



St Alban's Newsletter

24th February 2017, 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Wednesday Word – GOD'S KINGDOM

28th February-St David, 1st March-Ash Wednesday-Day of Fasting & Abstinence, 3rd March-Women's World Day of Prayer

Ash Wednesday

All parents are invited to join the children in the school hall on Wednesday at 9.30 for a short Ash Wednesday service and the distribution of the ashes.

Stations of the cross

During Lent each class in KS2 will be visiting the church on a Friday morning at 9.30 and taking part in the Stations of the Cross service. Parents are welcome to join the children

Y4 10th March

Y5 17th March

Y6 24th March

Y3 31st March

Sorrowful mysteries

As part of learning the rosary the focus this term will be The Sorrowful Mysteries. Each Monday morning Mr McCrossan will be leading the assembly and discussing the various mysteries in the Sorrowful Mysteries. The children are invited to bring in their rosary beads for the assembly when they will be saying a decade of the rosary.

Confessions

Prior to Ash Wednesday Years 4,5 & 6 will be going to confession

Friday mass

During Lent OLEM will have a 12.15 mass every Friday. As part of our partnership with OLEM children are invited to attend the mass with their parents. Any parent who is able to do this will be offered a free lunch (Fish Finger Friday and the Chip Shop Chips), as we recognise you will be either coming out of work or coming away from other commitments. If you would like to take up this offer, lunch will be at 11.45, enough time before mass. To book a place please contact the office the week before you intend to join your son/daughter. Each week a mass will be offered for every class but other parents are welcome to join.

Friday 3rd Yr 6

Friday 10th Yr 5

Friday 17th Yr 4

Friday 24th Yr 3

Friday 31st Yr Rec, 1 and 2

Lenten booklets

Today the children are bringing home a Lenten Booklet which has some simple activities, thoughts and stories for the children to reflect on during Lent. Please take some time to look through this with your son/daughter.

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday)

Whether your child has a school dinner or not, all children will be offered a pancake on Tuesday. Our thanks to Alba and the rest of the kitchen team for this kind gesture.

School Bid

Please keep telling people about registering an interest in the new schools and completing the [short online questionnaire](#). Thank you.

Workshop Tuesday 25 April

In the first week of the Summer term, as we get close to the tests, we would like to invite you to a workshop to discuss more about how we are assessing your child. Also, to explain the impact of "Scaled Scores" and what is meant by "working towards the standard" and "working at the standard". There will also be an opportunity to look at examples of the tests the children have been doing and will be taking. There will be three options: 9.30 am, 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm. This is open to all parents in the school.

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Class teacher

We will be advertising for a Year 5 teacher to start in the Autumn term ([Link to an advert](#)). We hope to have interviews on the 24 April.

Parent Consultation

Wednesday 22 March and Thursday 23 March

Information to follow about booking an appointment with your class teacher.

World Book Day 2nd March

The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. This year each child is invited to write a short story about their character. There will be a prize for each Key Stage. **This is not obligatory.**

Reception class are to draw a picture and write a short sentence to describe their character

KS1 children to write a short story about their character – no more than one page

KS2 To write a short story which has the most interesting and exciting twist

PFA News

The Year 3 cake sale raised a fantastic £130.50, despite near-Arctic temperatures, not to mention snow... Thank you to everyone who brought, bought and sold cakes! The next cake sale will be in the Summer Term.

Our next fundraising event will be a children's sponsored 'Jazzerthon' on 23 March. Sponsorship forms will be appearing in school bags next week, so please ask family, friends, work colleagues and anyone you can think of to sponsor your child(ren) generously. This will help to raise money for children's school trips, equipment and other activities...

So sorry we had to postpone tonight's Curry & Ceilidh. Good news is that a new event date will be announced in the coming days and tickets will be back on sale. Do hold onto existing tickets, as these will get you into the next event! And again, sincere apologies for the inconvenience this postponement has caused to those fabulous people who bought tickets.

The next PFA meeting is at 7.30pm, Tuesday 7 March, at the Burleigh Arms, please come and join us, everyone is very welcome!

Football Thursday 2nd March Group B

Homework

Y3-Measuring mass

Y4-Multi-Step Fraction

Y5-Short Division P30

Y6-Arithmetic Division

Quiz

1. Which day next week marks the start of Lent?
2. Why do we make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday?
3. Where do we get the ashes from on Ash Wednesday?

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