



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 2nd February 2018

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, our Year Six children will be making their Confirmation at 7.00pm at St. Dunstan's. Please keep the pupils, their families and those preparing them in your prayers. On behalf of our school, I thank Miss Ingram, Mrs Henry, Mr Emery, Father Simon and Father Phillip for all their hard work in supporting the children and parents with their preparation.



PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

Congratulations Assembly - As work is currently taking place to improve the school hall. The next assembly for certificates will be on Monday 12th February at 9.05am.

Reception Leo K	Y4 Hugh K
Y1 Idris C	Y5 Joshua McG
Y2 Toby C	Y6 Lewis O'S
Y3 Ruth K	

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

Rec – 95.8% CONCERN	Y4 – 98.1% Improved on last week!
Y1 – 97.5%	Y5 – 96.4% CONCERN
Y2 – 96.6% CONCERN	Y6 – 98.6%
Y3 – 98.6% Improved on last week!	Overall 97.4%

Healthy School As you are aware we are a 'Healthy School' and try our best to educate the children in terms of their diet and how to lead a healthy active life. We offer a range of healthy hot lunches that are cooked on site in our school kitchen. If your child brings a packed lunch to school this should not contain any fizzy drinks, chocolate or sweets. For more information take a look at government guidance www.healthylunch.org.uk/government and page 6 of your child's planner. If you send a water bottle in for your child then please can you ensure that it contains **water. No squash or juice.** If your child does bring squash or juice they will be asked to refill their bottle with water. We are currently reviewing our healthy eating guidance and are hoping to achieve the Healthy Schools Award in the future.



Unavoidable Building Works

Y3 and Y6 children moved back into their newly refurbished classrooms last Thursday. We are delighted that the children are now enjoying the learning environments that they deserve! **Additional funding from the Diocese** has enabled us to complete 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. The next phase of the works will be on the staircases and the school hall. Due to the works in the school hall some changes to planned events have been made. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.



Please pray for our Y6 pupils who will be making their Confirmation on **Wednesday 7th February at 7.00pm** at St. Dunstan's Church.

CHANGE OF VENUE Y6 - Thursday 15th February 9.30am Confirmation Celebration Mass at St. Dunstan's Church. Children will need to arrive at school at the normal time and we will take them to St. Dunstan's. Unfortunately our school hall will be out of use on the 15th February in the morning due to unavoidable building works. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



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.**

Mass We are looking forward to Mass on Thursday 8th February at 9.15am in the school hall. Everyone welcome.

PTA Quiz Night Thank you to all who came and to our fantastic PTA for their hard work ! The teachers took the cup again after an interesting first couple of rounds! We look forward to next year!!!

Safeguarding Concern You may have seen news in the press regarding an app called ROBLOX. The main characters look very much like lego figures. The app is highly inappropriate for children. We wanted to alert families to the app and if any of your children access the app we recommend that you block it immediately. If you have any concerns or information regarding other apps then please let Mrs McKinney know.

World Book Day Remember it's World Book Day in March! Friday 2nd March (for St. Alban's pupils.) All children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character (or dressed ready for a bedtime story in their pyjamas with a copy of their favourite book.) Please remember that children will be in these costumes all day. Please ensure that sensible footwear is worn.

School Photographs – Wednesday 28th February. Pre-school siblings will be photographed from 8.30am in the school hall. All children will be photographed individually, with siblings if requested and as a whole class.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6th February: Y4/5 Trip to Stratford
Tuesday 6th February: Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th February: **Safer Internet Assembly 10.20am and 2.30pm**
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 2.00pm 'Ashes' Service and Liturgy of the Word
Thursday 15th February: 9.30am Y6 at St. Dunstan's for Confirmation Celebration Mass
Friday 16th February: School closes for Half-term
Monday 26th February: School reopens at 8:45pm
Wednesday 28th February: School Photographs
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