



ST. ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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November 16th 2018 Newsletter

Dear parents,

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.

Carols at the Circus

There will be carols at Sussex Circus on Wednesday, December 19th from 4pm until 5pm. Children can wear nativity costumes.



Chaplaincy Team

Thank you to the Chaplaincy Team for their hard work in preparing and leading the Remembrance Service held in school. The poppies made by the children are now on display in the Prayer Garden.

PTA Christmas Jumper Day and Disco

The PTA is holding the annual Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, December 7th. It is an enjoyable day and everyone always looks very colourful.

As it is the PTA disco on the same day (3:30pm until 5:00pm) children may wear their own clothes with their Christmas jumpers. More details about the disco will be sent out by the PTA shortly.

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)

After School Clubs

A variety of after school clubs are available.

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

Mr Monaghan