



# St Alban's Newsletter

## 10th February 2017, 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time



### Wednesday Word – TEACHER

14th February-Sts. Cyril and Methodius

Happy Valentine's day!



#### Goodbye Mr Gawthorpe

Mr Gawthorpe leaves us today with all our best wishes and sincere thanks. He has been a very popular member of staff with the children and parents. He has made a considerable impact in his time with us but now it is time to say goodbye. Thank you Mr Gawthorpe!

#### New Year 5 teacher

We are delighted to welcome Mr Chappell to the staff who is replacing Mr Gawthorpe. Mr Chappell is an experienced teacher and has taught in primary and secondary schools.

#### Education Welfare Officer – School attendance and punctuality

New rules and regulations have come in to practice this school year and the county's Education Welfare Office (EWO) visits our school each half term to go through our attendance register looking at absences (both unauthorised and authorised - including illness) and lateness. These visits are a Government requirement and we are required to send letters when attendance is below 94%. We are also required to send letters when there are more than 4 occasions of lateness in any one half term. The EWO checks for evidence of the letters we've sent on their next visit. If you receive one of these letters can you please understand that this is a Government requirement. All sickness must be reported each day by 9.30am. For your interest Year 2 achieved a first at the school. They were all present and all arrived at school on time! Which class will be next to do this?

#### We need your support

As you will be aware the diocese is hoping to open three schools in Cambridgeshire; 2 primary and 1 secondary. However, this will only happen if the diocese is successful with its application. There will be other schools, companies and other faiths bidding for the same schools. So it is important we get as much support as possible. **THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MUST SHOW THERE IS A NEED FOR A FAITH SCHOOL.** To do this we must get as many people as we know to register or complete the forms we sent out last week. So far it looks as if the Catholic community is not too concerned about building more catholic schools because only 75 people have registered an interest in Cherry Hinton and 36 in Cambourne. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO SPREAD THE WORD.** This could be the last chance we get to increase Catholic provision and you can play a major part in this. All you have to do is tell people about this campaign and ask them to sign up. Forward the poster and registration on to others. Use social media as we need **MORE** interest. Ask to put this poster up in places where young children and families gather. The diocese is approaching various groups with flyers but we need your help with your local intelligence and contacts. Thank you.

[Link to the poster](#)

#### Lent

In preparations for Lent the Years 4,5 and 6 will be going to confession on Thursday 23, Friday 24 and Monday 27 February at 9.30 in the church. The whole school will receive their Ashes at a short service in the school on Wednesday 1 March . Parents are welcome to join us.

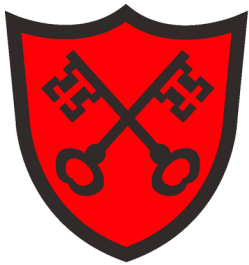
#### Home School Agreement

Some parents have been asking if this document is legally binding. The answer is NO. The Home School Agreement was an initiative introduced by the government many years ago as a tool to develop the relationship and trust between the school, home and child. It is reviewed by the School Council every year and the children and parents are encouraged to read it together and refer to it as a reminder of the expectations agreed. As mentioned the intention is to have a reference point in the home so most families have it displayed on the fridge or a notice board.

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## **PFA**

Thank you for all who have supported the many cake stalls this half term. The Curry & Ceilidh night is back by popular demand on 24 February (7.30-11.30pm). It is a big fundraiser for the school as well as being a great chance to socialise with other parents or to invite your friends and family to a fun evening, so we really hope you'll be able to join us. Tickets are on sale at the school gates. The money raised by the PFA goes towards Science Week, school trips, and classroom activities so parental support for the PFA is greatly appreciated. If you can't attend, but would like to support the PFA in another way, we welcome raffle ticket purchases, cash donations (which bring us extra Gift Aid revenue) and any time you can spare to volunteer assistance at PFA events.

## **Raspberry Pi Big Birthday Weekend**

4th&5th March 2017 at Cambridge Junction. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **Half term**

Next week the children are on holiday. Whatever you are doing have a happy and a safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 20 February.

## **Homework**

Y3-3,4 and 8 Times Tables, Y4-Times Tables , Y5-Fractions Page11, Y6-Fact/Opinion Worksheet

## **Quiz**

1. What is the Wednesday Word this week?
2. Why are people wearing a green heart on Valentine's Day?
3. Find the missing word - "Whoever practices and teaches these commands, will be called great in the kingdom of \*\*\*\*\*"

**Have a happy and a safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you return on  
Monday 20 February**