



St Albert's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 06 October 2023

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First Holy Communion

The closing date for applications has now passed. Thank you to all the parents who returned their forms to church on time. Please note that the Enrolment mass for the children will be on **Sunday 22nd October at 10am**. All children and parents are required to attend the celebration.

Year 4 Bible Tales

Year 4 had their visit from Bible Tales on Thursday. The theme was perseverance. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch their wonderful play.

Year 3 trips

On Tuesday 10th October, Year 3 will be visiting Liverpool world Museum. Please make sure that you have returned your permission slips and paid in full. Also, they started their Forest School sessions today. They explored Little Wood where they had lots of fun building dens and climbing trees. They will continue these sessions for the rest of the term.



PE Kits

Children need their full PE kit on PE days. In particular, children need pumps which should remain in school. Please make sure that all children have these otherwise they may miss out on lessons and much needed exercise.

RED cards

Please note that if your child is on a red card, they will not be allowed to stay for after school activities if the day coincides with their card.

If your child is getting a lot of red cards they will not be allowed to attend after school activities and, at the discretion of the Headteacher, may not be allowed on school trips. There are a number of reasons for this not least health and safety.

Punctuality.

There are a worrying number of children who are continually late for school. Since starting back in September, we have calculated that there have been 131.8 missed hours due to lateness. This is not acceptable, and punctuality will be a major focus moving forward.

Children who are late miss out on key learning which begins at 9am prompt. I.e., phonics, spelling or reading. This builds up if they miss it continually and certainly affects their learning longer term as they have gaps in learning.

Children who are late also are embarrassed entering the class late and then struggle with confidence.

Please make every effort to get your child into school on time to give them the best start to the day. Gates open at 8.45 and sessions begin at 9 to 9.15, St Albert's time.

If your child's punctuality is a concern, we will be sending you a text within the next few days. In Primary school parents are mostly responsible for getting their child to school on time so please do not disadvantage your child and begin your morning slightly earlier.

New parent Governor

We sent out a letter last week inviting parents to stand for election as our new parent governor. If you would like to put yourself forward, please complete the nomination form sent out and return by **Friday 20th October**.

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Obesity and Healthy Approaches in school

Our Obesity figures are above the national averages and a real ongoing concern. There is no doubt that Covid has added to this, but we really need parents to work with us in partnership on actively reducing this.

Healthy Eating and sweet drinks need to be addressed to support this.

Children should only be bringing water into school and not JUICE. One of the main concerns about this is the high level of sugar that children have continual access to throughout the day in a bottle designed for water. As well as high levels of sugar being a health and weight concern, it is also a concern for young children's teeth.

If children want a small drink of juice at lunch time this should be separate from the water that they access throughout the day and should be in their lunch boxes.

REMINDER. There are NO fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate allowed in school.

Chew Toys

We have a concerning number of children coming into school with chew toys. Whilst there are a very small number of children who may need these, it is not something that the majority of children need. It is not something that we would recommend or promote as it could cause issues with speech, mouth, dribbling etc and in some cases is replacing a dummy which you as parent will have spent a long time trying to wean the children off.

If school have not agreed that your child would benefit from a chew toy, please do not send them into school.

It is acting as a real distraction to some children who really need to learn to focus without relying on a chew toy.

This Week's Attendance & Lates

Rec	97.5%
Y1	97.9%
Y2	97.2%
Y3	94.8%
Y4	99.3%
Y5	96.8%
Y6	97.9%

Day	No. of lates	Hours per day/week
Mon	26	8.6
Tues	34	6.8
Wed	31	12
Thurs	26	6.9
Fri	26	6.4
TOTAL	143	40.7

At St. Albert's, our mission is walking together with Jesus to

LOVE, LEARN AND SERVE

Our vision centres around the 'CHILD'

C for the Child, H for High Expectations, I for Inspirational & Memorable, L for Listening and D for Dreams and Doors.