

March 2011

Friday 4th March 2011

## Welcome to Fr Paul Newman



A very warm, even if belated, welcome to Fr. Paul who has moved from Our Lady's Parish, Bullwell in Nottingham, to become our new parish priest, here at St Alban's. Fr Gerry has completed the reverse journey. Both on free transfers!

## 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. These are outlined below and are contained in the diary sheet at the back.



Wednesday 9th March	Ash Wednesday	9:30 junior Hall
Wednesday 16th March	Mr. Monaghan's class	9:30 in classroom
Wednesday 30th March	Miss Beech's class	9:30 in classroom
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

## First Communion and Reconciliation Meetings

Unfortunately, we have had to change some of the dates of the meetings for parents who have children preparing for First Communion and reconciliation.

The first meeting will now be re-scheduled for Thursday 17th

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### SPECIAL POINTS

WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSURE

Friday 8th July 2011

## First Communion and Reconciliation Meetings

March at 7:30 pm. The second meeting will now 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.



## Ofsted and RE Inspections



The Governors of St Alban's School will send out the reports as soon as they have received it. A meeting will then be arranged for parents and governors to review the inspection reports.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have a number of clubs that will be running this half term

**Dodgeball:** a seven week course on a Wednesday for years 3 to 6. £21 for 7 weeks, 3:30 to 4:30.

**Street Dance:** a seven week course on a Tuesday for all years . £21 for 7 weeks, 3:30 to 4:30.

**Football:** a seven week course on a Thursday for years 1 to 4. £24.50 for 7 weeks, 3:30 to 4:30.

**Film Club:** each Monday after school at 3:45. this next weeks film is Disney's "A Bugs Life", 3:45 to approximately 5:15pm.



## PTA Events

The PTA met on Monday evening and have arranged a number of events for the next couple of months:

Tuesday 15th March	PTA Fashion Show	7:00 pm in the junior hall
Monday 28th March	Pick a present for mother's day	
Monday 4th April	PTA Meeting	7:30 pm in the school library
Monday 11th April	PTA Children's Clothes Sale	

The PTA are looking for donations towards the mother's day presents. If you have any items please place them in the collecting bags in the school entrance.

Do you have any children's clothes of good quality, that your children have grown out of? Please donate them towards the PTA Children's Clothes sale.



*Children's Corner*

*What number comes next in the following sequence  
31, 28, 31, 30 ?*

**Fax 01332 671498**

## School Uniform

It is very regrettable that teachers have to nag children about their presentation. Please have a word with your children about their presentation. Children should wear school shoes to school and get changed into trainers for PE or break. Year 6 should be setting the example to the rest of the school.



## Foundation Stage



We had hoped to complete the areas outside Mrs. Bradford and Mrs. Paterson's classroom by laying a 'safeturf', an all-weather surface, in the two areas where there is presently mud and a little bit of grass. Unfortunately, as you may have noticed, this has not taken place.

They would like to commence the work in a couple of weeks time, but I am trying to delay this now until the children are on their Easter break

## 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



## Parking problems

We have recently been notified again that the council has had a number of complaints from residents about the parking situation outside schools. However, I must stress that this isn't just a problem outside St Alban's School, but other schools across the city, including secondary schools.

Please park in a safe place, that does not obstruct other cars being able to gain entry or leave their drives. Do not get into a confrontation with neighbours, it can be very distressing to children who see and hear the arguments.



## 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.

**Children's Corner**

This is number of days in January, February, March and April  
May has 31

31

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# Diary Dates

## MARCH 2011

Monday 7th	Year 2 Road Safety	
Tuesday 8th	Year 5/6 Brass lessons	
Wednesday 9th	Ash Wednesday Liturgy	9:30 Junior Hall
Friday 11th	Whole school class liturgy ~ Mrs Wright's Class	10:15 Infant Hall
Tuesday 15th	Year 5/6 Brass lessons	
	PTA Fashion Show	7:00 Junior Hall
Wednesday 16th	Class Liturgy ~ Mr. Monaghan's Class	9:30 classroom
Thursday 17th	Parents' Communion Meeting	7:30 Parish Hall
Friday 18th	Whole school class liturgy ~ Miss Beech's Class	10:15 Infant Hall
Sunday 20th	Clocks spring forward an hour	
	Brass concert at the Assembly Rooms	
Tuesday 22nd	Year 5/6 Brass lessons	
Thursday 24th	Parents' Evening	4:00 to 7:00 pm
Friday 25th	Whole school class liturgy ~ Miss Gadsby's Class	10:15 Infant Hall
Monday 28th	PTA ~ Pick a Mother's Day Present	
Tuesday 29th	Year 5/6 Brass lessons	
Wednesday 30th	Class Liturgy ~ Miss Beech's Class	9:30 classroom

## APRIL 2011

Friday 1st	Whole school class liturgy ~ Mrs Johnson and Mrs McNamara's Class	10:15 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	10:15 Infant Hall
Monday 9th	Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs week	
Friday 13th	Whole school class liturgy ~ Mrs Smalley's Class	10:15 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	10:15 Infant Hall
Monday 23rd	Year 5 Visit Llandudno	