

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Friday 30th September 2011

## WELCOME BACK



At the start of another school year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new children and their families. I'm sure you will make them feel at home here at St. Alban's. We also welcome

Miss Ruston who will be teaching year 5/6 .

Also, after over 35 years here at St Alban's School, Miss Ziomek gave in her resignation on the last day of the school year. Mrs Hughes has also retired after a period of ill health. I would like to pay tribute to both members of staff, for their dedication and commitment to the children and families of St Alban's School.

## TRANSFER TO SECONDARY EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 2011

Parents of year 6 children should now have received information regarding secondary transfer.

Parents need to fill in an application ~ preferably on line. On the application you can apply for up to four schools, however, the fourth preference can only be for your catchment area school. If you live outside of the City you need to complete Derbyshire application forms.

Your list of preferred schools can include schools outside Derby City.

You will be able to apply from 9th September 2011.

Once you apply you will receive confirmation ~ if you do not contact Derby City immediately.

**You must submit your application by 31st October 2011**

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### SPECIAL POINTS

- WANTED Relief Kitchen Staff
- Whole School Closure Oct 21st

## RECEPTION ADMISSION 2011

Parents whose children will be 5 between September 1st 2012 and August 31st 2013 will need to complete a Common Application Form, as it is 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.



## GOVERNORS BUILDING FUND

Firstly, on behalf of the Governors, staff and especially the children, I would like to thank the parents who donated money last year.

Secondly, we need your support again. I realise that at the present moment money is very tight for everyone. However, we do need as much support as possible.

A letter from the governors will be sent out shortly asking for your help and support.

## CAR PARKING PROBLEMS

As soon as we return to school I receive a number of complaints from local residents regarding problems with parking. This isn't just a problem at St Alban's School but probably nearly any school. However, all parents can help and support.

- Please park in an appropriate space ~ not in front of peoples drives.
- Park further from the school and walk.
- Come by bike

Recently a parent spoke to me about a walking bus from the car park on Chaddesden Park. If you would or could support this or any other walking bus, please contact school



## DINNER MONEY

Please send in dinner money on a Monday morning in a sealed envelope, with name and class on it. If they are not stopping everyday it helps if you write the days that the child is having lunch on the envelope.



## RECYCLING SCHEME

Thank you to all who have supported the clothing recycling events. They have raised much needed cash for the school. Instead of there being a termly collection, we now have a recycling container on site. If you have unwanted clothes then please bring them to school and place them in the collection container, found on the front car park.

*Children's Corner*

*What do gnomes use to get to France?*

Cross channel fairies

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



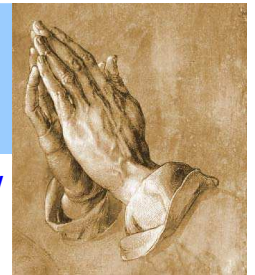
## SCIENCE WOW DAYS

Thank you to Mrs Squires for organising our first Science Day. The aim is for the school to focus on applying scientific investigations in a novel and interesting way, that will stimulate the children's enthusiasm for the subject. Unfortunately, we were expecting a visit by Scooby Doo, but I was informed late on Friday he had been called to another scientific incident elsewhere.

We would like to invite parents to come along and join in the science wow days.

## LITURGICAL LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

The school has changed the day we hold Class II liturgies. They will now be on a Wednesday morning at 10:15 am in the Junior Hall. Our next Liturgy is our Harvest Liturgy on Wednesday 5th October. If you are able to donate any items, such as tins and food items, please send them into the class teacher. Donations of perishable food, please bring in on Wednesday.



## WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSURES

This year staff training days are planned for:

- Friday 21st October 2011
- Thursday 5th January 2012
- Friday 6th January 2012
- Friday 6th July 2012

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

## MEDITATION IN SCHOOL

After lunch we are trying out a short meditation session of approximately 3 minutes. This follows our whole school Inset, which discussed ways of calming children down after lunch ready for the afternoon session. It may also support children who have anger management issues.

If you want to know more please contact the class teacher to discuss how it is being organised.



## HOLIDAYS

Taking a holiday in September may be cheaper but it is not very good for the children. They come back to school in new classes and some find settling in difficult. It is even more of a problem if they go on holiday straight away.



## PARENTS' EVENING

Parents evening will be held on Thursday 20th October from 4—7:00 pm. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

## PTA EVENTS

Last week the PTA met for the AGM and a new committee was formed. A number of events have been arranged, please come along and support the hard working group.

They are organising children's Christmas cards.

They are also hoping to hold a golf tournament in the new year 2012.

Further details will be sent out by the PTA

## SPANISH LESSONS

Would you like your child to learn Spanish? Mrs Shawcross is wondering if parents and children would to learn the language. The cost will be £3 per session after school on a Wednesday. Please let us know, with your name and address and contact number.

## RELIEF KITCHEN AND DINNER STAFF

If you would be interested in being on the relief kitchen or midday supervisor please contact the school on 673823.

## DIARY DATES

### OCTOBER

Wednesday 5th	Class Liturgy ~ Harvest Liturgy	10:15
Wednesday 12th	Class Mass ~ Mrs Muldoon	9:30
Friday 14th	PTA Pumpkin Disco	7:00 to 9:00 pm
Thursday 20th	Parents' Evening	4:00 to 7:00
Friday 21st	Whole School Closure ~ Science Break up for Half Term	
Monday 31st	Return after Half Term	

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1st	Mass in School ~ Feast of All Saints	9:30
Wednesday 5th	Class Liturgy ~ Miss Gadsby's Class	10:15
Monday 14th	PTA Meeting	7:30
Wednesday 16th	Class Liturgy ~ Mr Blurton	10:15
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
Week Beginning Monday 12th	Concerts	
Week Beginning Monday 19th	Parties	
Wednesday 21st	School Closes for Christmas	