



# ST. ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 Newsletter

Dear parents,

This Sunday is the last in the Church's year. It is the day on which we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This feast presents a great opportunity for us to make a new start with Jesus- the universal King. It is a celebration to which all are warmly invited.

The Gospel reminds us that Jesus' kingship is not one of political power, crowns and splendour, but one of peace and truth. He is not an earthly king – his kingdom is in heaven.

Jesus stands up for God's true values of love and forgiveness and leads us into truth. He also reveals to us the truth about ourselves.

### Mr Monaghan

I will be out of school from Monday lunchtime until Thursday as I have to attend a residential course. Mrs Johnson and the members of the School Leadership Team will be covering during this time.

### INSET DAY

School is closed on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> for an INSET Day. Staff from the CMAT schools will all be attending a conference in Chesterfield.

### PTA Christmas Jumper Day and Disco

The PTA is holding the annual Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The donations will be given to the Alzheimer's Society.

The Christmas Disco will be straight after school on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm until 5:00pm. Party snacks and squash will be provided and is included in the ticket price of £3:00 per child. **Tickets must be bought and paid for in advance.** No payments will be accepted on the door. The PTA sent out a letter with all the details earlier this week.

### Christmas Productions

The dates for the productions are included in the diary date sheet, but here is a reminder:

**EYFS** Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Both performances are at 9:30 am

**KS1** Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Both performances are at 9:30 am  
**Y1 and Y2**

### Carols at the Circus

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

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.** Online applications can be made at [www.derby.gov.uk/primary](http://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.

### Tempest Photograph Orders

Please could all orders be in by Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser for the Briars

Thank you for your generous donations. I will let you know how much we raised for the Diocese in the next newsletter

### Poppy Appeal

We raised £119:38 towards the Poppy Appeal. Thank you for support.

### 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**