

OCTOBER 2009

Thursday 22nd October 2009

## WINTER UNIFORM



I As we are now well on the way to colder weather, may I take the opportunity to remind parents that all children should return to school on November 2nd in winter uniform. This

consists of shirt, tie, jumper, skirt/trousers. Polo shirts **must not** be worn.

I thank you, in advance, for your full cooperation in this matter.

## TRANSFER TO SECONDARY EDUCATION 2009

Parents of year 6 children should now have received information regarding secondary transfer. A number of parents have enquired about various issues.

- You need to complete the supplementary information for St Benedict School even if it is your second or third choice.
- You need to contact St John Houghton School for a supplementary form, and return it to them, if you have put them as one of your choices.
- You do not have to fill in all of the choices.
- If you need a copy of a baptismal form please see Fr Murphy at St. Alban's who may be able to help.
- Please return the form as soon as possible to Derby City.
- It is also possible to complete on-line applications on [www.derby.gov.uk](http://www.derby.gov.uk)
- Make sure you receive an acknowledgement

**It is vital that all deadlines are kept to.**

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### Special Points

- Secondary Transfer forms
- Dinner money price increase

## RECEPTION ADMISSION 2010

Parents whose children will be 5 between September 1st 2010 and August 31st 2011 will need to complete a Common Application Form, a similar system to Secondary transfer. Forms should be available just before half term. For admission to a Catholic School, parents will need to complete a separate supplementary form as well.

Further information will be issued as soon as the school receives it.

## BUILDING FUND ~ A REMINDER

Firstly, on behalf of the Governors, staff and especially the children, I would like to thank the parents who have already sent in donations.

### Why do the governors ask for donations?

As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governors have to find 10% of any building costs. Although the school receives a grant for major building projects from the government, the school still has to pay a 10% contribution to the total cost.

An example of this is: an invoice for £35,000 the government would pay £31,500 the school then has to find the balance of £3,500.

### Why are building costs so high?

As a school we have to go out to tender for building work. This work is carried out by a firm who is employed by the majority of Catholic schools in the Diocese. The successful firm has to conform to a large number of health and safety issues as well as insurance protection.

### Why can't the school budget pay the 10%?

It could, and does, as we never receive enough money from parents donations. This of course has an impact on the budget and therefore reduces resources and could effect staffing numbers.

### Why is it only St Alban's School asking for donations?

It isn't, most Catholic schools ask for donations towards building work. However it is true that community schools don't as they do not have to find the 10%.

### What needs to be done?

Last summer the governors received a condition survey from Derby City Council Priority 1: (most urgent) costs amounted to £69,959.46 Priority 2: £205,248.52 and Priority 3: £237,880.73

Education is free, long may this continue, but the cost of our buildings is not. We honestly need everyone's help, no matter how small. Don't moan about being asked come and discuss it.

*Children's Corner*

**What phrase is represented here?**

**Seeing Seeing**

vision

Double

**Fax 01332 671498**

## Recycling Scheme



Thank you to all who supported the clothing recycling event. It raised £88.20 towards the building work at the top of the Infant Playground ~ our very own Greek amphitheatre! The next collection will be taking place on Tuesday 12th January 2010 ~ Just after Christmas!

## Children's Hygiene

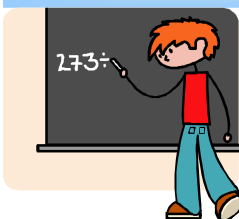
The school has purchased a significant number of Gel Disinfectants for classrooms and toilets to try and limit the spread of disease.

I would ask all parents to teach their the basic skills of hand washing. Children who have been ill should not return to school before 48 hours.

If your children is ill please ring the school on the first day of absence but also send in a letter when your child returns to school.



## Maths Information Evening



We will be holding a ICT Curriculum meeting on **Wednesday 11th November 4:00 pm** in the junior hall, This meeting is intended for all parents to attend and hopefully tea and coffee will be available. Staff and some children will demonstrate different aspects of the maths curriculum as well as some interest ICT maths software.

## Walking Wednesdays

The school is taking part in the Derby City "Walking to School" initiative. The idea is that children and families walk to school. Although we are taking part I realise that some parents live a substantial distance from school, and so to walk would be unrealistic. If, however, parents could park away from the school and walk from the shops or the park then that would be wonderful.



## Book Fair



Mrs Hughes has spoken to Scholastic Book Fairs regarding an exhibition of books for sale. She has organised this from **Tuesday 13th October to Tuesday 3rd November**. We realise that some of this time covers half term, but unfortunately they are unable to collect the fair on Thursday 22nd.

If you want to see Mrs Hughes about ordering books for Christmas please contact or pop in and see her.

*Children's Corner*

*Where would you find a rubber trumpet?* In an elastic band

Email [admin@stalbans.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stalbans.derby.sch.uk)

# Dinner Money Price Increase



As from November 2nd, the cost of a school lunch will be £2:00 per day, £10 per week. Cheques payable to Derby City Council.

## PTA Events

|                      |                     |                             |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Friday 27th November | PTA Christmas Fayre | 3:00 onwards in junior hall |
| Tuesday 8th December | Christmas Disco     | 6:30 in Junior Hall         |

## Whole School Closures

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

**Monday 4th January 2010**

**Friday 5th March 2010**

## Diary Dates

### NOVEMBER

|                |                             |         |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Monday 1st     | Children return to school   |         |
| Friday 6th     | Class Liturgy ~ Mrs Needham | 10:15   |
| Wednesday 11th | Maths Information Meeting   | 4:00 pm |
| Friday 13th    | Class Liturgy ~ Mrs Muldoon | 10:15   |
| Tuesday 17th   | Children's Photographs      | all day |
| Friday 20th    | Class Liturgy ~ Mrs Wright  | 10:15   |
| Friday 27th    | Class Liturgy ~ Miss Ziomek | 10:15   |
| Friday 27th    | PTA Christmas Fayre         | 3:00 pm |

### DECEMBER

|                |   |           |
|----------------|---|-----------|
| Friday 4th     | Class Liturgy ~ Mrs Johnson and Mrs Mendonca  | 10:15     |
| Wednesday 9th  | Christmas Lunch                               |           |
| Wednesday 16th | KS1 Christmas Party &<br>LKS2 Christmas Party |           |
| Thursday 17th  | UKS2 Christmas Party                          |           |
| Thursday 17th  | Christmas Carols at QUAD Centre               | 5:45—6:15 |
| Friday 18th    | End of term                                   |           |

### JANUARY

|             |                           |  |
|-------------|---------------------------|--|
| Monday 4th  | <b>INSET DAY</b>          |  |
| Tuesday 5th | Children return to school |  |