



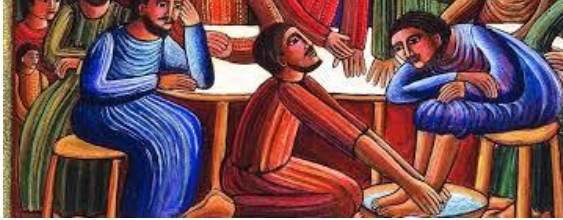
St. Alban's Catholic Primary School

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



Headteacher: Mrs R McKinney
 Week ending: Thursday 29th March 2018

Dear Parents,



Holy Thursday

One of the heart-shaping lessons Jesus used with His disciples was foot washing (John 13:4-17). Just before the Passover Festival, and before Judas fled to carry out his betrayal of Jesus, Jesus offered this truly profound lesson. Foot washing was customarily a servant's job. That evening there were no servants present. The

dusty, dirty, travel-worn feet of the sandaled men needed washing. Jesus didn't wait for someone else to address the need. With love, and the desire to teach by example, He washed the disciples' feet. May we too 'wash the feet' of others: maybe a smile to a stranger, an arm to the elderly, a word of kindness to a sad face. These small gestures can change our community.

“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.” John 13:14

Congratulations Assembly - Monday 16th April at 9.05am assembly.

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| Reception – Eleanor C | Y4 – Adella B |
| Y1 – Lorcan W | Y5 – Orlagh L |
| Y2 - Isaac F | Y6 - Alan M |
| Y3 – Lily R | |

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

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| Rec – 94.3% CONCERN | Y4 – 95% CONCERN |
| Y1 – 100% WELL DONE | Y5 – 93.5% CONCERN |
| Y2 – 92% CONCERN | Y6 – 92.5% CONCERN |
| Y3 – 96.4% | Overall 94.8% CONCERN |

NEW UNIFORM GOES LIVE! We have been working with a local supplier to bring to life the marvellous design brought to you by our competition winner Dominic Kirkland in Y4! The aim is to be fully moved over to Dominic's design by September 2019 and we're going live from Tuesday 17th April 2018. We invite you to come and view the piece of art in Reception from Tuesday 17th April. This is where you will find a display board with the mandatory uniform and all of the optional extras. Once you have had a look and a feel of the items on sale, you can pick up an order form. Please note that all payments will be made via Parent Pay as we are a cashless school. The order form will have all the options available to buy and you can select the items, the sizes and your required quantity. The total of the order will need to be paid into the Uniform payment item within your Child's account.



Stay and Pray We would love parents to come and join us in prayer with their child for some 'Stay and Pray Sessions'. The children will be with their faith friends and this is a wonderful chance to celebrate the EASTER season.

Year 3 and Year 6 –Tuesday 17th April 9.05am

Year 1 and Year 4 -Friday 20th April 9.05am

Reception – Tuesday 24th April 9.05am

Year 2 and Year 5 – Friday 27th April 9.05am



Attendance Assembly We were amazed by the number of children who achieved 100% attendance in the Spring Term. A number of children also achieved 100% in the Autumn and Spring Term.

This Week

Lenten Charities The children and parents have made a super effort in each class to raise money for their Lenten Charities. We raised a grand total of £406.00 and counting!!! We are going to send the money to CAFOD as the government are currently match funding monies raised. THANK YOU!!!

Brass Concert Our Y4 children have made excellent progress and we were amazed by their wonderful performance of some well-known songs at the spring brass concert. Children in Y5 and Y6 who have continued with their lessons showcased their achievements this term .

Easter Bonnet Parade What an exciting morning! A colourful array of Easter Bonnets paraded around the hall this morning. Thank you to all parents who supported this event and their child in making some spectacular creations. The winners received a certificate and prize!



Easter Egg Diorama Thank you to all parents who supported their child in this fun activity. There were some amazing creations. Take a look at our school website and twitter feed for some fun photos!

Parents' Evening Thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening. Unfortunately I was unable to attend due to a family bereavement. We are very grateful to those who completed parent questionnaires. 94 were completed. Any parents who did not complete a questionnaire but would like to, please request a questionnaire at the school office. Results of the questionnaire will be available on the school website after the Easter holidays. Your suggestions are really important to us and we look forward to actioning some of them over the Summer Term.

Stations of the Cross Thank you to Y5 and Mr Griffin who led us in a prayerful 'Stations of the Cross' this afternoon. A service for children will take place on Good Friday at 10.30am at St Dunstan's Church. All are welcome, particularly any Y6 children who would like to read.





Lenten Prayer Services Our Prayer Teams have led prayer services helping us to prepare for Holy Week. The children were well prepared and eloquent as they led school prayers. Thank you to all staff for helping to make Holy Week so special!

School Closure 4th May Due to local elections unfortunately school will be closed on Thursday 4th May

WOW day New curriculum topics launch day will be on Friday 20th April. Staff have planned memorable experiences to help engage our children in their new topics! Next term some of the children's writing will be based upon key texts . Some recommended by Pie Corbett's Book Spine. **If parents could try and share a copy of the recommended books with their child, it would really support their learning next term.** Why not visit the library during the holidays?

Reception and Y1

Moon Zoom - CRASH! What's that in the playground? Let's go outside and take a look. Stand back everyone – it looks like a UFO has crash-landed! It's got the experts in a

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|  | <p>right kerfuffle. Professor Pong doesn't know what to do! Are you ready for take off Reception and Year 1? Hold tight... 5-4-3-2-1... LIFT OFF! Reception 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. Y1 'The Darkest Dark' by Anthony Browne.</p> |
| <p>Y2 and Y3</p>  | <p>Heroes and Villains Martin Luther, Joan of Arc, Rosa Parks or Amy Johnson? Someone from your family or the local fire fighters? There are many heroes and heroines, but who do you admire the most? Perhaps we can be heroes – just for one day? Y2 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey and 'The Owl who was afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. Y3 '101 Dalmatians' by Dodie Smith</p> |
| <p>Y4 and Y5</p>  | <p>Pharaohs and Ancient Egypt. Cruise along the Nile, entering a world of mysteries and curses, mummies and kings. Find out about life on the river's fertile banks, discovering Egypt and its fascinating culture. Now open the doorway to ancient Egypt – who knows what treasures you will find? Y4 'The Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo Y5 'Who let the God's out' by Maz Evans</p> |
| <p>Y6</p> <p><i>Viva México</i></p>  | <p>Hola Mexico! Welcome to Mexico get ready to explore this unique country. From its towering temples and stunning geography to pulsing rhythms and fun-packed festivals. Tummy rumbling – create a fruit cocktail or delicious Mexican meal. Discover the mysterious works of the ancient Maya civilisation. Make their chocolate, learn their poetry. Y6 'Holes' by Louis Sacha</p> |

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

Prices for Summer Term 1 - 16th April to 25th May please make all payments on parent pay.

Dinners for the term £64.40 Tuesday and Thursday £25.30 Thursday only £11.50

Monthly £46.00 Weekly £11.50

Toast £5.60, Milk £5.60, Juice £7.00

Dates for your diary

Monday 16th April: School reopens!
Wednesday 18th April: Y5 Shared Lunch
Friday 20th April: New Topic – WOW day
Monday 23rd April: ST. GEORGE'S DAY SPECIAL LUNCH
Thursday 3rd May: School closed for local elections
Sunday 13th May: First Holy Communion
Monday 14th May: KS2 Assessment Week
Monday 21st May: Multi-Faith Week
Wednesday 23rd May: Y6 Shared Lunch
Thursday 24th May: May Procession
Friday 25th May: Break up for half term

Thank you for all your support this term! We have had so much fun at St. Alban's and we are looking forward to seeing all building work complete after the holidays.

Have a Happy and Holy Easter - God Bless,

Mrs R McKinney