



# St. Alban's Catholic Primary School

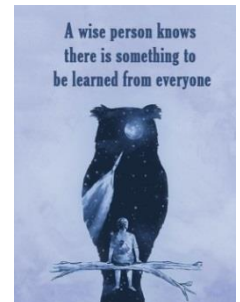
Following in the footsteps of Jesus we love, live and learn together'



Headteacher: Mrs R McKinney  
Week ending: Friday 3rd November

Dear Parents,

Our Gospel Virtues for this half term are 'Learned and Wise'. We are trying to be **learned** and find God in all things and **wise** in the ways we use our learning to service others. How can we wisely serve others in our school and the local community? Pope Francis said, "God is love, and we go forward together towards the light to find the love of God. But the love of God is within us, even in moments of darkness. The love of God never leaves us. It is always with us."



**Congratulations Assembly** Parents are welcome to join us at 9.05am for assembly in the school hall. Miss Ingram and Mrs Darbinson will be leading assembly on Monday.

Reception George Tullett	Y4 Joseph Doherty
Y1 Jackson Kane	Y5 James Whatmore
Y2 Elliott Moss	Y6 Niamh Patheyjohns
Y3 Finntan O'Neill	

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

Rec – 99.2% Well done	Y4- 100% Excellent!
Y1 – 98.8%	Y5 –99.1% Well done
Y2 – 98.3%	Y6 – 95.8%
Y3 – 96.3%	Overall 98.2%

**Parents' Evening** Thank you to all parents who came along to Parents' Evening on Wednesday. Thank you to all staff for your hard work and commitment. The children loved finding their 'Proud parent' stickers on their work the next day.

**Gate** Please can all children stay outside the school gates until they are open at 8.45am. Some parents have been dropping their child and leaving them between 8.35am and 8.45am unsupervised. Staff do not supervise children until 8.45am and we request that you stay with your child to ensure they are safe.

**One Way System** In order to keep your child safe we are urging parents to try to stick to a one-way system. Entering Bayston Road, driving past school and following the road around or turning right onto Kinsey Grove and then back onto Broad Lane.

**St. Chad's Sanctuary NEED YOUR HELP!** As the winter draws in our school council will be collecting umbrellas and warm winter coats for St. Chad's Sanctuary. Many thanks!

**Open Day** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm – Please remind any families that do not have siblings already at St. Alban's of the date of our open day for children starting Reception in September 2018.

**Poppies** Y6 will be selling Poppies from Monday at break time and lunch time – donations of anything from 20p upwards will be accepted. Many thanks.


**PTA AGM** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.00 -8.00pm. Any new members are very welcome! Please come along and support our hardworking team who raise vital funds for our school.

## Firework Safety

1. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time
2. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary
3. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
4. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
5. Never return to a firework once it has been lit
6. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
7. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators
8. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire
9. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

**Sparkler safety** Sparklers are often viewed as being harmless but they burn at fierce temperatures, equivalent to a welding torch.

- It is recommended that sparklers are not given to under-5s
- Make sure everyone handling sparklers wears gloves
- Hold sparklers at arm's length while being lit
- Don't wave sparklers about close to other people
- Never hold a baby in your arms while you are holding a sparkler
- When the sparkler has finished put it in a bucket of cold water.

Dates for your diary	Sacramental Dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Y2/Y3 Trip to Sarehole Mill</li> <li>• Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Open Day – 2:30pm</li> <li>• Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November - PTA AGM – 7.00 -8.00pm Any new members very welcome!</li> <li>• Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week – All Different, All Equal</li> <li>• Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November Parent Shared Lunch Y2</li> <li>• Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Pyjama Day</li> <li>• Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Decorations</li> <li>• Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Trip to see Santa</li> <li>• Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Theatre trip - Y6 Group A</li> <li>• Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Shakespeare Tour – Y4 and Y5</li> <li>• Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Breakfast with Santa</li> <li>• Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Theatre trip- Y6 Group B</li> <li>• Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity- 9.15am</li> <li>• Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service– 2:00pm</li> <li>• Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day</li> <li>• Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Card competition</li> <li>• Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Panto in school 9.30am</li> <li>• Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Y1/Y2 Christmas Production 2.00pm</li> <li>• Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Attendance Assembly</li> <li>• Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day – bring a £1 donation.</li> <li>• Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Break up for Christmas</li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p><b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10am</b> <b>Confirmation Commitment Mass</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 7pm</b> <b>Confirmation</b></p> <p><b>Sunday 11th February 10am</b> <b>First Holy Communion Commitment Mass</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 3rd March</b> <b>First Confessions at 11.30am after Mass at 11.00am</b></p> <p><b>Sunday 13th May</b> <b>First Holy Communion 10am and 12pm</b></p> <p>During Lent we will be taking children in Y4 and Y5 to confession after Mass.</p> <p>Tuesday 13th Feb Y4 confession after Mass at St Jude's 10am</p> <p>Tuesday 6th March Y5 confession after Mass at St Jude's 10am</p>

Have a great weekend and stay safe around fireworks!

Best wishes

Mrs R McKinney