

March 2009 Newsletter.

Dear Parents,

Farewells & Welcomes.

As we say farewell to the spring term, there are further changes expected when school re-opens on Monday 20th April. It is with regret that we extend a sad farewell to Mr Roger Banner who has been recommended to terminate his contract on medical advice. He will be sorely missed by us all. We hope this will be of a short-term nature, so that he is available to help us in the future. Due to the time-constraints and the governor's desire to establish a suitable teacher who could offer a full term's commitment, I am delighted to say that Miss Joanna Beech has agreed to teach Year 4 for the summer term. She has already been in touch with Mrs Wright to discuss the planning and is looking forward to meeting the children on their return. The governors are aware that the Year 4 class has unfortunately suffered unexpected disruption due to staff promotion and subsequent changes and wish to assure parents that the progress of the children is being closely monitored.



It would seem appropriate to inform you that the governors have appointed a new Deputy Headteacher who will take up post in September. We will be welcoming Mr Andrew Monaghan onto the staff from next September and I am sure that you will extend to him (and indeed Miss Beech) your welcome and support.

70's Concert.

I would like to say a special 'Thank you' to the staff and children who have worked so hard with Mrs Wright getting ready for the end of term concert. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to perform their musical extravaganza and it was great to see so many parents able to attend and support the children's efforts.



Assembly Rooms Concert



Thank you to the children who participated in the brass band concert on Sunday, you are all a credit to your families and school, and I apologise for not being able to share the experience with you.

I understand that the children thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and the chance to play alongside a brass band.

School transport questionnaire.

All parents should have received a questionnaire from Derby City Council regarding Home-School transport. The removal of the transport for children especially to Catholic schools could have a serious detrimental effect on the Catholic nature of our schools. There will be an information evening at **St. Benedict's School** in the **Robert Ludlum Theatre** at North Block on **Monday 27th April 2009** at **6.30 p.m.** This meeting is to share the latest information on the bus situation and to discuss a campaign to oppose its removal. Please try to attend if you possibly can. I have copied an email I received yesterday:



Dear Headteacher,

We are a group of parents opposing the councils latest moves to take away our children's rights to school transport. As you know they have sent out a consultation form we are contacting you to urge you to remind your parents to fill these forms out either in paper form or on the councils website. Also to remind your

parents that there is a meeting on the 27th April at 6.30pm St Benedict's school in the Robert Ludlum theatre it would be lovely to see as much support from your school as possible. We have concerns that the long term consequences of the councils proposed action will have far reaching consequences to children in Derby's right to receive a catholic education.

If any of your parents are interested in further discussion on this issues please pass on our contact details, do feel free to put these on your newsletter.

Thank you so much for your time.

Kind regards
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Knowing God Better.



This is a fun and stimulating 7-talk / video series by David Payne. The meetings will be held at **St. Alban's Church** on Thursdays 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. on the following dates:

23rd April
7th & 21st May
4th & 18th June
2nd & 16th July

You can attend any or all of the sessions. They are open to anyone who may be interested.

NVQs Train to Gain.

I have recently been in touch with 'Tribal Education' who can offer a variety of courses for parents wishing to learn more about helping in schools. If anyone is interested, then please speak to the school office on our return to school after Easter.



Diary Dates

April

Sunday 19 th	First Holy Communion meeting	10:00 St Alban's Church
Monday 20 th	Return to School	
Tuesday 21 st	Year 2 Road Safety	
Friday 24 th	Class liturgy	10:15 Infant Hall
Sunday 26 th	First Holy Communion meeting	10:00 St Alban's Church
	PTA Car Rally	
Monday 27 th	Year 5 Wales meeting	7:00 Infant Hall
	Year 6 meeting with St Benedict Staff	
Tuesday 28 th	First Holy Communion Meeting	7:30 pm St Alban's Church

May

Friday 1 st	Class liturgy	10:15 Infant Hall
Tuesday 5 th	Test week for years 3 to 5	
	First Holy Communion Meeting	7:30 pm St Alban's Church
Friday 8 th	Class liturgy	10:15 Infant Hall
Sunday 10 th	First Holy Communion meeting	10:00 St Alban's Church
Monday 11 th	Year 6 SATs week	
Wednesday 13 th	Warburton's Mrs Needham's Class	
Sunday 17 th	First Holy Communion Celebration	10am and 2pm
Monday 18 th	Year 5 Wales all week	
Wednesday 20 th	Warburton's Miss Ziomek's Class	
Thursday 21 st	Warburton's Mrs Johnson's and Mrs. McNamara's Class	
Friday 22 nd	Class liturgy	10:15 Infant Hall

Children break up for half term