



St. Alban's Catholic Primary School

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



Acting Headteacher: Mr N Emery
Week ending: 14th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all staff, pupils and governors for your support and commitment through our Ofsted inspection. We have been expecting a 'visit' for a little while now and welcomed Inspector Martin Spoor yesterday. We look forward to sharing the report with you in a few weeks time and will share the final letter from the Inspector with you as soon as this is received. Thank you to all parents who completed 'Parent view' and spoke with the Inspector on the school gate. I am so lucky to work with such a fantastic, talented team and a school of hardworking and inspiring pupils. See you all soon, Mrs McKinney.

Congratulations Assembly - Please join us for assembly at 9.05am on Monday 17th September.

Rec	Cian	Y4	Lily
Y1	Temperance	Y5	Adella
Y2	Lily	Y6	Erin
Y3	Ava		

Spotlight on Attendance We are unable to authorise any requests for holidays during term time. Please call the office by 9.15am if your child is unwell and unable to attend school.

Rec	91%	CONCERN	Y4	96.5%
Y1	99.3%		Y5	98.6%
Y2	99%		Y6	93% CONCERN
Y3	98.6%		Overall	96.6%

Spotlight on Attendance We are unable to authorise any requests for holidays during term time. Taking holidays during term time is an unauthorised absence and really affects our whole school attendance. Any child whose attendance falls below 95% in the first half term will be required to attend a meeting with Mr Emery.

Request for Donations If you have any spare board games or toys at home that you no longer use can you please send these in to Mrs Doherty. Thank you

School dinners/lunches please can you give the school office plenty of notice if your child changes from dinners to packed lunch and vice versa.

Parent Pay will be updated next week so please do not worry if your account is showing any arrears all of a sudden.

Secondary Transfer Reminder The local authority deadline for return of Preference Forms for Secondary Transfer is 31st October 2018. You are strongly advised to apply online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions by this date. If you do not receive acknowledgement of your application by 31 October, please contact the School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service urgently by telephone on 0121 303 1888.

Communication - As new Reception parents have joined us this week and as a reminder to current parents, here are the ways that we try to communicate as a school community.

- Daily gate duty by the Headteacher and a member of the senior leadership team
- Regular curriculum workshops
- Twitter feed @StAlbans_Sch
- Text messaging service
- Phone calls or after school meetings with teachers when required
- Pupil planners
- Weekly newsletters
- School website calendar
- Evaluations following workshops
- Parent surveys

This week

Reception What an amazing start to their school life! It has been a pleasure to see our newest and youngest members of St. Alban's join us this week. They have settled in as though they have been here forever. We look forward to working with our new children and families. Next Friday we look forward to our **Reception welcome service at 1:45pm** when we hope as many parents can join us.

School Council Elections Well done to our new School Councillors who were elected this week. I'm sure they will be making great contributions to school life. Thank you to Miss Smith for organising this.

House Teams Well done to our new Year 6 House Captains who were elected last Friday. They will be leading their teams: St. Andrew, St. David, St. George and St. Patrick and organising a variety of events throughout the year.

Coming Up

Times table competition Year 1 and Year 2 will need to practise their 5 x tables. Year 3 will be learning their 3 x tables and Year 4 to Year 6 will need to make sure they are up to speed with their 7 x tables for our next competition on 28th September.

50 years old Some of you may be aware that St. Alban's will be celebrating its 50th birthday during 2019. We look forward to celebrating this golden event throughout 2019. If you have any old photos or ideas of how we could celebrate please speak with Mr Emery.

Parents' Evenings Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our transition meetings over the last two weeks. Our first Parents' Evenings of the year will be held on Tuesday 16th October (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 17th October (3:30pm – 5:30pm).

Masses at St. Alban's

Tuesday 18 th September	10am	Mass at St. Jude's	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	
Thursday 27 th September	9:15am	Prayer Service at St. Alban's	Y6	Deacon David
Thursday 4 th October	9:15am	Mass at St. Alban's	Y4	
Thursday 11 th October	9:15am	Prayer Service at St. Alban's	Y3	Deacon David
Thursday 18 th October	9:15am	Mass at St. Alban's	Y6	

Thursday 25 th October	9:15am	Mass at St. Alban's	Y5	
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After School clubs

	Club	Provider	Contact
Monday	Drama	Class Act Theatrx	Ash 07540591130
	Football	AVFC	Mr Griffin
Tuesday	Dance	Stardust	Carla 07957 283608
	Cookery	H's Healthy Cooking Club	Hannah Woodfield
Wednesday	Gym	Stardust	Carla 07957 283608

St. Alban's Autumn Term Diary Dates

Wednesday 19 th September	Open Evening at Bishop Challoner
Friday 21 st September 1:45pm	Reception welcome service
Thursday 27 th September 7pm	PTA meeting (all parents welcome)
Friday 28 th September 9:15am	MacMillan Coffee morning
Monday 1 st October	Little Way week in school
Tuesday 2 nd October	Y6/Y5 Benediction at St Jude's
Friday 5 th October	Cafod Family Fast Day
Friday 12 th October 2:30pm	Alton Castle Meeting
Tuesday 16 th October 3:30pm – 6:30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 17 th October 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 19 th October 2:30pm	Black History Month Assembly
Monday 22 nd October – Wednesday 24 th October	Y6 Residential to Alton Castle
Thursday 25 th October	School closed for October Half-Term at 3:15pm
Friday 26 th October	Teacher Day – School Closed
Monday 5 th November	School reopens at 8:45am
Tuesday 6 th November	Y4 to begin swimming
Tuesday 6 th November 9:15am	St Alban's Open day
Tuesday 6 th November	Y6/5 Benediction at St. Jude's
Wednesday 7 th November 12pm	Y1 Shared Lunch
Friday 9 th November 2:30pm	Remembrance Sunday Assembly
Monday 12 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
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Monday 12 th November 2pm	St Alban's Open Day
Friday 16 th November 2:30pm	Anti-Bullying Assembly
Friday 30 th November 2:30pm	Advent Assembly – Christmas Around the World
Tuesday 4 th December	Y6/5 Benediction at St. Jude's
Friday 7 th December 2:30pm	Advent Assembly – Christmas Around the World

Friday 14 th December 2:30pm	Advent Assembly – Christmas Around the World
Monday 17 th December 2:15pm	KS2 Carol Singing in the Gaezbo
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Card Competition
Wednesday 19 th December 2:15pm	Y1/2 Nativity
Thursday 20 th December 9:30am	Reception Nativity
Friday 21 st December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 21 st December 9:15am	Attendance Assembly
Friday 21 st December	School closes at 3:15pm for Christmas Holidays

Kind regards,

Mr Emery