

OCTOBER 2010

Wednesday 20th October 2010

TRANSFER TO SECONDARY EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 2011

A reminder to Parents of Year 6 children

If you have not already done so please make sure that you have completed the secondary preference application form.

- 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/onlineadmissions
- Make sure you receive an acknowledgement

You must submit your application by 31st October 2010

RECEPTION ADMISSION 2011

Parents whose children will be 5 between September 1st 2011 and August 31st 2012 will need to complete a Common Application Form, a similar system to Secondary Transfer. Forms should be available just after half term, Wednesday 3rd November. 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.

SCHOOL SURVEY



We are constantly trying to improve the education that we offer the pupils of our school and are now at a stage in the school year, where we need you to tell us how well you think we are doing. This year it is a very comprehensive questionnaire. Please take time to complete the questions and return it as soon as possible. It would be very helpful if you can return it before half term.

The children will be completing an on-line survey after half term.

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SPECIAL POINTS

- **WANTED Morrison's Lets Grow Vouchers**
- **Whole School Closure Oct 22nd**

GOVERNORS BUILDING FUND

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 affect staffing numbers.

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

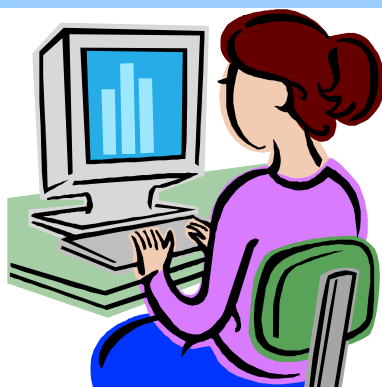
It isn't. Most Catholic schools ask for donations towards building work. However, it is true that community schools don't as they do not have to find the 10%.

What needs to be done?

This last summer we have had to have substantial work done to the flat roof on the junior building. The cost of which has come to £90,000, this means finding £9,000. We also had hoped to get a grant to provide shade on the infant and junior playgrounds as refurbishing and improving the Foundation Stage outside area being refurbished and improved. We will now try and use the Governors Building Fund to complete this but we will need to raise approximately £5,500.

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.

CEOP CHILD EXPLORATION ONLINE PROTECTION



As part of the school's commitment to safety we have asked Matthew Thurman (PCSO 3826) from Roe Farm Lane Police Station, to lead some lessons on on-line safety. He is seeing each of the classes in Key Stage 2.

He is also leading a parents' meeting on the same subject which all parents are invited to. This meeting is to be held on Wednesday 17th November at 6pm in the Infant Hall.

This can have an impact on anyone who has a computer at home. Please try to attend.

Children's Corner

What sort of horses do monsters ride?

Night mares

Fax 01332 671498

CHILDREN OF HONDURAS TRUST

Once again we are going to have a collection of old school uniforms, PE kits, Jeans, Children's clothes, shoes, Wellingtons, football boots and pasta and rice.

This will be collected by Mrs Jenny Cox, the founder of the trust, on Wednesday 3rd November at 10:15. She will be giving a talk and slide show, to the children, of the loading and unloading of the containers, as well as the schools we are supporting. You are very welcome to join us if you want to know more.

If you would like to send in anything it will be very much appreciated by St Alban's School and the people of Honduras. Visit www.chtrust.org.uk
With Grateful thanks ~ Mrs Jane Wells



SAFETY



Besides PCSO Matthew Thurman visiting school, we have also had the Derby City Road Safety Team visit year 2, to explore the damages of cross roads and safe parking. Derbyshire Fire Safety Team visited our year 2 and year 6 to discuss fire safety in the home especially leading up to Bonfire Night. The Derby City Bikeability Team took 22 year 6 children for a week's course on the roads around the school.

However, I would ask for your help in keeping the school safe. Please close the gates after you when either entering or leaving the school.

Also, any doors, please make sure they are shut and fastened. Thank you for your help in keeping our school a safe environment.

POPPIES

The school is selling poppies again this year. I hope the children can support this charity.

Mrs Wright, and Mr Smith, along with the children in Mrs. Wright's class, will be taking part in the local Remembrance Day Parade on Chaddesden Park. Mrs. Wright will let you know the details after half term.



WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSURES

This year staff training days are planned for:

Friday 22nd October 2010

Tuesday 4th January 2011

Monday 28th February 2011

Friday 8th July 2011

If there are any changes to these arrangements then we will keep you informed as soon as possible.



Children's Corner

Mr Booton was walking around the classes and saw Peter doing some maths. "Peter why are you doing your maths multiplication on the floor?" Peter answered, "I've been told to do my work without using any tables!"

Email admin@stalbans.derby.sch.uk

RECYCLING DAY

Thank you to all who supported the clothing recycling event. It raised £9.90 this may not seem very much but every penny helps the building fund. The next collection will be taking place on Friday 12th November 2010 ~ Just before Christmas, so that you can make space for all your new outfits!



PARENT'S EVENING



Parents Evening will be held tomorrow evening Thursday 21st October from 4—7:00 pm.

BLUE DAY

Anti Bullying week is being held in school, during the week beginning Monday 15th November. We will be holding a blue day on the Friday of that week, Friday 19th



PTA EVENTS



This Friday, October 22nd, the PTA have organised a fashion show and sale. It will start at 7:30 pm, entrance is £5 which includes a glass of wine. All the funds raised by the PTA at this event are for Protective Shelters in the playgrounds for OUR CHILDREN. Please come and support this event.

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Thursday 21st	CEOP training Mrs Smalley's and Miss Gadsby's class Parents' Evening	1 to 3:30pm 4:00
Friday 22nd	Whole School Closure PTA Fashion Show	7:30 Junior Hall
Monday 25th	HALF TERM	

NOVEMBER

Monday 1st	Return to school Governor training ~ St Werburgh's School	7:00 pm
Tuesday 2nd	Playing for Success ~ group at Pride Park	3:30
Friday 5th	Class Liturgy ~ Mrs Royle	10:15
Friday 12th	Class Liturgy ~ Mrs Mendonca Recycling Day	10:15
Tuesday 16th	Road Safety ~ Year 2	afternoon
Friday 19th	Class Liturgy ~ Mrs Smalley	10:15
Tuesday 23rd	Tempest Individual Photographs	all day
Friday 26th	Class Liturgy ~ Miss Gadsby	10:15
Tuesday 30th	Governors Meeting	7:30

DECEMBER

Thursday 2nd	Governor training ~ Chaddesden Park Juniors School	7:00 pm
Friday 3rd	Class Liturgy ~ Mrs Sims	10:15
Friday 10th	Class Liturgy ~ Mrs Needham	10:15
Monday 13th	KS2 Concert dress rehearsal	am
	KS1 Concert	pm
Tuesday 14th	KS1 Concert	am
	KS2 Concert	pm
	KS2 Concert	evening
Friday 17th	Carol Concert for local community	pm
Tuesday 21st	End of Term	