

APRIL 2011

Friday 1st April 2011

Changes in Staff

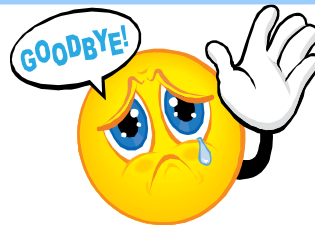
Both Mrs Wright and Mrs Needham will be leaving St Alban's School at the end of this term.

After 39 years at St Alban's Mrs Needham has decided to take life a little easier, giving her time to work on other passions such as singing and travelling around the world.

Mrs Wright, who has also has been at St Alban's for approximately 30 years, is looking to broaden her teaching and relaxing more with her family.

We wish them every success in their future adventures and hopefully sometime for them to relax.

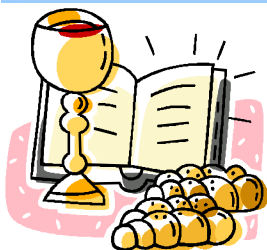
The governors will be appointing two new teachers for the Summer term next week.



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First Communion and Reconciliation Meetings



We have had to change the dates of the meetings for parents who have children preparing for First Communion and reconciliation.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 7th April at 7:30 pm, both at St Alban's Parish Hall.

It is important that parents attend these meetings as part of the preparation course for the children's first communion programme.

We ask everyone to keep these children and their families in their prayers as they prepare for their first reconciliation on Saturday 16th April

SPECIAL POINTS

WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSURE

Friday 8th July 2011

Ofsted Inspection

The Governors of St Alban's School have organised a meeting for parents and governors to review the inspection report.

These are on:

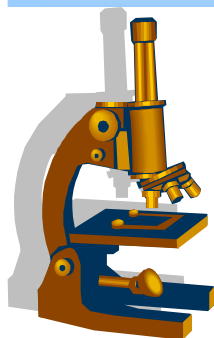
Thursday 7th April at 3:40 in the Infant Hall

Thursday 7th April at 7:30 in the Junior Hall

(Apologies for this coinciding with the First reconciliation date)



Extra-Curricular Clubs



We have a number of clubs that will be running for the remainder of this half term.

Monday: Film Club, open to all years depending on the film, after school at 3:45. A text is sent to parents informing them what the film. This coming Monday (4th April it is WALL E)

Tuesday: Street Dance for all years

Wednesday: Dodgeball for years 3 to 6

Thursday: Football for years 1 to 4

Friday: Forensic Science for year 6

Next term we are looking at including:~

Athletics

Building a robot

Cricket

Gardening

Newspaper

Liturgies in School

The school and Fr. Paul have organised a number of class and whole school liturgies, to which we would like to invite all members of the school and parish communities.

Wednesday 6th April Mrs. Sims' class 9:30 in classroom

Wednesday 13th April Whole school 9:30 junior hall

Monday 16th May Years 1 & 2 1:15 infant hall

Wednesday 8th June Mrs. Smalley's class 9:30 in classroom

Wednesday 22nd June Mrs. Gadsby's class 9:30 in classroom

Wednesday 29th June Feast of SS Peter and Paul
9:30 in junior hall

Wednesday 6th July Mrs. Wright's class 9:30 in classroom

Friday 15th July Leaver's mass 9:30 in junior hall



PTA



The PTA apologise for not running the "pick a present" for mother's day. The number of items were considerably less than had been hoped. There wasn't enough for one class.

They are going to discuss what to do with the donations at their meeting on Monday night, 4th April 7:30 in the school library.

Fax 01332 671498

Facebook



A number of staff have spoken to me about their concern over children in school using facebook. Some children are saying they have a huge number of "friends". I have asked the local police to pop into school to talk to the year 5 and 6 about the dangers of giving out personal details on face book.

A 90's Concert

This year for our annual Easter music concert, Mrs. Wright has set the classes and teachers the task of a 90's Concert for the end of this term. Each class will be given a choice of songs from the 90's to chose from. The concert will take place for parents on the afternoon of Thursday 14th April in the Infant Hall



Foundation Stage

It is hoped that, weather permitting, the outside area will be completed during the Easter Holiday. The children will then be able to enjoy the outside areas without getting muddy.

School Kitchen



As from today, Friday 1st April, the governors have taken over the running of the school kitchen.

They have already bought new uniforms for the staff and organised work, to be completed during the Easter Holiday, for new items of kitchen appliances as well as completing some health and safety work.

We hope that children will notice a difference in the food as Mrs Bardon and her staff will be organising new menus. This will be made available to parents in the very near future.

The cost of a school meal will remain the same at £2. If you are entitled to free schools meals please make sure that that you have completed the forms, if in doubt speak to Mrs Cartlidge. Cheques are still to be made out to "Derby City Council".

Reading with children

Key stage 1 are continuing their "reading with children" on a Friday morning from 8:55 to 9:25 and Tuesday from 8:45.

It is wonderful to see so many family members participating and the children enjoying it so much.

If you can spare some time come along with your child to class.

This will continue after the Easter Holiday.



**Children's
Corner**

*Here is an interesting question!
What did John Hughes (GB) win a gold medal for in the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles?*

Email admin@stalbans.derby.sch.uk

Diary Dates

APRIL 2011

Friday 1st	Whole school class liturgy ~ Mrs Johnson and Mrs McNamara's Class	3:00 Infant Hall
Sunday 3rd	Mothering Sunday	
Monday 4th	PTA Meeting	7:30 School Library
Tuesday 5th	Year 5/6 Brass lessons Visit by St Benedict staff to see year 6	
Wednesday 6th	Class Liturgy ~ Mrs Sims' Class	9:30 classroom
Thursday 7th	Parents' Communion Meeting	7:30 Parish Hall
Monday 11th	PTA children's clothes sale	
Tuesday 12th	Year 5/6 Brass lessons	
Wednesday 13th	Whole school mass	9:30 Junior Hall
Thursday 14th	90's music concert	1:30 Infant Hall
Friday 15th	Easter Fayre School Breaks up for Easter	
Saturday 16th	First Reconciliation in Church	
Sunday 17th	Palm Sunday	

MAY 2011

Tuesday 3rd	Children return to school Year 5/6 Brass lessons	
Friday 6th	Whole school class liturgy ~ Mrs Needham's Class	3:00 Infant Hall
Monday 9th	Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs week	
Friday 13th	Whole school class liturgy ~ Mrs Smalley's Class	3:00 Infant Hall
Monday 16th	Years 1 & 2 liturgy	1:15 Infant Hall
Tuesday 15th	Year 5/6 Brass lessons	
Friday 20th	Whole school class liturgy ~ Mrs Royle's Class	3:00 Infant Hall
Monday 23rd	Year 5 Visit Llandudno	
Friday 27th	Children break up for half term Year 5 return from Llandudno	

JUNE 2011

Monday 6th	Children return to school	
Tuesday 7th	Year 5/6 Brass lessons Assembly on Lepra	10:15 Junior Hall
Wednesday 8th	Class Liturgy ~ Mrs Smalley's Class St Benedicts Fantastic 5's	9:30 classroom St Benedict School
Friday 10th	Whole school class liturgy ~ Miss Beech's Class	3:00 Infant Hall
Monday 13th	Cycle Derby After School Club for 6 weeks	
Friday 17th	Wind in the Willows	
Sunday 19th	First Communion	
Monday 20th	St Alban's Day Year 6 visit the Briars all week Year 2 Road Safety	
Tuesday 21st	Story teller in school	
Wednesday 22nd	Class Liturgy ~ Miss Gadsby's Class	9:30 classroom
Friday 24th	Whole school class liturgy ~	3:00 Infant Hall
Tuesday 28th	St Benedict Parents' evening	
Wednesday 29th	Mass in School for the feast of SS Peter and Paul	9:30 Junior Hall