



# 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 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents,

## Hail Glorious St. Patrick

St. Patrick's Breastplate is a popular prayer attributed to one of Ireland's most beloved patron saints. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in 433 A.D. for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity.

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen.



**I ARISE TODAY**  
Through a mighty strength,  
the invocation of the Trinity,  
Through belief in the Threeness,  
THROUGH CONFESSON OF THE ONENESS  
Towards **THE CREATOR.**  
Christ for my guardianship today:  
against poison,  
against burning,  
against drowning,  
against wounding, THAT THERE MAY COME TO ME  
**A MULTITUDE OF REWARDS.**  
- st. patrick's breastplate -

Please remember Y3 in your prayers as they make their 'First Confession' on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am.

### Congratulations Assembly - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9.05am assembly.

Reception – Evie B / Dakota A	Y4 – Christy Mc / Martha Mc / Liam Mc
Y1 – Lucy T / Oliver S	Y5 – Jacob G / Seren C
Y2 - Stanley P / Niall Mc	Y6 - Skye M /Danny M
Y3 – Elise S	

The extra children receiving awards this week are the ones that missed out due to the snow.

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

Rec – 96.7%	Y4 – 97.8%
Y1 – 96.4% CONCERN	Y5 – 98.8%
Y2 – 98.4%	Y6 – 97.5%
Y3 – 94.4% CONCERN	Overall 97.3%

**Lenten Charities** The children in each class are trying to raise money for their Lenten Charities. If you can spare some change there are a variety of things going on in school. The children are holding events from book sales to guessing the number of sweets in a jar. Thank you for your support.

**Big Bang Fair** Children in Y3,4,5 and 6 attended the BIG Bang Fair at the NEC on Wednesday. The Y6 children saw a heavy metal marine biologist and Y3 took part in a World Record Attempt. It was a very interesting day and we hope the children came back enthused about future careers in Science and Technology!



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



**St. Patrick's Day Celebrations** Thank you to Y1, the School Choir and all those involved in preparing a wonderful St. Patrick's Assembly this afternoon. We enjoyed a special themed lunch with singing, dancing, face paints! We hope that you enjoy the DISCO this evening at the Corks Club and look forward to hearing about the children's celebrations tomorrow!

**Healthy Eating Assembly** Thank you to City Serve who led an assembly today on healthy eating. The children were amazed to find out how many teaspoons of sugar were in some of their favourite breakfast cereal. 'Cheerios' contain up to 7 teaspoons of sugar per 30g! Please ask your child about some of the interesting facts that they can remember.

**Parent Workshops** Thank you to Miss Smith and Mrs Darbinson for leading a very informative session on Wednesday afternoon about the Y1 Phonics Screening. 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.

**Parents' Evening** If have not yet received a timeslot for parent's evening please see you child's teacher asap after school.



**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! **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March!**



**School Dinners** The annual increase for school dinners comes into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. School dinners will be increased by 5p to £2.30 per day.

**Dates for your diary**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March: PTA St. Patrick's Disco  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Y3 First Confession 9.15am at St Dunstan's**  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Y3 Palm Sunday Assembly 2.30pm  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Rocksteady Assembly 9.15am  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Brass Concert 2.00pm  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Parents' Evening**  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Egg Diorama Competition  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Rec and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade – 9.10am  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Attendance Assembly– 9.20am  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Y5 to lead Stations of the Cross for KS2 - 2pm  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March: School closes for Easter break

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs R McKinney