



# 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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents,

## Feast of Our Lady of Fatima



On Sunday it is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima . On 13<sup>th</sup> May 1917, a group of children saw the first of a half-dozen visions of the Virgin Mary. They said she revealed to them three secrets – apocalyptic messages foreshadowing the Second World War, the rise and fall of communism and the death of a pope. She urged them to pray for peace and turn away from sin. At first they were doubted by their parents and the local Catholic church but the children’s story slowly gained believers and was eventually accepted as authentic by the Vatican in 1930. The importance of Fátima lay in the fact that poor, illiterate children – not the wealthy or learned – were able to convey a powerful message of love and forgiveness at a time of war, when there was much talk of hatred. Let us continue to listen to our children and guide them on their journey of faith.

**Blessed Mother Teresa said “Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor.”**

**Congratulations Assembly** - Due to KS2 Testing next week we will not be having Congratulations assembly on Monday. Two children will be chosen for their efforts next week.

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

Rec 93.8% CONCERN

Y4 97.5%

Y1 99.2%

Y5 96% CONCERN

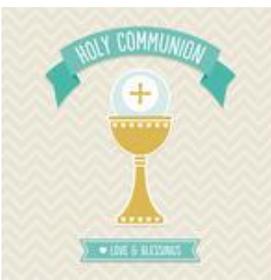
Y2 97%

Y6 98.8%

Y3 95.8% CONCERN

Overall 96.8% CONCERN

## Coming Up



**First Holy Communion** pray for the children in Y3 who are making their First Holy Communion on Sunday. Thank you to all those who have prepared them during this faith journey, especially Mrs Jones. We are looking forward to celebrating this special time with them in school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May during Mass and the May Procession.

**“May the children always hold the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within them.”**

**Ks2 SATS** You may be aware that Y6 Statutory Testing begins next week. I am so proud of how hard all of the children have worked this year. I am extremely grateful to the dedication and commitment Miss Ingram, Mr Emery and Mrs Henry have shown to the children as individuals on their learning journeys. However an important message to the Y6 children:

**Don't get stressed...Just do your best! Remember you have all been blessed with skills that SATs don't test! Make sure you have plenty of fun over the weekend. I am very proud of you all and I do not need test papers to show me how much you have achieved!**

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**Royal Wedding Picnic** On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May we will be having a special picnic lunch in school to celebrate the Royal Wedding. If you have a picnic blanket please could you send it in for us to use on the grass or school hall. The children can come to school wearing red, white and blue and will be making flags etc. If your child usually has school dinners, a special cold buffet lunch will be provided. If your child has sandwiches and would like to enjoy the special buffet then you can make a payment on parentpay of £2.30. The school council decided that they would like to come off timetable for the afternoon of the 18<sup>th</sup> and complete a 'Royal Wedding Treasure Hunt' we look forward to a fun afternoon!

**Parent Consent Forms** Thank you to all parents who have returned the Parent Consent Form that was sent out last Friday. If you have not yet returned this please do so as soon as possible. If you do not have a copy of the form then please come into the school office and get another one. Many thanks.

### Gardening Support



We need some help to get our Prayer Garden, Grotto and Reception Mud Kitchen Area back looking beautiful again! Do you have a spare couple of hours, during the school day or after school that you could come along and help? Please see Mrs McKinney or Mr Emery for more details. In the past a group of parents with pre-schoolers came along and did some gardening during the summer months. Unfortunately the group of parents who initially helped with the Prayer Garden have now left the school as their children have moved on.

**Ks1 SATS** Statutory testing began this week in Y2 and will continue until the end of term. Children complete their challenges in small groups. The assessments should not cause your child any stress or anxiety. If you have any concerns please speak to a member of staff.

**New Uniform** Our first order has been made and should arrive in the next week. New style jumpers and cardigans in all sizes will be available for you to try on. The 'School Uniform Policy' is under review by Governors and will be available on the school website from 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Ties will be available to purchase from school from the end of May 2018. Please note - Children will not be required to wear a new style school jumper, cardigan, or shirts and ties next academic year 2018 -2019. However from September 2019 white shirts and school ties will replace polo shirts as part of the school uniform and new style jumpers and cardigans will be part of the school policy.

**Multi Faith Week** If you are not a Catholic and from another faith background we need your help! Would you be willing to come in and share your experiences with the children? Do you know someone who practises another faith and would come into school and give a short talk? Each year group will be finding out more about world religions and it would be a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn from another person. If you can help us please contact Mrs McKinney or Mr Emery.

### This week

**Mass** Thank you to Father Simon who came to celebrate Mass for us on Thursday to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Y5 read beautifully and it was really great to come together as a school community.

**Governor Visit** On Thursday, Miss Whitehead came to school to undertake a learning walk with Mrs McKinney. Miss Whitehead is our link governor for English. She enjoyed observing lessons in Y1 and Y2 and looking at work across the school. Miss Whitehead commented on the children's excellent spelling and behaviour.

**Safeguarding Training** This week staff have completed update safeguarding training. Please can I remind parents if they have a concern regarding a child and they wish to speak to a member of staff that Mrs McKinney, Mr Emery

and Miss Ingram are the Designated Safeguarding Leads in school. The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) is the way citizens and professionals in Birmingham access support, advice, information, report a concern about a child and make contact with professionals. CASS offers early support from a range of partners and a wide range of services please ring 0121 303 1888 for support.

Mrs McKinney

<b>Summer Term Diary Dates</b>	
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am and 12.00pm</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Y3</b>
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Y6 SATS week begins</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Royal Wedding Celebration Picnic Day – Children may wear red, white and blue!</b>
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Multi-Faith Week begins</b>
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Reception and Y1 Trip to the Thinktank</b>
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Y6 Trip to Islamic Experience and Mosque</b>
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2.30pm</b>	<b>Y5/6 Parent Talk – Sex Education and Online Gaming</b>
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am</b>	<b>Mass –May Procession and First Holy Communion Celebration</b>
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School Council Assembly Pentecost – Chaplaincy Team Prayer Service Break up for Half Term</b>
<b>A list of dates following May half term has been sent out. It is also available on the school website or please ask in the school office for another copy.</b>	