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A Belated Happy New Year

A rather belated Happy New Year to you all, children, parents and staff.

Although the signs of spring are appearing, bulbs peeping through the grass snowdrops already in flower, I don't think we have got over the worst of the weather.

Can I therefore, remind parents of the schools policy on bad weather. The safety of the children is of paramount importance. During bad weather, parents must make the decision at the start of the day. **If the school** could not open in the morning, due to heating failure etc, we would notify Radio Derby, they would then broadcast that information. **If there is no message, then the school is officially open.** If parents are concerned about deteriorating weather conditions, during the day, parents will be able to collect their children early. The school will not close early due to bad weather ~ unless there is a health and safety risk.



Special Points

- Inset Days
13th February and 13th March
- Parents' Science Information meeting
11th February

Radio Derby Wavelengths 104.5 FM
269 MW
1116 MW



Telephone 01332 673823

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

All parents should have received a letter about the Election of Parent Governors to the Governing Body of St Alban's School.

If you wish to stand for election you may nominate yourself as a candidate. No proposer or seconder is required but you must signify your intention to stand in writing by February 6th 2009. It would also be helpful if you would provide a short personal statement (maximum 100 words) with your nomination to circulate to parents.

Please send all nominations in a sealed envelope to:

Mrs J Cartlidge, Clerk to Governors, St Alban's Catholic Primary School.

Full details are available on the school website.



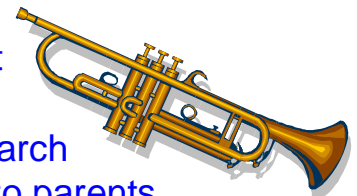
BRASS INSTRUMENT TUITION

Just a reminder to parents and children in Miss Biggs and Mrs Smalley's classes.



Children should take the brass instruments home and practice during the weekend and then bring the instrument back on Monday morning. There is a concert

planned for the children later this term, Sunday 29th March at the Assembly Rooms, Derby. Further details will be sent to parents once the school has received them.



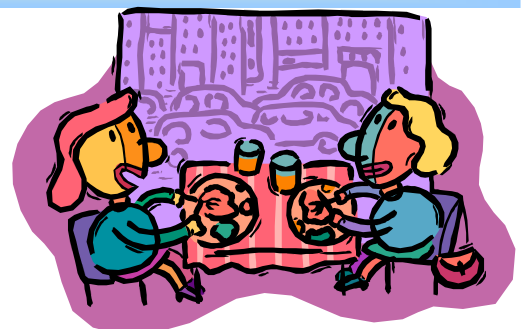
CLASS NEWSLETTERS



Parents should have also received their child's spring term class newsletters. 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.

DINNER MONEY

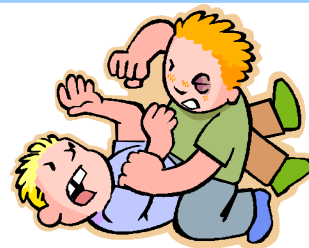
A reminder that Derby City have increased the cost of dinners from Monday January 5th 2009. This means a school meal has increased from £1:55 to £1:70. If you wish to pay by cheque for school lunches please remember to make cheques payable to **Derby City Council**. Please try and pay dinner money on a Monday.



Fax 01332 671498

BEHAVIOUR AND RESPECT

We have a number of children especially in years 5 and 6 showing a lack of respect towards other children, staff and visitors in our school. A number of children are using abusive language or derogatory names to other children. Not only are they letting themselves down but also their classmates and the school.



A number of children seem to want the last word and will answer back.

The school will not accept a lack of respect, inappropriate behaviour or abusive language from children at St Alban's.

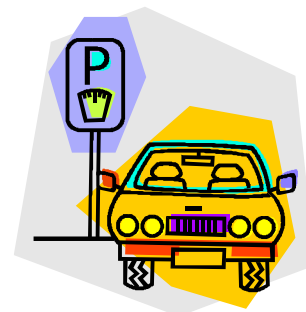
PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

This is a daily problem, especially at home time, around our school.

However, we are still having traffic problems in both Ismay Road and Lenton Avenue. Getting irate, being rude or swearing at other people does not help the situation.

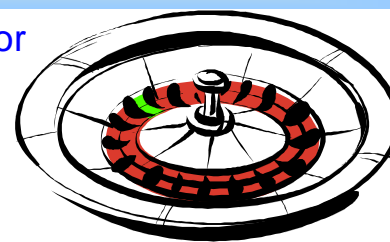
Our neighbours do have a right to be able to park on their drives. Please make sure you are not obstructing their means of access.

- As the days get brighter please use nearby car parks and walk to school to collect your children.
- Use other roads around the area rather than Ismay Road or Newstead Avenue.
- Parking right in front of the school gates does not help anyone.



PTA NEWS

The PTA have had to change the Casino Night planned for Friday 6th February, it is now going to be held on Friday 27th February. It is an evening for parents full of music and entertainment.



Also planned is a car rally on Sunday 26th April

The next PTA meeting is on 9th February at 7:30 in the school library.



EGGS

Mrs. Tomlinson is our free range, Happy Hen's eggs coordinator. If you would like to order any, please speak to Mrs. Tomlinson in the Nursery, the cost is £1 for half a dozen, £2 for a dozen.

FIRST COMMUNION / RECONCILIATION MEETINGS

Thank you to all the families who came to the initial meeting regarding your child making their first Reconciliation and Holy Communion. A reminder that the children's first meeting is this Sunday at 10 am at St Alban's Church. This is followed by the Enrolment and Welcome Mass on Sunday 8th February. The next parents' meeting is on Tuesday 10th March in the Parish Hall at 7:30. Meetings for the children continue on a Sunday morning at 10:00 mass.



DIARY DATES

January

Friday 30th Mrs McNamara & Mrs Johnson's Class Liturgy 10:15 Inf Hall

February

Sunday 1st First Reconciliation Meeting 10:00 Church
 Tuesday 3rd Year 6 Briars Parent Information meeting 7:00pm Inf Hall
 Friday 6th Class Liturgy Mrs Styles 10:15 Inf Hall
 Sunday 8th Welcome Mass ~ First Reconciliation 10:00 Church
 Monday 9th PTA Meeting 7:30 Library
 Wednesday 11th Parents' Science Information Meeting 4:00 Jun Hall
 Thursday 12th Children break up for half term
 Friday 13th Staff Inset Day
 Monday 23rd Return to School
 Friday 27th Golden Key theatre group presentation ~ yrs 3 to 6 1:30 Jun Hall
 PTA Casino Night 7:30 Inf Hall

March

Sunday 1st First Reconciliation Meeting 10:00 Church
 Friday 6th Class Liturgy ~ Mrs Wright's Class 10:15 Inf Hall
 Sunday 8th First Reconciliation Meeting 10:00 Church
 Thursday 12th Parents' evening 4:00 ~ 7:00
 Friday 13th Staff Inset Day