

St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter to Parents

September 13th 2019

Dear Parents,

Our Welcome Meetings for year groups Y4, Y5, and Y6 have been completed this week and I hope you have found them helpful. It is nice to have an early chance to meet teachers and to find out how you can help your child to have a successful year in school. Y1, Y2 and Y3 are next week so please, come along if you can. We have also started our Art days. We try to organise an art day for each year group near the start of term which the children really enjoy. I am sure your children will tell you all about it when it's their turn!

Well done to the children who took part in the trials today for Cross Country. Our first Wirral Schools Cross Country event is next week. Last year conditions were a little damp to say the least so we will have our fingers crossed for a dry afternoon next Thursday!

With best wishes,

Mrs C. L. Frost
Headteacher

ADMISSION TO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2020

The on-line application system is now open for parents to apply for school places for F2 for September 2020. Parents of all children who are 4 years old on or before August 31st 2020 should now apply for a Primary School place. The on-line system closes on Wednesday January 15th 2020. Any applications after this date will be deemed late and you may not get your choice of school. Please spread the word to friends and family about this. Anyone who does not know the school and is interested in sending their child to St. Alban's, is welcome to contact the school office for a visit before making an application.

HOMETIME SAFETY

You will all know that it can be difficult at home-time as we try to get nearly 400 children out safely to waiting adults in such a tightly confined space as we have in Ashburton Road. Teachers do their best, especially with our younger children, to ensure that they see all the adults collecting pupils before letting them go. This can be slow at the beginning of the year when class teachers are not yet familiar with the Mums, Dads, Nans etc who collect the children so please be patient with us!

We have also had some concerns raised about the number of dogs that are outside the school at home-time. Whilst many of us are comfortable around dogs, we have children and parents who are not and we need to be mindful of this. Previously, we have said that dogs should not be brought inside the school gates unless they are small dog that can be carried. Please remember this and keep all dogs under your careful supervision. Thank you.



ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Parents should ring the school office to inform us of absence **on the first day of absence** if possible **before 9.30am** to save phone calls from us trying to find out why a child is not in school. If you would prefer, an email is also acceptable. If you are bringing sibling to school it is of course fine to pop in to the office to let us know. If your child has a medical appointment, please call to the school office and show the appointment card for the dentist, hospital letter or whatever is appropriate. Advance notice for appointments is really helpful as it ensures we know why your child is absent.

YEAR 6 - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All applications for Secondary Schools for children currently in Y6 must be done on-line and the deadline for this is October 31st 2019. If your application is not in before this, it will be deemed LATE and you may not get your choice of secondary school. If you have any queries or need help (or the use of a computer) please come in to see us and we will help you. Children who have sat 11+ and /or entrance exams for Upton Hall and St. Anselm's will have the results for these assessments before the deadline for application.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photograph day is later than usual and is Monday November 4th. We will remind parents again nearer the time but just wanted to let you know the date.



Parents do not need to take any action other than make sure the children are in full uniform and looking their best on the day. Each child will have an individual photograph which will be presented alongside a class photograph.



St. Alban's Primary School
Home School Association

***Please come along to the first H.S.A
meeting of the new school year – our AGM!***

Wednesday September 18th - 2pm in school

Help us to make plans for the year ahead

Everyone welcome – we need your help!!



**COME
TOGETHER**

