

April 2009

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## Welcome

I would like to welcome warmly, Miss Beech who will be teaching the year 4 class this term. I very much hope that she and the children in the class enjoy this last term together.



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## Keeping People in Our Prayers



Over the Easter period it was very sad to hear the death of Mr. John Murphy, grand parent of Sean & Alex Keogh and Meghan Murphy. We also remember Rebecca and John Wroe's grand parent who died recently.

I would also like to thank the parents who have kept my wife in their prayers. Helen was diagnosed with cancer last September and is presently undergoing treatment.

If at any time parents would like the school community to keep people in our prayers please let us know.

## Dinner Money



Just a quick reminder that the price of a school lunch increase on April 20th to £1.85 a day, £9.25 a week. If you pay or would prefer to pay by cheque please make them payable "Derby City Council".

### Special Points

**Next  
Inset  
Day  
15th  
June**

## School Gardening Club



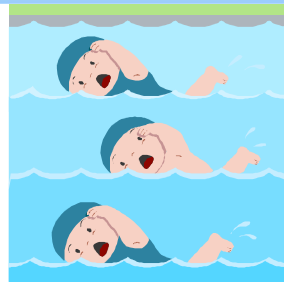
The Probationary Service has, over the last few months, been involved in developing an outside teaching and learning space. This includes areas for looking at habitats, a story telling area as well as areas for gardening.

We are hoping to develop this area further by the children growing vegetables and flowers. Are you or someone you know interested in helping children in a gardening club to be held after school. If enough parents, or even grandparents, can help we will be able to hold the club after school each evening. Mrs Macquisten has volunteered to help with club. Knowledge of gardening is not needed but anyone who can suggest ideas for what to grow are very welcome.

Now that the Probationary Service has completed that area, I am in the middle of putting a further plan together for them to develop another part of the school grounds.

## Free Swimming for under 16's

If you are aged 16 and under, or 60 and over, you can take the plunge and swim for free at any Derby City Council swimming pool. From 1st April 2009 you can swim at Moorways Swimming Pool and Queen's Leisure Centre in any of their casual swimming sessions.



Just go along to either swimming pool with proof that you are either 60 and over, or 16 and under, and complete a registration form, these are available in school or at the centre's reception. You will be issued with your Swim4Life membership card. For 16 and under to be able to be issued with a membership a parent or guardian will need to complete and sign the registration form.

There are 21 other swimming pools across Derbyshire that you can use with your card.

For further information visit [www.derby.gov.uk/freeswimming](http://www.derby.gov.uk/freeswimming)

## Summer Uniform



Now that we have started the summer term, children can wear a white polo shirt without their school tie. However, children shouldn't be wearing football shirts underneath. We also have a number of children who are wearing trainers throughout the entire school day. Children may change into trainers at break times but not wear them all the time.

Fax 01332 671498

## Class Newsletters



Parents should have received their child's spring term class newsletters either this week or next. These newsletters hopefully will keep you informed of what your child will be doing at school over this term. If you want further details please contact the class teacher. If you have mislaid them copies are available on the website, under curriculum.

## Key Stage 2 SATs

The year 6 should have received a letter about SATs week. We want to make this as stress free as possible. To support your children we will be running, for year 6 only, breakfast club every morning of SATs week. This will mean that the children can come in and relax and have a bite to eat.

The club will run from 8:30, with children being collected from the playground. The cost will be 50p per day to cover the cost of cereals, toast and fruit juice. If you have not informed Miss Biggs or Mrs Styles can you please do so as soon as possible.



## First Communion



The First Communion programme continues with a parents meeting next Tuesday 5th at 7:30 in St Alban's Parish Hall. Children's meetings continue on a Sunday during 10 o'clock mass.

The children's First Communion will take place on Sunday 17th May at 10am and 2pm.

## Behaviour

I would like to thank all the parents and children for their continued support towards a respectful environment. I would like to thank the children for their positive response and responsive attitude.

Although we will still have a few incidents of inappropriate behaviour and appalling language, there has been a big decrease in the number of occasions where children and their poor behaviour are having to be formally recorded.

Will all parents continue to support the school on trying to be a respectful community, this includes children's trips and visits. Parents can also support the school in the way they speak to each other outside the school gates.



# PTA News



The PTA held a very successful car rally on Sunday. My grateful thanks to Mr Collins and Mr Needs for organising the event and the time spent on working out the clues and route. Thank you to the parents who supported the day and congratulations to Vicky and Neal Ross.

# Diary Dates

## May

Friday 1st	Class liturgy ~ Miss Biggs	Infant Hall	10:15
Sunday 3rd	First Communion children's meeting	St Alban's	10:00
Monday 4th	Bank Holiday		
Tuesday 5th	Years 3, 4 and 5 QCA test Week		
	First Communion parents' meeting	St Alban's	7:30
Friday 8th	Class liturgy ~ Mrs Styles	Infant Hall	10:15
Sunday 10th	First Communion children's meeting	St Alban's	10:00
May 11th	Year 6 SATs Week		
Wednesday 13th	Warburtons year 1		
Friday 15th	Class liturgy ~ Mrs McNamara/Johnson	Infant Hall	10:15
Sunday 17th	First Holy Communion	St Alban's	10 and 2
Monday 18th	Year 5 Residential to Llandudno all week		
Friday 22nd	Class liturgy ~ Mrs Wright	Infant Hall	10:15
	Break up for half term ~ Year 5 return		

## June

Monday 1st	School reopens		
Thursday 4th	Fantastic 5's at St Benedict School	St Benedict School	4 to 6
Friday 5th	Class liturgy ~ Miss Ziomek	Infant Hall	10:15
Monday 8th	Year 6 Residential to The Briars		
	Height and Weight Reception children		
Tuesday 9th	Cafod Assembly	whole school	10:15
Wednesday 10th	Fire Safety Talk Year 2	in school	9:30
Friday 12th	Class liturgy ~ Mrs Needham	Infant Hall	10:15
Monday 15th	Whole School Closure		
Friday 19th	Class liturgy ~ Miss Beech	Infant Hall	10:15
Monday 22nd	Fire Safety Talk year 6	in school	9:30
	Height and Weight year 6		
Wednesday 24th	Climbing Wall year 6		
	New Parents (2009 reception class) meeting	infant Hall	
Thursday 25th	Climbing Wall year 6		
Friday 26th	Class liturgy ~ Mrs Tidbury	Infant Hall	10:15

## July

Friday 3rd	Class liturgy ~ Mrs Paterson	Infant Hall	10:15
Friday 10th	Class liturgy ~ Mrs Bradford	Infant Hall	10:15
Monday 20th	Sports Day am	School field	9:30
Wednesday 22nd	Leavers liturgy	Junior Hall	10:00
	School Break Up		