



# St Alban's Newsletter

13th January 2017, 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



## Wednesday Word – LOVE

13th January - St Kentigern, 18th January - Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

### Possible New Catholic Schools in East Anglia

The Diocese of East Anglia is intending to submit bids for up to eight new Catholic schools across the region. These bids will be submitted in March and if successful, schools could open as early as 2019. Primary schools are being proposed in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Thetford and Norwich. A Catholic high school is being proposed in West Cambourne, Cambridgeshire and possibly a sixth form in Norwich. More information about these proposals can be found on the Diocese's website <http://rcdea.org.uk/freeschools/>. There is also the opportunity to register your interest in these new schools, which will also allow the Diocese to keep you updated on the proposals. It is important that as many people as possible register their interest on the website as this will provide strong evidence to the government of the need for Catholic schools in East Anglia, making the bids more likely to succeed.

[Click here](#) for indicating your interest in our proposed new schools.

### School Census

On Thursday the 19 January we have the school census which is very important to us because of funding, specifically the number of children receiving school dinners. Part of our funding is based on the number of children having school dinners on the census day. Although we have a healthy number it would be good to get as many as possible having a dinner on the day. So we would like you to consider this option next week please. Every penny counts. Thank you for your support.

### Weather

In the unlikely event of the school closing due to bad weather, you will be informed before 8am on the morning. St Bede's opened today at 11.00 because of the trouble the buses faced. We do not have this issue and will always look to keep the school open.

Please make sure your child is suitably dressed for the winter as the children will be allowed to play outside

### PFA News

A huge thank you to Year 5 for their fantastic cake sale last Friday, which raised a brilliant £136.26. And a big thank you to everyone who came and bought cake!

We have a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale on Wednesday 18 January at 3.15pm (subject to weather). Please come along to shop for school uniform and donate any outgrown uniform you have to help raise money for the school. We need logo jumpers, cardigans, t-shirts, jackets, bags etc. and the plain stuff too, trousers, skirts etc. Do make sure that clothes are clean and bagged. Items should be in good condition but we're generally happy to accept any items as long as they meet school uniform requirements. We'd be very grateful for any help you can give setting up before the sale too; if you can help, please let us know at [stalbanspfa@gmail.com](mailto:stalbanspfa@gmail.com).

Finally, to say we have our next PFA meeting on Tuesday 24 January after school drop off. Please come along to help with planning future fundraising events. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits!

### Achievements

Please email the office with your child's achievements for December/January.

**Latin club** will be back on Tuesday 17th January.

### February Half Term Tennis Camps

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Quiz

Who gets baptised in the gospel reading this week?

What symbol of the Holy Spirit does John see fly down?

What other invisible symbol reminds us of the Holy Spirit and its strength?

### Homework

Y3-Making and ordering numbers P.11

Y4-Number Challenge

Y5-Perimeter P.37

Y6-Algebra Worksheet

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