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Dear parents

Funding Eligibility

Thank you to all those who have already completed and returned the booklets with up to date details. The funding eligibility information is especially important as schools receive extra funding from the Government, for all successful applications, to use in support of teaching and learning. Schools are using a new system to ensure all funding for free school meals is constantly updated. However, even if your child is already on free meals, you will need to register on the system. Please read the leaflet your child has brought home regarding this.

School Day

Parents may come into school with their child between 8:45 am and 8:55am if there is a need to see the class teacher. If not, please say goodbye to your child at their entrance door as this helps with their independence. The FS2 children have settled into their new school routines really well.

Just a polite reminder that parents who have escorted children into school do need to leave promptly as lessons begin at 8:55am and the inner gates will be locked shortly afterwards. This was suggested to us as part of a safeguarding audit we recently undertook with the Local Authority. Children arriving after 8:55am must report to the school main office.

Absences

Please could you inform the school office when your child is absent from school. I am aware that teachers are notified by dojo, or by parents personally calling in. However, attendance is recorded electronically on a different system, and if your child is marked as absent it results in a first day absence text, which is followed by a telephone call if there is no response to the text.

To maintain and improve our safeguarding procedures in light of the recent audit mentioned above, if we have not been informed of an absence by 11am, a home visit may be made. If there is no one home, then we may need to contact Social Care. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

Harvest Festival

Harvest donations may be sent into school anytime ready for the children's Harvest Celebration next week.

Hairstyles and ornaments

The children look very smart in their uniforms. However, could I ask that hair is styled in ways appropriate for school, both in cut and the amount of hair gel used. Hair ornaments, such as bows and headbands, should be school colours and not overly large. If children do come to school wearing inappropriate hair accessories, they will be asked to remove them. Thank you for your continued support with ensuring the high standards of the children's appearance, I am very grateful.

Assemblies and Liturgies

Everyone is always very welcome to join us for assemblies, liturgies and masses in school. May we inform you that if a younger sibling's attention span is stretched too far, a small box of toys is available in Miss Leatham's class, at the back of the hall, for them to play with within the classroom cloakroom area. Please do not feel embarrassed and feel free to use this facility if you wish.

Playground Activities

Staff will be introducing a range of activities for the children at playground at break times and lunchtimes, rather than only football being available.

Parents Evening

These are being held on October 17th, 18th and 19th. Booking will available on Parent's Evening online. A reminder of your password will be sent.

Open Afternoon.

Following very positive feedback, we would like to invite you to visit your child's classroom on Thursday 12th October between 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm to look at your child's books before you attend the Parent's Evening the following week. The idea for this is so that the discussion with your child's teacher at Parent's Evening is more meaningful for you.

Parking

We have requested the Community Police to support parking around school.

NSPCC Parent Workshop

Please note the date, Tuesday, November 14th at 2:15pm, for the workshop which will last about one hour. The content of the workshop will be based around the information shared with the children in the "Stay Safe" Assembly last week. It will also provide support and advice on how parents can approach sensitive issues related to keeping their children safe.

Themed Menu Day

Throughout the school year, Mrs Bardon, our school cook and her team would like to offer a special menu day every so often. The first will be next Thursday, October 5th. It will a McAlbans meal.

Tempest Photographs

Individual photographs will be taken on Thursday, November 9th. If you have more than one child in school, a photograph of siblings together will be taken. **If you wish your children to be photographed individually, you must inform the school office.** If you wish to have a family photograph to include younger siblings not in nursery or school, you may go to the Infant Hall at 3:40 pm. Please do not arrive at any other time for a family photograph.

Prayer Group

Prayer Group meets on Thursdays at 8:30am until 8:45am in the Junior Library.
It was pleasing to see how many attended yesterday. Thank you.

School Football

Congratulations to the school football team who beat St John Fisher 3-2 last night. Goal scorers were Kainan (2) and Ethen. Thank you to Mr Karia for taking the team.

Please inform the school office of any changes of address, email or mobile telephone number

Key Dates for the term

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
Monday	October 2 nd	Y3/4 Miss Burton's Class Act of Worship	3:00 Infant Hall
Thursday	October 5 th	Harvest Festival	School only
Monday	October 9 th	Y5 Miss Handley's Class Liturgy	3:00 Infant Hall
Sunday	October 15 th	Y5 Parish Mass at church	10:30am St Alban's Church
Monday	October 16 th	Y3 Mrs Morris's Class Liturgy	3:00 Infant Hall
Wednesday	October 18 th	Y6 Class Mass	9:30 am
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	October 17 th 18 th 19 th	Parent's Evening	Time to be confirmed
Wednesday	November 1 st	Whole School Mass –Feast of All Saints	9:30 am
Monday	November 6 th	FS2 Liturgy	3:00 Infant Hall

<i>Thursday</i>	November 9 th	Tempest Individual Photographs	
<i>Monday</i>	November 13 th	Y4 Mrs Ruston-Donald's Class Liturgy	3:00 Infant Hall
<i>Wednesday</i>	November 15 th	Y5/6 Mr Blurton's Class Mass	9:30 am
<i>Monday</i>	November 20 th	Y1/2 Miss Liddane's Class Liturgy	3:00 Infant Hall
<i>Friday</i>	November 24 th	INSET DAY School closed	
<i>Sunday</i>	November 26 th	Y4 Parish Mass at church	10:30am St Alban's Church
<i>Monday</i>	November 27 th	Y1 Miss Leatham's Class Liturgy	3:00 Infant Hall
<i>Monday</i>	December 4 th	Y2 Mrs Leatherland's Class Liturgy	3:00 Infant Hall
<i>Wednesday</i>	December 6 th	'Flu Immunisation for FS2, Y1 Y2 Y3 and Y4 Y3 and Y4 Christingle	9:30 am
<i>Monday</i>	December 11 th	Foundation Stage Production	2:00pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	December 12 th	Foundation Stage Production	9:30 am

<i>Wednesday</i>	December 13 th	Y5 Class Mass~ Advent KS1 Production	9:30 am 2:00 pm
<i>Thursday</i>	December 14 th	KS1 Production	9:30am
<i>Wednesday</i>	December 20 th	Christmas Lunch	
<i>Thursday</i>	December 21 st	Carols & Readings to Parish Y5 and Y6	St Alban's Church
<i>Friday</i>	December 22 nd	Carol Service Break up for Christmas	2:00pm
<i>Monday</i>	January 8 th 2018	Back to school	
<i>Tuesday</i>	January 9 th	Cinderella Pantomime	School
<i>Monday</i>	January 15 th	FS2 Liturgy	3:00pm Infant Hall
<i>Monday</i>	January 22 nd	Y4 Mrs Ruston-Donald's Class Liturgy	3:00pm Infant Hall
<i>Monday</i>	January 29 th	Y6 Mrs Muldoon's Class Liturgy	3:00pm Infant Hall
<i>Monday</i>	February 5 th	Y1 Miss Leatham's Class Liturgy	3:00pm Infant Hall
<i>Sunday</i>	February 11 th	Y6 & FS2 Prayer Partner's Parish Mass	St Alban's Church

<i>Monday</i>	February 12 th	Y3/4 Miss Burton's Class Liturgy	3:00pm Infant Hall
<i>Wednesday</i>	February 14 th	Ash Wednesday Liturgy	9:30am
<i>Friday</i>	February 16 th	INSET DAY	
<i>Monday</i>	February 26 th	Y5/6 Mr Blurton's Class Liturgy	3:00pm Infant Hall
<i>Monday</i>	March 5 th	Y2 Mrs Leatherland's Class Liturgy	3:00pm Infant Hall
<i>Monday</i>	March 12 th	Y1/2 Miss Liddane's Class Liturgy	3:00pm Infant Hall
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<i>Monday</i>	March 19 th	Y3 Mrs Morris's Class Liturgy	3:00pm Infant Hall
<i>Monday</i>	March 26 th	Y5 Miss Handley's Class Liturgy	3:00pm Infant Hall
<i>Tuesday</i>	March 27 th	Y5 Stations of the Cross	St Alban's Church
<i>Thursday</i>	March 29 th	END OF TERM	

<i>Monday</i>	April 16 th	Return to school Y3/4 Miss Burton's Class Liturgy	3:00pm Infant Hall
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