



St Alban's Newsletter



24th January 2020, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEDNESDAY WORD - FOLLOW

Dates of masses

We are delighted that we can return to the church, now the lights have been upgraded. All parents are welcome to join their children at the following masses/service apart from the distribution of ashes.

26th February Ashes to be distributed in class in the afternoon

28th February Year 6 mass in the church at 9.30

6th March Year 5 mass in the church at 9.30

13th March Year 4 mass in the church at 9.30

20th March Year 3 mass in the church at 9.30

26th March Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a service in the church at 9.30

Stations of the Cross 3rd April at 3.30

This is a very significant event in our liturgical year which is led by our Chaplains. It is a service which prepares the children for Easter and is a service which not many children experience. Therefore, we would like as many families as possible to attend. It will last no more than 40 minutes and there will be cake served in the school hall afterwards.

Easter mass (Welcome back mass) 22nd April in the church.

We have not celebrated mass as a whole school with parents this year, and it would be good to start the summer term with parents, staff and children celebrating Easter together.

New Catholic school in Peterborough

We are delighted that the diocese has been awarded the new school in Hampton. Although it is not close by it is a significant achievement as no Catholic school has been built in the last 10 years.

Mr McCrossan visits Year 2 to talk about his toys

This week Mr McCrossan was quizzed by the Year 2 children about the toys he played with as a child. Did you know Mr McCrossan loved playing in the mud with his toy cars and his favourite Christmas toy was a large plastic motor bike? Mr McCrossan also said that he was glad to have children because he was able to bring out his old toys and share it with his boys and learn how to play with new toys. Well done Year 2 for your excellent questions!



Phones are now working

Thank you for your patience regarding the phones. Hopefully there will be no more issues.

Head bumps

FYI— We will always phone a parent when a child has received a bump to the head. If we are not able to contact you we will send an email. Although some bumps may seem very minor, we want to make sure you are fully aware in case there are any implications when your child returns home or later in the evening.

Cold weather

Most children are wearing hats, scarves and gloves to school. Thank you. A reminder that the children should come to school prepared to do PE outside.

Friday assembly and a gentle request

A reminder that parents are invited to come to assembly on a Friday. Every other week children receive the Headteacher's Award. In future if your child is receiving this or any other award the teacher will try and tell you a day in advance so that you know to come in and celebrate with your child's success.

Could parents please avoid taking children out of assembly on a Friday. We know that appointments and events are difficult to get to on a Friday but it is disruptive to the assembly when children leave early.

DATES

- 29/01 Governors Performance & Standards Meeting
- 03/02 Governors Full body meeting
- 14/02 Y6 Out - Climate Conference
- 14/02 Y5 Hockey Tournament
- 17/02- Half Term
- 21/02
- 26/02 Ash Wednesday
- 26/02 Parent Consultation Evening
- 27/02 Parent Consultation Afternoon/Evening
- 27/02 'Hobbit' Live Performance (Sponsored by PFA)
- 12/03 Y4, Y5 Tag Rugby Event
- 24/03 Governors Resources Meeting
- 25/03 Netball High 5's Tournament
- 27/03 Sponsor Cycling
- 30/03 Football Tournament
- 02/04 Y5 Class Performance
- 03/04 Last day of Term



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Plastic milk bottles for an igloo

Reception class is building an igloo and needs "4 pints" milk cartons. If you have them please could you send them into the office next week.



Would you like to train to teach with England's #1 provider?

Places are currently available on the University of Cambridge Primary and Secondary PGCEs for September 2020 entry. Whether you're about to submit your application or just beginning to consider training to teach, come along to our PGCE Open Day on Friday 7th February. You can meet staff and students, attend talks, speak to our admissions team, and see our Library and gardens.

The Faculty of Education is rated Outstanding by OFSTED and was the no.1 provider in England in the Good Teacher Training Guide 2017 (most recent edition). Booking for our Open Day is essential. You can see a timetable and register your attendance here: <https://www.educ.cam.ac.uk/openday/>

Any questions should be directed to the Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator on outreach@educ.ac.uk or 01223 767671.

PFA Announcement

- Year 3 did brilliantly last week with a huge £167.78 from their cake sale. Thank you shoppers!
- Year 2 cake sale this week. Please give in to any cravings.
- This half term's PFA meeting is today (Friday 24 at 2pm) where we will be laying plans for coming events and catching up with playground progress. We will share news next week.

From the Governors

The Resources Committee met this week. This committee is primarily responsible for; monitoring the school budget, managing the property and Human Resources, and procurement of anything over £2000.

One item on the agenda was updating our IT. The school requires a new server and the children's laptops are now out of date. The governors are in the process of scrutinising quotes and hopefully will be in a position soon to give you a decision. This will be a significant amount of money so it is important that best value for money is achieved.

In this time of tight budgets you may be wondering how the school can afford this. There are two main streams of income to the school; the Revenue budget which is determined by the numbers of children in the school and is the main source of income, and the Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) money which is money we receive and is ring fenced, via the diocese, to ensure the school property, fixed assets and IT are fit for purpose. It is the DFC pot which the governors will be using to pay for the IT equipment. However, the governors have to prioritise, and they have a School Premises/Capital Plan which has been created by the Condition Survey carried out by the Local Authority. Once the governors have reviewed the plan they will make a decision about moving forward. The Premises/Capital Plan is attached.

The next governors meeting is the Performance and Standards meeting on the 29th January. Look out in the next newsletter to see what was discussed then.

Mad Science February Half Term Camps - Please click on the [website](#)

Year of the Word class in Ipswich- See attached flier

Homework

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| Year 3 | Times table practise |
| Year 4 | Times tables challenges |
| Year 5 | Multiplication and Word problems |
| Year 6 | Volume of cuboids |

Quiz Last Sunday was the day of Peace.

- What bird is used as the symbol of Peace?
- What part of the trinity does this bird represent?
- Can you think of another Peace sign?
- When was the last time that you were able to find peace?
- Why is it important that we live in a peaceful world?
- In mass when do we give each other the sign of peace?

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