



# Newsletter to Parents

## January 7<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everybody and best wishes for good health and happiness in 2020. Hopefully, it will be a great year for St. Alban's and all our families. At the end of term, we had a wonderful last day in school saying goodbye to Mrs Frost who has sent a note of thanks which is printed overleaf.



This term it is heads down and lots of hard work for everyone to ensure that all the children make good progress. It is essential that good attendance is maintained to help this. We do not wish sick children to be in school but equally, good attendance is so important for progress that children must not be off unless they are really unwell. We will soon be sending out individual attendance data for every child so that you can see if your child is meeting the target of 95%. If they are not, good attendance this term will help them towards achieving it.

We expect the children to work with effort and concentration in school and we always have high expectations of behaviour. This is the message we will be giving to the children and we know that you will be encouraging them and supporting us with this. Parents' evenings will be held later in the term but if you have concerns about anything, please arrange to see myself or the class teacher. It is often easier to resolve small concerns before they have the chance to develop and become bigger issues. I will be available every morning, as the children arrive, until 9.15, or you can make an appointment to see me any afternoon apart from Tuesday as I will be teaching.

With best wishes,

Mrs A. T. Evans  
Acting Headteacher

### **FIRST FORGIVENESS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Letters will be going out this week to children in **Year 3** about the programme for preparation to receive these sacraments for the first time. If your child is in **Y4, Y5 or Y6** and has **not** made their First Communion, they are also invited to join the programme – please see the school office for a letter. **Children MUST already be baptised** and evidence of this is required. Parents should return the Enrolment form with the letter to the school office as soon as possible and no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>. Our programme starts on February 9<sup>th</sup> with the Enrolment Mass and all information needs to be checked by the Parish office before that.

### **ADMISSION TO SCHOOL for SEPTEMBER 2020**

**The deadline for applications is January 15<sup>th</sup>. Those who apply late may not get their first choice of school. If you know anyone with a child who will be 4 before August 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, please check that they have applied for a school place.**



### **OAKLANDS MEETING**

There will be a meeting about Oaklands for parents of our current Y5 children later this half term. Full details will follow once Mr. Maguire has received confirmation of the dates and cost of the residential.

## SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Come and join us for the 9.30am Parish Mass this Sunday. It will be led by children from Year 4 and F2 but everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there.



### UNIFORM

Your support in ensuring good standards of uniform – green jumpers / cardigans; school ties, sensible black school shoes and so on – is greatly appreciated. Our policy regarding earrings is that they should not be worn to school and this is in line with the Local Authority Health and Safety Policy. However, plastic posts are safe for the playground and P.E. so it is no problem for the children to wear those.



### PARKING AND SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOL

There are regular reminders about the safety issues relating to parking outside school. However, there continue to be incidents that cause concern and there were a few just before Christmas.

Our school is situated in a difficult location and there is little we can do about that. We can however, ensure safety is our number 1 consideration. If possible, park away from Ashburton Road and walk the last bit, and under no circumstances park on double yellow lines, zig-zag areas or mount the pavement. I would also request that parents please be respectful of the residents of Ashburton Road and help us to maintain good relationships with our neighbours. Please consider these points carefully and ensure that our children are kept safe at all times. Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter.



Dear Parents and Children,

I just want to say a huge thank you to you all for all your good wishes and generous gifts as I finished at St. Alban's. I had the most wonderful last week and especially my last day. My Leaving Mass was beautiful and the Assembly in the afternoon was so much fun – I hope the children told you all about it! There were a few tears but so much laughter!



It was just an absolute joy and huge thanks to the staff, especially Mrs Evans, for organising it all. I will be thinking of you all very often and once again, many thanks and very best wishes for 2020.

I will miss you all!

Love from Mrs Frost x

