



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 13th October

Dear Parents,



Our Lady of Fatima

Friday, October 13th 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of Fatima's "miracle of the sun." The day commemorates the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to the three children and the fulfillment of the promised "sign." Tens of thousands of people, including atheists and those who had come to mock the children, witnessed the sun dancing and emitting radiant colours in the sky. From May 13th to October 13th, 1917, Mary appeared six times to three shepherd children, Lucia Santos and Jacinta and Francisco Marto. Her message focused on seeking the conversion of "poor sinners," through much sacrifice and prayer, especially the rosary, and through devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart. Our Lady asked for Russia's consecration, promising that unless the birthplace of Communism be converted, it would "spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church." Mary's last words to the children on October 13th were, "Do not offend the Lord our God anymore, because He is already so much offended." The message of Our Lady of Fatima, although a private revelation that does not add anything to God's complete revelation in Jesus Christ, has been accepted and promoted by the church, precisely because it conforms to the central call of Jesus: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15).

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

Reception Temperance Harris	Y4 Conor Moss
Y1 Grace McGeown	Y5 Seren Carlin
Y2 Daniel Musson	Y6 Shona O'Donoghue
Y3 Rae-Isabella White	

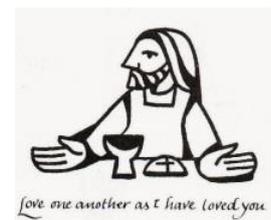
Spotlight on Attendance We are unable to authorise any requests for holidays during term time. Taking holidays during term time is an unauthorised absence and really affects our whole school attendance. Any child whose attendance falls below 95% in the first half term will be required to attend a meeting with Mrs McKinney.

Reception 98.1%	Y4 100% Well done!
Y1 99.2%	Y5 98.2%
Y2 98.9%	Y6 98.6%
Y3 95%	

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.

Masses and Prayer Services The proposed dates for 10am Thursday Masses are:

- Thursday 19th October -Year 3
- Wednesday 1st November – Year 6
- Thursday 9th November – Prayer Service led by Deacon David and Year 2
- Thursday 16th November – Year 5
- Thursday 23rd November – Prayer Service led by Deacon David and Year 4
- Thursday 30th November – Year 3
- Thursday 7th December – Year 2
- Thursday 14th December – House Captains
- Thursday 21st December - Staff



Parent Pay –if you have not paid for juice and toast and your child has been receiving it- please can you log onto parent pay and make a payment as soon as possible. Letters will be sent out next week to any parents who have not paid.

Holy Mary We are trying to raise funds to purchase a new statue of Holy Mary. During the month of October the children have been praying 'The Rosary' in their classes and have commented on the poor condition of our statues. You can make a donation on Parentpay, every little counts!

Rocksteady Music We had a very exciting day on Tuesday when the crew from Rocksteady came in to deliver some taster sessions to all year groups. We look forward to the children joining their bands!

Y6 Benediction Thank you to Miss Ingram and Mrs Henry for taking the children to St. Jude's on Thursday afternoon for Benediction. The children have been working hard to learn the Latin.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Many thanks for your support this morning and to all parents who made delicious cakes ! Fantastic effort by Mrs Boulton and Mr Hughes!



PTA –Thanks to all who have helped to organise the All Saints Disco! We hope the children have a wonderful evening!

Parish Quiz Night – Friday 20th October 7.30pm – Midnight at Loyal Caledonian Corks Club. Tickets will be sold after Mass on 14th and 15th October. Any raffle donations greatly appreciated.

Dates for your diary	Parents' Evening appointments
<p>Monday 16th – 18th October – Y6 Residential Trip to Alton Castle Wednesday 1st November – Parents' Evening – 2:00pm – 6:30pm Wednesday 1st November – Open Day – 9:30am Thursday 9th November – Open Day – 2:30pm <i>Thursday 9th November - PTA AGM - 7.00 -8.00pm</i> <i>Any new members very welcome!</i> Monday 13th November – Anti-Bullying Week – All different, All Equal Friday 1st December – Christmas Decorations <i>Saturday 9th December - PTA Breakfast with Santa</i> Monday 18th December – Carol Service– 2:00pm Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Dinner Day Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Card competition Thursday 21st December – Attendance Assembly Thursday 21st December – Christmas Jumper Day – bring a £1 donation</p>	<p>You should receive your appointment from your child's class teacher by next Thursday. We look forward to welcoming you into school on the 1st November. Please can I remind you that children in Reception up to Year Four should not come along to the appointment with you.</p> <p>You should also receive a copy of this week's newsletter by e-mail.</p> <p>From after half term we will not be printing newsletters.</p> <p>We will be sending letters next week if we do not have an e-mail address on our system for your child.</p>
<p><u>Parent Shared Lunches</u></p> <p>8th November - Year Two</p>	

Mrs Drury is doing a skydive on Sunday (weather permitting) please sponsor her if you can. She will be at the gate on Monday morning. Good luck!

Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs. McKinney

