St Albert's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 02 October 2020

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Free Meal Thursday

On Thursday next week the School Meals Service are encouraging the children to have a hot meal by providing **ALL children from Reception – Year 6 with a free meal.** To encourage this we are having chicken nuggets, skinny fries and a cookie in a party box. Please encourage your child to join in with Free Meal Thursday! This will support the school with funding so please try your best.

Isolation

Please read the following important Public Health information in relation to isolation. It is very important that this is understood and followed by all.

How long does self-isolation last?

- If a child or staff member is a confirmed case they must not leave home for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or the date of test if they have no symptoms.
- If the child or staff member has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case they must not leave home for 14 days from the date they last had contact with the case.

What does self-isolation mean??

Self-isolation means the child/staff member should:

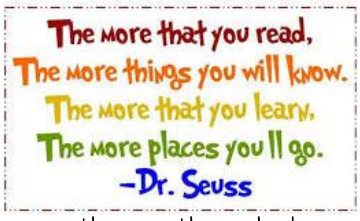
- Not go to school, work or public places
- Not attend any other out of school activities or go around to a friend's house
- Not use public transport or taxis
- Not go out to shop – order it online or ask a friend to bring it to your home
- Not have visitors in your home except for people providing essential care
- Not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one
- Inform GP practice or hospital or other healthcare setting that they are self-isolating if they must attend in person.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month and we will be celebrating the important people and events in the history of people of African and Caribbean descent. Black History Month also fits in very well with Black Lives Matter movement and we will be taking the opportunity to discuss this further with the children and ensuring that they have an understanding of the ideals behind this.

EBooks

We have been working hard to promote the use of Ebooks in school and with you as parents. This is an ideal tool to give children access to reading, especially if we go into lockdown. Surprisingly we have only had 14 children access this in the whole of September and this is very poor. We have spent time today ensuring that all the children know how to access this so please spend some time encouraging your child to use this over the weekend.



Local Lockdown

As you will be aware COVID is high in Knowsley at the moment and we have entered a local lockdown. Please ensure that you socially distance at the gates and that you wear a mask when you come to school to collect your children or drop off your children. With regards to the local lockdown, please make sure that you are following **all** the guidance. Although it is frustrating, it is important that we come together as a community to protect those people who are most vulnerable to COVID 19 and prevent further spread of the virus. We all want our lives to return to normal and therefore we must pull together.

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Remote Learning - Are you ready????

It is important that, as soon as a bubble closes, parents ensure their child is accessing remote learning. We are still concerned that a high number of parents have not picked this up yet. Please make sure that you are fully prepared for this eventuality.

We have been working with the children on our expectations for home learning and using the platforms. Please make sure that you are prepared and can support your children in this regard.

National Poetry Day

Thursday was National Poetry Day and all of our classes took part in some lovely poetry work. Take a look at our twitter to see what they got up to!

Free School Meal

If your child is isolating and entitled to FSM and you wish for them to receive a food parcel you will need to call the school office and inform us on Monday morning between 9.30 and 10.00. Food parcels will need to be collected observing social distancing and please note that children who are isolating are not allowed up to school. We will have these in school so please take advantage come to collect if you are eligible.

Communion

The rescheduled date for Y5 communion is now Friday 16th October at 2pm. **Please note that we have sent an important letter home about this tonight.**

Y4 Communion Dates for your diary

The Reconciliation date for year 4 children will be Wednesday 24th March at 2pm
The communion date will be Saturday 3rd July at 10am.
Details regarding both will be sent to parents by Fr David shortly along with dates for parent sessions.

Admission place for Reception September 2021 - Baptism

If your child is due to begin school next year and you wish for them to be considered as a baptised catholic. We would like to remind you that prompt action will be needed in organising a baptism, if this has not already taken place. It is important that baptism takes place prior to application. Contact your priest ASAP as we are aware that COVID may have disrupted this process.

Year 6 - Secondary applications

It's time to apply for a secondary place for September 2021.
Knowsley residents can apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk
Liverpool residents can apply online by visiting https://liverpool.gov.uk
The closing date is 31st October. You must apply before this date otherwise your application will be late and you may not get your preferred school.