



# St. Albert the Great Catholic School

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2009

*"The more I learn about the world in which I live the closer I grow to God"*

Dear Parents and Children of St. Albert the Great,

I hope you all had a fun but restful half term. This is my favourite time of year; as the shoots of new plants begin to emerge from the soil and new life is evident at every turn. Seeing the sun filtering through the branches and the grass gently swaying in the Spring breeze always fills me with awe at God's amazing creation.

This half term will be busy for everyone as we prepare for Easter – the Church's most important celebration. We will, of course, begin thinking about how Jesus gave his life for us when we go to Our Lady's Church on Ash Wednesday. You are very welcome to join us for this Mass.

We will also be continuing our search for a Deputy Head Teacher. There is a national shortage of teachers who are choosing to take on leadership positions in schools. Our quest for a Deputy is further compromised by the fact that we are looking for someone who not only is an outstanding teacher and at the right point in their career but also a practising Catholic. I ask for your prayers that we find the right person for our school.

Have a good week,

Miss L. Farrell  
Head teacher



## House Teams

**Congratulations to St. Francis House who narrowly beat the other Houses to win the House Cup last term. Many children also worked hard to achieve the gold award for gaining 30 house points. They deserve this award for their conscientious attitudes, keenness to help others and positive approach towards school life. Our Gold Award Winners will be joining me for a reward afternoon tea party next Tuesday**

## Certificate Winners

Nursery: Adam Hamilton

Reception: Natalie Baker

Year 1: Kelvin Attakpah

Year 2: Callum Ballard

Year 3: Niamh Boggins

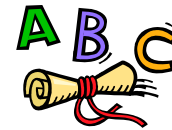
Year 4: Marianna Ditri

Year 5: Kieran Green

Year 6: Katherine Hancock

Classes of the Week: Years 1, 3 and 5

Attendance Winners: Year 2 with 96.5% and Year 5 with 99.2%. (Well done Year 5 – you have set a new record!)



Congratulations to you all.



## Parents' Evening

Due to the snow our Parents' Evenings were postponed to this week and will take place in the school hall. If you have not had a slip informing you of your appointment time please speak to your child's class teacher

**Congratulations to Year 1 who won the Sports Fayre Festival in the week before half term. They had to participate in various different sports and gain points for each. They were also marked on their team work.**

**I'm not surprised that they won as Year 1 always support one another and join in activities enthusiastically. Well done!**

## Text Alerts from St. Albert's

Many of you will have received a new text message from school using our new text messaging service in the week before half term. If you didn't receive this message please contact the school office as we may need to update our database with your new mobile phone number.



## Birthdays

Some children in our school celebrated their birthday last week.

Chloe Carruthers

Laurie Stredwick

Morgan Lamb

Anthony Burchill

Hannah Jevon

Chike Iyamah-Williams

We hope you all had a wonderful day.



**This Week's Events**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Year 6 Visit to Church

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Parents' Evening 3:45pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - 9:30 Whole School Mass at Our Lady's Church

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Parents' Evening 5:00pm - 8:00pm

**Prayer For Caring**

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end, and in my departing.

