

November 2009

Friday, 20 November 2009

## Do You Shop On Line?

If the answer is "YES",

why not help either the school or the PTA by using either:  
 "www.easyfundraising.org.uk" or " www.buy.at/ourschoolstalbans"

The sites have links to shops like; Asda, John Lewis, ToysRus, Body Shop and many, many more.

Each site has a "Price Promise", buy.at states, "You pay exactly the same price as on the retailers main sites, often lower than on the high street." The school will earn commission from the retailers out of their profit margin.

### So how does it work?

Go to the above sites:

At **buy.at/ourschoolstalbans** go to the, "Become a member" icon and follow the link, complete the information. Any shopping purchased here will support the school.



At **easyfundraising.org.uk** go to the, "register as a user", link. This takes you to a registration form, the first line of which asks you to complete which cause you support. Enter "St Alban's Catholic Primary School PTA" press search then tick the button "please choose" ~ at the moment there is just one ~ ourselves. Complete the rest of the details.

Once you are registered you don't need to complete the details again. Now you can shop!

Donations to the school vary from a flat rate ~ Direct Line Home Insurance donation of £50, to a percentage rate Hewlett Packard orders 4%.

### But what happens if I don't shop on line?



Have a go! Or just visit the site. Maybe you can pass on the details to relatives and friends any support will be gratefully received.

Happy Christmas Shopping

Telephone 01332 673823

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#### Special Points

- PTA Craft Fayre Friday 27th November
- Whole School Closure ~ Monday 4th January 2010

## Reception Admission 2010

Parents whose children will be aged 5 between September 1st 2010 and August 31st 2011 will need to complete a Common Application Form, a similar system to Secondary transfer. Forms were sent out on Friday 6th November. For admission to a Catholic School, parents will need to complete a separate supplementary form as well.

Applications should be returned to Derby City by Friday 18th December 2009. Please make sure you get an acknowledgement from Derby City.

## Governors Building Fund



**Thank You** to all the parents who have replied and sent in donations for this years building fund.

So far we have received just over £2,000, which includes a donation of £1,000 from St Alban's Parish.

## Teachers 2 Parents

We are presently trialling a text messaging service. This will enable us to contact you to remind you of events, after school clubs, cancellations, PTA events, school closure due to weather conditions

However, for the system to work efficiently, we do need an up to date mobile telephone number. If you get a new phone for Christmas please let us know.



If you haven't completed the form recently sent to parents please let us have your number as soon as possible.

## Vouchers



**Thank You** ~ for your support in collecting all sorts of vouchers. The Morrisons: Let's Grow scheme was a great success. We collected 3,354 vouchers, which has enabled Mrs Macquisten to order 2 raised beds, 2 mini greenhouses, 2 tubtrugs and a watering can.

## Children Arriving Early

With the darker, colder, wet mornings please can you make sure that children don't arrive too early. Some are arriving as early as 8:15 which means they are standing outside for at least half an hour. If there is a very good reason for your child to be here so early please let us know.



*Children's Corner*

*Which famous footballer is hidden in these letters?*

V D N R T E G R S E R A E

Fax 01332 671498

## Maths Calculation Booklet

The staff in school have been busy putting together a maths calculation booklet. We all hope that you will find it beneficial in supporting your child at home.

The booklet is divided into the four rules of number and takes small steps in the child's progress. The staff are also going to use the same steps to success in school. If you are concerned about anything in the booklet please contact your child's teacher.



The maths event after school was disappointing with so few parents, but I hope those that did attend found it interesting, informative and fun!

## Free School Meals

Is your child entitled to free school? **Did you know it makes a difference to our school budget if they are?** The children can still stay sandwiches if you so wish.

Children whose parents receive the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income support
- Income based Jobseeker's allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, providing they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual income as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,040
- Guarantee credit element of State Pension Credit

Further information is available from:

[www.derby.gov.uk/ChildrenSchoolsFamilies/SchoolsLifelongLearning/GeneralInfo/SchoolCateringService/Free+School+Meals.htm](http://www.derby.gov.uk/ChildrenSchoolsFamilies/SchoolsLifelongLearning/GeneralInfo/SchoolCateringService/Free+School+Meals.htm)

## Plays, Concerts and Parties

As we head towards the end of the Autumn Term, children are already starting to prepare for their **Christmas Concerts**. The dates and times are listed below:

### Key Stage 2

Monday 7th December	1:30pm	Junior Hall
Thursday 10th December	7:00pm	Junior Hall

### Key Stage 1

Thursday 10th December	2:00 pm	Infant Hall
Friday 11th December	2:00 pm	Infant Hall

### Foundation Stage

Monday 14th December	2:30 pm	Infant Hall
Tuesday 15th December	10:30 am	Infant Hall

The **Children's Parties** are:

### Key Stage 2

Lower years 3 & 4	Wednesday 16th December	1:00 pm	Junior hall
Upper years 5 & 6	Thursday 17th December	1:00 pm	Junior hall

### Key Stage 1

Years 1 & 2	Wednesday 16th December	1:00 pm	Infant hall
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### Foundation Stage

FS1 and FS2	Tuesday 15th December	1:00 pm	Infant hall
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**Christmas Carol Service**  
For everyone  
**Friday 18th December**  
At  
**2:00 pm**  
In the Junior Hall

## PTA Events

At the last PTA meeting a new committee was formed. A number of events have been arranged, please come along and support the hard working group.

<b>Tuesday 24th November</b>	<b>Bring a Bottle non uniform day</b>	
<b>Friday 27th November</b>	<b>PTA Craft Evening</b>	<b>3:30 pm Junior Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday 8th December</b>	<b>Family Disco</b>	<b>6:30 ~ 8:30 Junior Hall</b>

**Please come along and support the efforts of the PTA**

## Whole School Closures

The following dates have been set for whole school staff training:

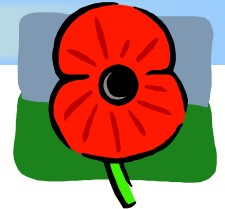
**Monday 4th January 2010 and Friday 5th March 2010**

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent book fair, also thank you to Mrs Hughes for organising it. It raised £122 which has been used to buy books for the school library

## Remembrance Service

Thank you to Mrs Wright's class and Mr Ronnie Smith for supporting the Remembrance Parade and Service at Chaddesden Park on Friday 6th November. The school raised £95.42 for the poppy appeal.



## Diary Dates

### NOVEMBER

Friday 20th	Anti Bullying assembly	
Tuesday 24th	Non Uniform PTA bring a bottle	
	Governors Meeting	7:45 pm
Friday 27th	Whole School Liturgy Miss Ziomek's Class	10:15 Infant Hall
	PTA Craft Fair Event	3:30 Infant Hall

### DECEMBER

Monday 7th	Key Stage Concert	1:30 Junior Hall
Tuesday 8th	PTA Christmas Family Disco	6:30 Junior Hall
Wednesday 9th	School Christmas Lunch	
Thursday 10th	Key Stage 1 Concert	2:00 Infant Hall
	Key Stage 2 Concert	7:00 Junior Hall
Friday 11th	Key Stage 1 Concert	2:00 Infant Hall
Monday 14th	Foundation Stage Concert	2:30 Infant Hall
Tuesday 15th	Foundation Stage Concert	10:30 Infant Hall
	Foundation Stage Party	1:00 Infant Hall
Wednesday 16th	Key Stage 1	1:00 Infant Hall
	Lower Key Stage 2 Parties	1:00 Junior Hall
Thursday 17th	Upper Key Stage 2 Party	1:00 Junior Hall
Friday 18th	Carol Service	2:00 Junior Hall
	School Closes	3:30

### JANUARY 2010

Monday 4th	Inset Day school closed to Children	
Tuesday 5th	Children return for the new term	8:55