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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 seen the end of winter, but hopefully the worst of the bad weather is over.



Can I, 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 parents via the school text messaging service as well informing Radio Derby; they would then broadcast that information. **If there is no message, then the school is officially open.** Any parents concerned about deteriorating weather conditions, during the day 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.

Radio Derby Wavelengths 104.5 FM
269 MW
1116 MW



Special Points

- Inset Day Friday 5th March.
- Parents' Evening Thursday 4th March.
- Please remember in your prayers, Miss Hester who died recently.

CONGRATULATIONS



Everyone in school would like to pass on their congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Monaghan on the safe arrival of their daughter Hannah Evelyn. Both mother and baby are fit and well, although, the dad is a bit tired!



FIRST COMMUNION / RECONCILIATION MEETINGS

Thank you to all the families who came to the initial meeting regarding their child making their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, on Tuesday evening. A reminder that the children's first meeting will be held on Sunday February 7th at 10 am at St Alban's Church. This is followed by a parents' meeting at 7:30 on Tuesday 9th February. The Enrolment and Welcome Mass is on Sunday 14th February. The dates of further meetings are listed below:

Sunday 28th February	10:00	Children's meeting
Tuesday 2nd March	7:30	Parents' meeting
Sunday 7th March	10:00	Children's meeting
Tuesday 9th March	7:30	Parents' meeting
Sunday 14th March	10:00	Children's meeting
Sunday 21st March	10:00	Children's meeting
Saturday 27th March	10:00	First Reconciliation
Sunday 18th April	10:00	Children's meeting
Tuesday 20th April	7:30	Parents' meeting
Sunday 25th April	10:00	Children's meeting
Tuesday 27th April	7:30	Parents' meeting
Sunday 2nd May	10:00	Children's meeting
Sunday 9th May	10:00	Children's meeting
Saturday 15th May	10 or 11:00	First Communion Practice
Sunday 16th May	10 or 2:00	First Communion



SUPPORTING FAMILIES OVERSEAS

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their generosity towards our requests to support overseas development. Jennifer Cox visited school last week to talk to the children about how our continued support is helping children in two schools in Honduras. Our knitting club, organised by Mrs Wells and Mrs Squires, has made blankets for families, whilst parents have kindly donated pasta and shoes for the schools. If you want to know more you can email Mrs Cox at jenn@chtrust.demon.co.uk or look at the web site at www.chtrust.org.uk.



Secondly, with your help, we are continuing this support and hope to be able to write to the children in Honduras.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE

Probably, we have all seen the devastation caused to both humans and buildings by the earthquake in Haiti, . I find it difficult to put myself in their position. You see the pictures, hear the commentary, but still can't place yourself in their plight. I asked the children in assembly, shortly after the event, to think about giving a little of their pocket money to support the population of Haiti. A number did bring in a donation, for which I am very thankful.



The school has, in the past three weeks, already asked you for donations towards our Honduras appeal and the sponsored sports event. I suggested to the staff that part of the sponsored event is given to support the "Earthquake Appeal". I hope that parents will support this decision.

If any child would still like to contribute some of their pocket money, then of course they are welcome to do so.

SAFETY IN AND AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Children's safety is always of paramount importance to the school and I'm sure all parents as well. Can you please help the school in a number of ways.

- Close pedestrian gates after you.
- Don't leave external doors open or ajar (this isn't just down to parents)
- Only use the main entrance to come into school.
- Please don't ask children to open doors to let you in.
- Please park cars in a sensible manner

On the last of these points the school is going to run a competition for children. I've been in discussion with representatives from Derby City Council and our local residents to see if the school can design road safety posters which will be displayed around our school. I am hoping to organise this next week.



Email admin@stalbans.derby.sch.uk

SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

I would like to thank Miss Biggs for organizing this event. Robert Payne, who is a member of the British gymnastics Team demonstrated skills and explained that if you want to do well in life you have to work hard to achieve it. The event itself proved to be a great success. The children were extremely enthusiastic to participate in the event; as well as raising money for both the school and the Sports for Schools charity. The total raised has now reached a massive £1,000.



As I have previously written, part of this we will be sending to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal.

RECYCLING CLOTHES ETC



Thank you to everyone who brought in items of clothing etc for recycling. It raised £50.40 towards school funds. They will be visiting again on Friday 14th May.

DIARY DATES

February

Tuesday 2nd	Year 6 a talk by the Fire Brigade	9:00
Friday 5th	Class Liturgy Mrs. Muldoon's Class	10:15 Inf Hall
Monday 8th	PTA Meeting ~ provisional	7:30 Library
Tuesday 9th	Reconciliation Parents Meeting	7:30 Church
Friday 12th	Class Liturgy Miss Ziomek's Class (change of date)	10:15 Inf Hall
Friday 12th	Children break up for half term	
Sunday 14th	First Holy Communion / Reconciliation Enrolment	10:00 Church
Tuesday 16th	Shrove Tuesday	
Wednesday 17th	Ash Wednesday	
Monday 22nd	Children Return to School	
Friday 26th	Class Liturgy Mrs. Tidbury's Class (change of date)	10:15 Inf Hall
Sunday 28th	Reconciliation Children's Meeting	10:00 Church

March

Tuesday 2nd	Reconciliation Parents Meeting	7:30 Church
Thursday 4th	Tempest Class Photographs Parents' Evening	4:00 ~ 7:00
Friday 5th	Whole School Inset	
Sunday 7th	Reconciliation Children's Meeting	10:00 Church
Tuesday 9th	Reconciliation Parents Meeting	7:30 Church
Friday 12th	Class Liturgy Mrs. Mendonca's Class	10:15 Inf Hall
Sunday 14th	Reconciliation Children's Meeting	10:00 Church
Friday 19th	Class Liturgy Mrs. Needham's Class	10:15 Inf Hall
Sunday 21st	Reconciliation Children's Meeting	10:00 Church
Friday 19th	Class Liturgy Mrs. Wright's Class	10:15 Inf Hall
Saturday 27th	First Reconciliation Service	10:00 Church