



# St Albert's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 26 March 2021

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## After school PE

After school PE sessions are going very well and they are well attended. The children are really enjoying this. Please note that if your child is on a red card or has had a red card within the week that they will not be able to attend.

## PE in school

Remember your child's PE day.  
Children should come into school in their PE kits as per our Risk Assessment

Year 6 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 5 - Monday and Thursday

Year 4 - Monday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 2 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Reception - Tuesday

## Equality and Diversity

This week KS2 has an assembly on Equality and Diversity. We linked a few focuses that we had looked at over the last few weeks (International Women's Day, Chris Lubbe and Racism, the Census) and then we focused upon Neurodiversity and learning difficulties (i.e. ADHD, ASC, Dyslexia and Tourettes). We looked at the challenge's children face but also what they are good at.

## Gates

We will be starting to reduce the gaps between our staggered start times from next week. Children who currently come in at 8.30am will move to 8.45am.

8.40am children will move to 8.50am

8.50am will move to 8.55am

and 9.00am children will remain at 9.00am.

Children will enter at their usual gates.

Home times will remain the same.

This will begin **next week** so that everyone is familiar with the process when we return.

## Temporary Midday Supervisor

Governors are seeking to appoint a temporary Midday Supervisor to work as part of a team ensuring that children have a safe and enjoyable lunchtime. Candidates should be:

- Be enthusiastic about working with children from 4-11 years
- Act as a positive role model and promote self-esteem and independence
- Be friendly and approachable

If you would like an application, please call school or email [stalbert@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:stalbert@knowsley.gov.uk).

## Knowsley FSM Vouchers

In addition to vouchers that have already been provided by Knowsley Council, there are a range of free places for Holiday Activities and food between 6-9<sup>th</sup> April. Please look out for details of these sessions via Knowsley News and the council's social media channels on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March on how to book places.

## Easter Activities

Unfortunately, we cannot celebrate Easter by inviting parents into school but we did not want the children to miss out again so everything will be class based this year.

Easter Reflection - We will come together with the children via Zoom for an Easter Reflection where we celebrate the Easter Story. This will take place on Wednesday.

Rec, Y1, Y2 - Easter Bonnets- please make your child's Easter bonnet at home and they should bring them into school on Tuesday for our class celebration.

Year 3-Year 6 Egg Decorating - Famous People in History. Again, this is to be completed at home and brought into school on Tuesday.

Letters have been sent home and information will be on class platforms.

## Easter Holidays

We finish for the Easter Holiday on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 1pm and return on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Please make sure that you have arrangements in place to ensure that children are collected as school needs to close at 1pm. Unlike most schools we only have 1 week's holiday so our children will benefit from an extra week in school. Please ensure that we have full attendance as it is vital for catching up on lost school time.

## Party Box

Next Thursday the children will be having party box for lunch as they finish early.

## School Uniform

Children should now be in full uniform. I understand that parents may be waiting for after the Easter Holidays to buy black shoes but other than this all children should be in normal uniform.

## COVID tests

Please see the back of the newsletter for some information on COVID testing.

## Face masks

Please remember the importance of wearing a face mask at all times around school. This practice should be well established by now and if it is not adhered to, we are in danger of returning to bubbles being closed despite the fall in numbers.



## Tuck

From next week we will re start charging for tuck. Please send your child in with £1 per week to give to the class teacher. This will pay for a piece of tuck each day for the week. We have not charged for tuck during COVID restrictions but now to need charge again to fund the supply of a snack at break time.

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### St. Albert's Church Easter Mass Times

#### PALM SUNDAY 28th MARCH

10.00am Mass with Blessing of Palms  
5.00pm Mass with Blessing of Palms

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY 1st APRIL

7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper  
(Followed by Night Prayer and Watching at the main altar until 9.00pm)

#### GOOD FRIDAY 2nd APRIL

9.30-10.00am Confessions  
12.00noon Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

#### HOLY SATURDAY 3rd APRIL

9.30-10.00am Confessions  
8.30pm Easter Vigil

#### EASTER SUNDAY 4th APRIL

9.15-9.45am Confessions  
10.00am Easter Mass  
5.00pm Easter Mass

#### **Reminder about when and where to get tested**

Regular testing for COVID-19 is essential in order to detect people who have the virus – with or without symptoms. Importantly, they can then self-isolate and stop passing on the virus to other people. Remember if you have symptoms or if you, anyone in your household or support bubble tests positive for COVID-19, you must self-isolate for 10 days to prevent the further spread of the virus. Over the last few months, there have been different testing options introduced, so here's our guide to when and where to get tested depending on your circumstances.

#### **If you have COVID symptoms**

If you have any of the COVID symptoms (high temperature, new or persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell), stay at home and book a test through [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or ring 119. There are 3 testing sites in Knowsley for people displaying symptoms (in Huyton, Kirkby and Stockbridge Village) and you will be offered the first available appointment at a test centre. Please note, you need an appointment to attend these testing sites.

#### **If you don't have symptoms and can't work from home**

There are 7 SMART test sites operating across the Borough offering testing (through Lateral Flow Tests). You don't need to make an appointment, but please only visit these sites if you do not display any symptoms. For the locations and opening times, [click here](#). Remember a positive test means you have COVID-19 and you (and others in your household, support bubble and close contacts) need to self-isolate for 10 days.

#### **If you live or work with children**

If your household includes school children or people who work with school children, you can collect rapid (lateral) tests from Huyton, Kirkby and Stockbridge Village to carry out regular testing at home. These sites are open from 1pm until 8pm 7 days per week – no

appointment is needed but please only attend during the specified times.

You can find your nearest site here: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

#### **Secondary school testing**

From 8 March when all pupils started to return to the classroom, testing was offered to secondary school pupils. The first three tests would be undertaken on the school premises and then your school will issue home testing kits for you to continue with regular testing at home (twice weekly).

#### **Positive result from a test carried out at home**

If you receive a positive test result from a test you have carried out at home, you are required to book a confirmatory test through [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or ring 119.

This is not required if you receive a positive test from either the SMART testing site, a test conducted on school premises or a test carried out at the symptomatic testing sites.

#### **Importance of testing**

COVID-19 is easily transmitted from person to person and many people can have COVID-19 without having any symptoms. That's why regular testing is essential – it will identify people who have the virus so that they can self-isolate and stop passing it on to others.

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