



ST. ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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November 9th 2018 Newsletter

Dear parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed the half term break

St Alban's Parish - First Holy Communion Programme 2019

For children in Year 3 or above who would like to join the new First Holy Communion Preparation Programme, parents are asked to collect an application form from St Alban's Parish Church from this weekend and return it to the parish office by Sunday 25th November 2018. The first Parents Meeting will then take place at 7pm on Monday 3rd December in St Alban's Parish Centre. One significant change to this years programme is that you can commit to a programme either during the Saturday evening Mass at Oakwood or the Sunday morning Mass at St Alban's.

St Alban's Christmas Festival – Sat 24th November

A fabulous way to launch the Christmas Season with Christmas Games, Activities & Crafts for Children, a Chocolate Raffle & Hamper (chocolate items requested), Winter Wonderland Café, Bridie's Knitwear & New Items Stall (new items requested), A Giving Tree, Reindeer Fruit Machine, Santa's Grotto & loads more! Opened this year by Star Wars own Chewbacca's sister 'Chewbecca'. Proceeds split 50/50 between The Night Shelter & Parish. 10am till 1pm.

Reception Applications for September 2019

The deadline to apply for places is January 15th 2019. Online applications can be made at www.derby.gov.uk/primary If you complete an online application, you **must not** submit a paper one as well. If you want to make a paper application, please call 01332 642730

Please note that if you do not receive an acknowledgement letter or email it means that Derby City has not received your application.

If applying for a place at a faith school, such as our own, a Supplementary Form must also be completed and handed in to school. Please do not return this form to Derby City.

Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser for the Briars

There will be a Non uniform day held on Friday, November 23rd 2018. The schools in the CMAT have been asked to help support the work of the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service which is based at the Briars in Crich. We hope you are happy to support us in this, especially as a member of the Briars staff helped in erecting the new Y1 classroom. There is a suggested donation of £2:00 per child. Thank you.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your support of the Poppy Sale. I will inform you of how much we raised as soon as I know.

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.

Uniform

It was good to see the children return in their winter uniform. As part of our Health & Safety management, children with pierced ears should wear studs and not earrings that dangle.

Also, a reminder that children should not wear nail varnish at school 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

NO POLO SHIRTS (apart from nursery children)

Tempest Photographs

Individual photographs were taken on Tuesday, November 6th. The photographer is returning on the morning of Friday, November 16th to complete the classes not yet done.

After School Clubs

A variety of after school clubs are available.

Monday	Drama
Tuesday	Clay Creators
Wednesday	Dodgeball
Thursday	Central Soccer
Friday	Gymnastics

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.

Mr Monaghan