



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 10th November

Dear Parents,



During this month of Remembrance we have been remembering all those loved ones who have passed away. Children have also been learning about 'Remembrance Day' and many children have shared important family history with us. On 11 November 1919, one year after the war ended, a newspaper announced that it was "Peace Day". Did you know that Jelly Babies were introduced in 1918 to celebrate the end of war? Back then, they were known as 'Peace Babies'. People wore black as they would at a funeral. The King decided there should also be a period of silence to remember those who died. When the church bells struck 11, people all over the country stood up and bowed their heads. Buses and trains stopped moving. People stopped working. Shopkeepers stopped serving. The electricity was cut off to stop the trams from running. Everyone just stayed silent to think about the soldiers who had died. Ever since the first Remembrance Day, people have followed the same tradition: every year on 11th November they stop for a short moment of silence and reflection. We hope that tomorrow you spend time in silence with your children at 11am.

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

Reception Cairo Williams	Y4 Eryn Fullerton
Y1 Laurence Finglass	Y5 Roman Addy
Y2 Dillion Keen	Y6 Jessica Foley
Y3 Grace Molloy	

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

Rec – 99.2% Well done	Y4- 97.5%
Y1 – 98.9%	Y5 –98.8%
Y2 – 97.5%	Y6 – 98.9%
Y3 – 95.8%	Overall 98.1%

Anti-Bullying Week Next week is Anti-Bullying Week with the theme 'All Equal, All Different'. To start the week off with a little bit of fun we will be having 'Odd Sock Day' on Monday 13th November. Please can children come in odd socks, the odder the better!

Governors Meeting Our governors met on Monday evening to review the progress the school has made so far this academic year. We are very grateful to all of our governors for their commitment to St. Alban's. The governors will be arranging their termly link governor visits before Christmas. During these visits they meet with members of staff and discuss progress and standards in different areas.

Our link governors are as follows:

- R.E. and Catholic Life – Fr. Baker
- Mathematics – Miss Hickey
- Behaviour and Safeguarding – Mrs Breen
- Science – Miss Grego

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- Teaching, Learning and Curriculum – Mr. Grant
- English - Miss Whitehead
- Health and Safety – Mrs. Stewart
- Pupil Premium and Sports Premium – Mrs. Fothergill

Forest School Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their first school session on Friday! They learnt a great deal and had lots of fun in the rain. Mr Griffin is currently working hard to achieve his 'Forest School Accreditation'.

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. **A number of parents are still blocking our neighbours' drives with their cars. One parent even drove over a sign on the grass! The neighbours make regular complaints to school about parents' lack of consideration! Please can you help us.**

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!

Safeguarding St. Alban's Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are Mrs McKinney, Mr Emery and Miss Ingram. This week all DSL's have been out on update training.

Mrs McKinney attended 'Early Help' training

Mr Emery and Miss Ingram attended the 'Birmingham Termly Safeguarding Conference'

Mr Emery attended 'Policy Central/Future Cloud' Training (Ensures all software we use in school is monitored effectively.)

Dates for your diary	Sacramental Dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 13th November – Anti-Bullying Week – All Different, All Equal • Wednesday 15th November Parent Shared Lunch Y2 • Friday 17th November – PTA Pyjama Day • Friday 1st December – Christmas Decorations • Wednesday 6th December – Reception Trip to see Santa • Wednesday 6th December – Theatre trip - Y6 Group A • Friday 8th December – Shakespeare Tour – Y4 and Y5 • Saturday 9th December – PTA Breakfast with Santa • Tuesday 12th December – Theatre trip- Y6 Group B • Friday 15th December – Reception Nativity- 9.15am • Friday 15th December - Y1 trip to theatre • Monday 18th December – Carol Service– 2:00pm • Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Dinner Day • Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Card competition • Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Panto in school 9.30am • Wednesday 20th December – Y1/Y2 Christmas Production 2.00pm • Thursday 21st December – Attendance Assembly 	 <p>Sunday 3rd December 10am Confirmation Commitment Mass</p> <p>Wednesday 7th February 7pm Confirmation</p> <p>Sunday 11th February 10am First Holy Communion Commitment Mass</p> <p>Saturday 3rd March First Confessions at 11.30am after Mass at 11.00am</p> <p>Sunday 13th May First Holy Communion 10am and 12pm</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</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday 21st December – Christmas Jumper Day – bring a £1 donation.• Thursday 21st December – Break up for Christmas	<p>at St Jude's 10am</p> <p>Tuesday 6th March Y5 confession after Mass at St Jude's 10am</p>
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Best wishes

Mrs R McKinney