



ST. ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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October 26th 2018 Newsletter

Dear parents,

It has seemed a long half term, especially now the dark nights are drawing in. Don't forget to enjoy your extra hour in bed on Sunday morning as the clocks go back an hour!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr. Booton and Mrs. Beech who are getting married this half term. We wish them both every happiness for the future.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies, and other related items are on sale in school from Monday, November 5th. There are a small number of Centenary enamel pins available at a suggested donation price of £2:00 each.

Parent's Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to Parent's Evening. The new arrangements of holding the meetings in the Junior and Infant Hall seemed to work very well. For those parents who could not attend, please see your child's teacher after half term to arrange a mutually convenient date.

Attendance

The attendance this half term has been very good at 97.23%. Thank you for your help and co-operation in this. Let's hope we can do even better next half term!

Parent's Maths Masterclass

There is a possibility of a parent's Maths Masterclass being run by school in the Lent (Spring) term. This will be a 10 week programme aimed at improving parents' knowledge of the way Maths is taught in our school. There would be a Certificate of Completion awarded at the end of the programme which is endorsed by the National College of Excellence in Teaching of Mathematics and by the University of Derby.

If you would be interested in participating in this programme, please contact the school office by **Friday, November 9th 2018**.

School Lunch Menu

Please find attached the menu from November 5th 2018 until April 12th 2019. Meals cost £2:20 per day for Y3 – Y6. Reception, Y1 and Y2 meal costs are funded by the government's Universal Free School Meals initiative.

Uniform

A reminder that after half term, children must return to school in winter uniform. No polo shirts please. Nursery children do not have to wear full uniform. The only requirement for them is to wear a school jumper/cardigan with their play clothes and shoes that they can fasten themselves.

WHITE shirt

School tie

Royal blue jumper/cardigan with school logo

Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress

GREY tights for girls

Sensible black school shoes

Tempest Photographs

Individual photographs will be taken on Tuesday, November 6th. 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.**

After School Clubs

A variety of after school clubs are available.

Monday Drama 3:45pm until 4:45 pm,

Tuesday Clay Creators ~ this is a new club that may start in mid November

Wednesday Dodgeball

Thursday Central Soccer

May I ask that enrollment forms and payments are sent back to the school office before the first session is held each half term. The club coordinators need to know how many children want to attend beforehand, to enable them to ensure the clubs are not oversubscribed. Children must not turn up without pre-booking.

Y7 Secondary School Transfer.

The deadline to apply for places is 31st October. Further information can be found here. <https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/secondary-school-admissions/>

Gospel reflection from Sunday 28th October.

The word courage comes from the Latin word for "heart" and it basically means that you are brave. Courage is a gift of the Holy Spirit- it makes us strong. Putting our faith in Jesus and his teachings gives us the courage to do the right thing. We can try and remember this Sunday's Gospel and ask Jesus whenever we need courage. How can we have more courage? Perhaps we can: develop our friendship with God through prayer; ask God for more courage; put our faith in Jesus and his teachings (just like Bartimaeus did); support and encourage each other always to do what we know is right- even if we are afraid.

I wish you all a lovely half-term. Thank you for your continued support, on behalf of all the staff, it is greatly appreciated.

Mr Monaghan

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