

October 2011

Monday 7th November 2011

Belated October Newsletter

I apologise that the October Newsletter is a week late. But hope that the information is of help to all parents.

TRANSFER TO SECONDARY EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 2012

I hope that all year parents completed the Secondary transfer forms on time.

TRANSFER TO RECEPTION EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 2012

Today we received information about children's admission to Reception classes for September 2012.

If your child is due to start school in September 2012 you will need to complete an application form by **January 15th 2012**. This can be completed on line at www.derby.gov.uk/primapps. If you are requesting a place at a voluntary aided school you will also need to complete a "supplementary form" obtainable from either the school or downloaded at www.derby.gov.uk/admissions. These **Supplementary Forms** need to be returned to the school **NOT** Derby City.

A letter from Derby City will be sent out either today or tomorrow regarding the admission arrangements

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SPECIAL POINTS

- WANTED Relief Kitchen Staff

OFSTED NEWS

Parent View – Information for Schools

Parent View is Ofsted's new on-line questionnaire that allows parents and carers to give their views on their child's school at anytime of the year. Ofsted will use the information to help make decisions about which schools to inspect and when. The results will also be available to inspectors at the point of inspection.

Parents' and carers' perceptions are crucial in coming to a view about the effectiveness of a school. These views will form an essential element of the jigsaw of information Ofsted uses as part of our overall assessment of a school particularly when it comes to making decisions about which schools to inspect and when.

The 12 questions were carefully chosen to ensure that they cover a range of issues which are important to parents but are equally designed to provide Ofsted with the right information to support decisions about inspection. Parents and carers will not be able to reply using free text and Parent View does not replace the current arrangements for raising a complaint or notifying the appropriate body regarding concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child.

Parent View will also give head teachers and schools a direct route into gathering the views of their parent group. Results will be published in real-time and will be available on the website for schools, parents/carers and the general public.

A range of measures, including a registration process with password, have been put in place to ensure the security of the website is robust, and will treat schools fairly, while making sure it is accessible for parents to use. Systems are also in place to flag any potential signs of misuse and appropriate action will be taken where this is clear.

If a school has any concerns the headteacher/principal or the appropriate authority should write to Maria Dawes HMI, Principal Officer, Parental Engagement at Parentview@ofsted.gov.uk. If Ofsted suspects a particular survey for a school is being misused it will suspend the page presenting the results while it investigates.

We want to encourage all parents and carers to give their views and would appreciate schools encouraging parents and carers to use our site by giving the Parent View web-address and logo on their newsletters and website - <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>.

The logos and assets can be obtained by emailing enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk or through the inspection portal.

Further information about Parent View can be found on the Parent View web-site.

FURTHER OFSTED INFORMATION

The school was informed today that we are having a visit from Her Majesty's Inspectorate (HMI) tomorrow, Tuesday 8th November, as part of a monitoring programme.

Can I please ask that children do arrive on time tomorrow (8:55). The timetable will run as normal for a Tuesday, so years 5 and 6 will still have brass lessons and year 4 will still be going swimming.



Auntie Freeze

Children's Corner

***What do you get if you cross your
mum's sister with an Eskimo***

Fax 01332 671498

PARISH NEWS

ALTAR SERVERS

The parish is seeking children who would be interested in becoming altar servers. If your child has made their First Communion and is interested in this please contact Simon Baldwin: 678837 or Cheryl Shanks: 679642

Christmas Masses at St Alban's Church

6:30pm Christmas Eve at St Alban's

8:30 am Church on Oakwood

10:00 am Christmas Day at St Alban's



LITURGICAL LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Dates for whole school class liturgies (Wednesdays 10:15) and class masses (Wednesdays at 9:30)

Wednesday 9th November Miss Gadsby Class liturgy 10:15

Wednesday 16th November Mr Blurton Class liturgy 10:15

Wednesday 23rd November Miss Ruston Class Mass 9:30

Wednesday 23rd November Miss Grayston Class liturgy 10:15

Wednesday 30th November Mrs Royle Class liturgy 10:15

Wednesday 7th December Miss Ruston Class liturgy 10:15

Wednesday 7th December Foundation Stage Christingle 2:45

Wednesday 21st December Carol Service 2:30

WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSURES



This year staff training days are planned for:

Thursday 5th January 2012

Friday 6th January 2012

Friday 8th July 2012

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

THE DANGERS OF FACEBOOK

This may seem a trivial subject to be the subject of a newsletter, however we have recently had a letter from the local authority highlighting the careless and inappropriate use of social media sites such as Facebook. This is a growing problem not only by cyber bullying but also by parents using it to spread malicious gossip about parents and families. It can also be used by people trying to disguise themselves as youngsters. Please use media sites in an appropriate manner and if you do let your children use them please make sure you are aware of who they are contracting.



Email admin@stalbans.derby.sch.uk

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to all parents who attended the Parents' Evening.

PTA EVENTS



The Pumpkin Disco was a great success. Thank you to the parents and children who either brought in their pumpkins or came in fancy dress.

A special thank you to the PTA members who organised and ran the evening.

RECYCLING

Thank you to all those who have used the recycling container. The latest collection has raised £20.27.

Please continue to deposit your old clothes in the container.

BOOK FAYRE

Again thank you to everyone who supported the book fayre prior to half term. It raised over £300, a considerable amount, which is being put towards the cost of new books.

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 5th	Class Liturgy ~ Miss Gadsby's Class	10:15
Monday 14th	PTA Meeting	7:30
Wednesday 16th	Class Liturgy ~ Mr Blurton	10:15
Tuesday 22nd	Family Photographs	
Wednesday 23rd	Class Mass ~ Miss Ruston	9:30
	Class Liturgy ~ Miss Grayston	10:15
Wednesday 30th	Class Liturgy ~ Mrs Royle	10:15

DECEMBER

Wednesday 7th	Class Liturgy ~	Miss Ruston
10:15	Foundation	Stage ~ Christingle liturgy
	2:45	
Friday 9th	PTA Christmas	Disco
Sunday 11th	Carol Service	at St Alban's Church
3:00		
Week Beginning Monday 12th	Con-	certs
Wednesday 14th	School Christ-	mas Lunch
Week Beginning Monday 19th	Parties	
Wednesday 21st	School Closes	for Christmas ~ Christmas carols
2:00		



JANUARY 2012

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th	Whole School Inset	
Monday 9th	Children return to school	
	Panto in school	
Friday 20th	Mass in School	9:30
Wednesday 25th	Class mass ~ Mr Monaghan	9:30
Friday 27th	WoW Science Day	

FEBRUARY

Friday 10th	Break up for half term	
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