

Friday 20th
September
2019

Ss Alban and Stephen Catholic Schools' Federation Weekly Newsletter



Welcome Masses

This week, both schools held a welcome service to mark the beginning of the new school year. The children in the Infant school sang and acted so beautifully and even the youngest children in Reception sat so quietly and reverently. The Year 2 children presented all the Reception children with prayer pebbles to welcome them to the Infant School, they received a blessing and so too did Mr Baker, our new site manager and Mr Miller, our new Reception teacher. It was a lovely occasion to start the beginning of the year and to welcome all the new children, parents and staff into our community.

On Friday, we held the Welcome Mass for the Junior School and for the first time, the Year 2 children joined us. It was so wonderful to celebrate with the whole church community and also with the Year 2 children and their families. It was lovely for us to join together to welcome the new children into Year 3 and also to welcome new members of staff and parents. Although they could not be present, we also kept in mind our new Nursery & Reception pupils as they begin their educational journey with us.



Congratulations to our Chaplaincy team. May God bless them and guide them in their work this year.

Parent Consultations—Exciting announcement!

On Tuesday 10th March 2020 both schools will hold parent consultations on the **same** day! This is the first time our schools have collaborated in this way. School will finish at 1pm for the pupils on that day, consultations will begin from 1pm-8pm. We are delighted to be able to offer this opportunity for parents & we hope that it makes everything easier in terms of co-ordinating times to meet with teachers across both sites. Autumn term consultations will remain the same as before, dates will be shared on Monday.



Infant Notices



Little Cookies are cooking up a
STORM !

This week, we made cheese
scones—yummy!

Congratulations—Excellent Effort Awards!

Well done to those who have achieved their excellent effort awards so far. We had our first “Hot Chocolate with Miss Cannon” outside on the grass yesterday & enjoyed a lovely story in the shade. The children also told Miss Cannon lots of funny jokes! Teachers are looking out for children who are trying really hard with their learning to achieve an Excellent Effort Award, they will then have hot chocolate with Miss Cannon on the Friday. Well done everyone!



Reception Parents

Parents of pupils in Reception are invited to join us for coffee in the hall on Thursday at 9:10am. It's a great way to get to know other parents & all are welcome. I look forward to seeing you there.

Junior Notices

Climate Change

On Friday afternoon, the whole school switched off electricity and worked outside to mark the day of the climate strike. Year 3 did some tree identification, Year 4 worked hard to find minibeasts and explored their habitats, Year 5 did some wonderful nature art and Year 6 made up some excellent climate change raps. The children really enjoyed the afternoon and learnt a lot about climate change and what we can do to help. There will be some pictures on the website next week.

Uniform

I would like to remind you all of the importance of appropriate school uniform as was mentioned in the information sessions held last week. Please ensure that hair is neatly tied back. Hair accessories should be green or red with no large bows or other items. Children should also be wearing black leather shoes. Black trainers or boots are not permitted. After the half term, all children must wear winter uniform. We have high expectations of how the children should present themselves and we hope that you will assist with this. Thank you.

Appointments

When booking any appointments please refrain from booking them during school hours for example, GP appointments and dental appointments should be booked in holiday times or outside of school hours so as your child is not missing out on lesson time. We understand that there are of course occasions when your child may have a hospital appointment when the date and time is allocated and this cannot be changed.

Year 3 Parents

I look forward to meeting with all of you on Friday at 9.10am for a coffee and to chat with you and see how all your children have settled into the Junior School. I hope that you are able to make it.

Important dates next week

Monday 23rd September—Photographer in the Juniors. Sibling photos from 8.30 onwards

Thursday 26th September—9.10am Reception Parents – Coffee Morning

Friday 27th September—9.10 am Year 3 Coffee Morning

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.



Miss Cannon & Mrs Porter