



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 19th January 2018

Dear Parents,

Gospel Virtues – Curious and Active

This half term we are encouraging the children to be 'Curious and Active'. They are learning to observe what is happening around them, to ask questions about what they see and to ask why things are happening. Perhaps the children could get more involved with helping others. Learning to be curious helps you to take notice of the things around you rather than taking them for granted. You can learn to be a better part of everything that happens around you every day. Jesus encouraged us to look around, to see what is happening and to understand it. He said: 'Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you.' Matthew 7:7. We are asking the children to be more involved with acts of worship at school and at church.

Congratulations Assembly - As the hall is currently being used as the Y3 classroom we are unable to hold a whole school assembly. We will still be choosing children for weekly certificates and they will receive them on Monday 12th February at 9.05am.

Reception Sienna Townsend	Y4 Cameron Adams
Y1 Callum Hughes	Y5 Ava McDonnell
Y2 Joseph Clinton	Y6 Dylan Kowalik-Lord
Y3 Callum McLoughlin	

THANK YOU PARENTS

Santa Jog – We have raised an amazing £640 !!

Thank you to the School Council for organising such an enjoyable event and for all your kind donations. We shall be donating to the charity voted for by the children: Cancer Research UK. Well done to Oscar, Jake and Sophie Roulston -Year 4 and Reception, Maddison Taylor –Reception, Thomas Smith- Reception, Fionn McQuillan-Reception, Temperance Harris- Reception, Joseph Clinton –Year 2, Skye Mellerick –Year 6 for their super fundraising efforts!

Thank you for parents' donations at the end of the Nativity performance. We raised **£85.50**. This will be spent on replacing some of the costumes for next year's performances.

Spotlight on Attendance We are unable to authorise any requests for holidays during term time.	
Rec – 94.8% CONCERN	Y4 – 97.8%
Y1 – 97.5%	Y5 – 95.8% CONCERN
Y2 – 94.0% CONCERN	Y6 – 98.9%
Y3 – 99.7%	Overall 96.9% CONCERN

We currently have spaces in our **Class Act Theatrix Drama Club** Monday after school-4.30pm. Take a look at their website to find out how amazing this opportunity is-www.classacttheatrix.com. Contact Ash on 07540 591130.

Text Messaging on Parent Pay – Mobile Numbers – Please can parents go into their parent pay profile and register mobile numbers. You will receive a pin in order to activate this. At present we have 203 mobiles registered, which means that if your number is not registered you will be unable to receive texts from school.

Unavoidable Emergency Building Works

Work continues to take place in Y3 and Y6 Classrooms. The builders are working well and both classrooms have been stripped out ready for new ceilings and lighting to go in early next week. As you know we were awarded additional funding from the Diocese to complete some emergency 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. Thank you for your patience.



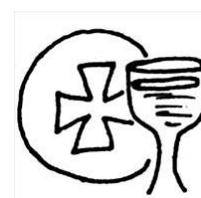
Y6 Confirmation Wednesday 7th February at 7.00pm Y6 pupils enjoyed a retreat day with pupils from St. Dunstan's and St. Jude's on Wednesday. They spent the day at Bishop Challoner and One Life Music provided the programme of activities. The children enjoyed spending time with pupils from the other schools. Next week as part of their continued preparation for Confirmation they will visit St. Chad's Cathedral on Monday 22nd and Oscott College on Tuesday 23rd. We would like to invite all parents to a short meeting in school on Monday 29th January at 3.30pm to give some more information about Benediction. Father Simon will be coming along to lead this session.

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 10th February: Y3 FHC Commitment Mass at 10.00am at St. Dunstan's

Saturday 3rd March: Y3 First Confession following 11.00am Mass at St. Dunstan's.

Sunday 13th May : Y3 First Holy Communion at 10.00am and 12.00pm at St. Dunstan's.



Wow Day AMAZING EFFORT TODAY BY MANY CHILDREN, PARENTS AND STAFF – THANK YOU! A wonderful day was had by all. Please check our twitter feed for photos of food tasting, sewing, the skyscraper challenge and exciting art work plus much more. As the children will have had a full day immersed in their topics we are hoping they will continue to be inspired throughout the term.



Y3 Trip to City Kitchen A group of Y3 pupils were treated to a wonderful experience at the 'City Kitchen' they learnt a lot of nutritional facts and made their own lunch. Mrs Jones reported it was one of the best trips she has ever been on. We are looking forward to the second group going to the kitchen soon. Ruth could tell me all about the amount of sugar in many different drinks and Harrison was excited to tell me about making a Fruit Sundaes.

Y3 Trip to Birmingham Museum On Thursday Y3 enjoyed a day at the museum. Mrs Jones was an excellent tour guide according to the children and they learnt a great deal about Ancient Greece.



Athletics This week members of Year 3, 4 and 5 took part in an indoor athletics tournament at Billesley Tennis Centre. The children competed against other schools in a variety of track and field events, including the obstacle relay, over and under relay, the 6 lap paarlauf, long jump, speed bounce and chest push. All children competed with an exemplary attitude, showing great athleticism and skill. Thank you to Mr Griffin for organising this event.

Mass During January due to the building works we will be unable to have Mass in the school hall. Therefore we are providing a number of opportunities for the children to go to Mass at St. Dunstan's and St. Jude's. Please see the dates section for more details.



Rocksteady Music We still have a few spaces in our Rocksteady music groups that take place on Friday mornings. These sessions are thoroughly enjoyed by the children. They learn to play their favourite songs as a band and it is a great way of getting into the electric guitar, drums, keyboard and vocals under the leadership of a real rock musician – Becca. Lessons are booked through Rock Steady- 0845 094 1259 or www.rocksteadymusicschool.com.

Justice and Peace Assembly 9.05am Friday 26th January. All parents are welcome to this assembly to find out more about the 'Justice and Peace' project that has been launched in the Parish for all ages. Please come along to find out more about what we can do to help others in our local community who are less fortunate than ourselves. Jane Lavery and James Trewby will be coming along to deliver this special assembly for children from KS2.



PTA Quiz Night Friday 26th January 8pm. If you would like to enter a team then please drop into the school office to complete a reply slip. £6.00 per ticket includes Fish or Chicken and Chip Supper. Bring your own drinks.

Miss Knowles will be leaving us for a little while at the end of May. As many parents and pupils have guessed, Miss Knowles has been glowing (even more than usual) over that past few months as she is having a baby. We ask God to look after her during this exciting time.

Dates for your diary

Monday 22nd January: Y6 at St Chad's Cathedral
Tuesday 23rd January: Y6 at Oscott College
Thursday 25th January: Y3 trip to the Council House
Friday 26th January: Justice and Peace Assembly – 9.05am All parents welcome
Friday 26th January: Y4 Holocaust Memorial Assembly- 2.30pm
Friday 26th January: PTA Quiz night - 8pm
Monday 29th January: Y6 Confirmation Meeting 3.30pm
Tuesday 30th January: Mass at St Jude's for Y6, Y5, and Y4 at 10am (Y6 Confession after Mass)
Wednesday 31st January: Chaplaincy Team retreat at Bishop Challoner
Tuesday 6th February: Y4/5 Trip to Stratford
Tuesday 6th February: Safer Internet Day Assembly 9.05am
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
Friday 16th February: School closes for Half-term
Monday 26th February: School reopens at 8:45pm
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
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

Enjoy the weekend!

R McKinney