested a follow up meeting to look at strategies to support their child. Mrs McLynn is going to lead another session on Wednesday 21st March at 2.30pm for any parents who would like some extra support. Ensure you come along to the following parent workshops where we will be going through SATS testing preparation for Y6 and Phonics screening preparation for Y1. We will also be running Stay and Pray Sessions and Science Inspire Workshops in the Summer Term for all classes – dates to be confirmed after half term.

Tuesday 13th March – Year 6 (SATS Preparation) – 9:05 am

Thursday 15th March – Year 1 (Phonics Preparation) – 2:30 pm

Parents' Evening You should have received a letter this week about Parents' evening to arrange a suitable time slot. You will receive your allocated time slot by Tuesday 13th March. If you did not receive a letter please see your child's teacher asap after school.

Thanksgiving Mass Thank you to parents who came along to wish Mrs Bussey and Mrs Preece farewell. We thank them for their long service to St. Alban's.



Reception and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade and KS2 Egg Diorama Competition – Get creative with your children over the next few weeks and enter our Egg Diorama Competition and Easter Bonnet parade. We look forward to seeing the egg-citing entries!



Spring Term Two - If you wish your child to have toast this half term then please can you make a payment on parent pay by Monday 12th March. Please make a payment of £2.80 for toast and milk and £3.50 for juice for the remainder of the term via the payment item Spring Term Two Milk, Toast, Juice.

Special Themed Meal Days – If your child already has a school dinner in Reception and KS1 or you pay for dinners weekly you do not need to make extra payments for the themed lunches. This is for children who usually have sandwiches and would like to join dinners for a one off special.

St. Patrick's Day Lunch – Friday 16th March £2.25 All day Irish Breakfast, music, face painting

Easter Themed Lunch – 28th March £2.25



Dates for your diary

Monday 12th March: Science week

Tuesday 13th March: Year 6 SATS workshop 9:05am

Wednesday 14th March: Big Bang Fair at the NEC for KS2 classes

Thursday 15th March: Year 1 Phonics workshop at 2:30pm

Friday 16th March: Y1 St. Patrick's Day Assembly 2.30pm

Friday 16th March: PTA St. Patrick's Disco

Sunday 18th March: Y3 First Confession 9.15am at St Dunstan's

Friday 23rd March: Y3 Palm Sunday Assembly 2.30pm

Friday 23rd March: Rocksteady Assembly 9.15am

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

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs R McKinney