



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

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Dear Parents and Children of St. Albert the Great,

The week before half term seems a long time ago now. It was lovely to see so many of you at the parents' evenings and I hope you enjoyed looking at your children's books and seeing their classrooms. The teachers enjoyed meeting with you all and telling you about your children's achievement.

Of course, parents' evening was not the only event that took place in the week before half term. Our Nursery children, Year 1 and Year 2 went to the cinema and will be basing future work on the films they saw. Year 5 also visited The Loft in London Colney for a spiritual retreat while Year 4 experienced the Blitz at the Imperial War Museum. All the children returned to school keen to share news of their days out.

In addition to these events Year 5 and 6 also participated in the Dacorum Fun Run. They did extremely well, against some very tough competition; twenty schools in our district took part with Year 5 coming 3rd in their age group and Year 6 placed 8th in theirs - well done!

Thank you to all the staff, parents and governors who made these events happen - our children are very fortunate to have such an enriched curriculum.

Mrs. L. Fleming
Headteacher



IMPORTANT NOTICE

This will be the last weekly newsletter. From this half term the newsletter will be published each fortnight. It will continue to include all the relevant information and to keep you informed of school events.

Maths and English Targets

This half term's Maths and English targets will be circulated next week. Please speak to your children about their targets and help them to achieve them by the end of the term.

Thank you

Year 2 have chosen a sentence from our Vision Statement for the whole school to think about this half term:

'In my school I learn about God's truth and his love for me.'

House Teams

Congratulations to **St. Francis House** who narrowly beat the other Houses to win the House Cup last half term. The children are working hard to achieve house points for each Olympic value and very soon will be awarded their wrist bands.

Birthdays

Some children in our school celebrated their birthday during half term.

Kane Daley, Joshua Brooks, Rhys Brevern, Alessio Di'Cicco, Alekhya Jillellamudi, Shikha Jillellamudi and Nnamdi Adigwe

Meanwhile, **Natalie Krezel and Nathan McShane** will be celebrating their birthday this week.

We hope you had or have a wonderful day.



PTFA News:

Thank you to all the parents and friends of St. Albert's who made the Quiz night on Friday 21st October such a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the hall at the football club was perfect for the event. A gentleman called Bill who was from the club even gave the PTFA a bottle of wine for the winning team. Thank you to everyone who joined the fun, the quiz masters for offering their free time and the football club for hiring it free of charge to the school.

PTFA AGM

If you would like to become more involved with the school or are looking to make new friends why not come along to the PTFA AGM on Tuesday 1st November at 7:15pm at the school. We would love to see you there.



No meat on Fridays

Following the invitation of the bishops of England and Wales in May we have made some slight adjustments to the school menu so that no meat will be served in school on Fridays. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays was traditionally a way of remembering that Jesus Christ died on that day of the week and it is hoped that by reintroducing this custom more Catholics will 'understand again the importance of self-denial which springs from that self-sacrificing love of Christ who denied himself that we might have life.' (Archbishop Nichols, July 2011). More information can be obtained from the Diocesan website:

www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/default.asp?library_ref=4&content_ref=3473

www.rcdow.org.uk/archbishop/default.asp?library_ref=&content_ref=3419

The school lunches menu will be on the school website by the end of the week, we hope that you find this information useful.

*****After School Club*****

You may remember an item in a newsletter last term about an After-School Club at St. Albert's. We are currently looking for an organisation to provide this service and are in negotiations with one such company. We will keep you updated on our progress.

Prayer of the Month

Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



Say No To Bullying

The PSHE topic this half term is Say No To Bullying. This theme, through a focus on bullying, covers four of the key Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning:

Empathy
Managing Feelings
Social Skills
Self-awareness

It asks the questions:

What is bullying?

Why do people bully?

How can we prevent and respond to bullying?

How can children use their social, emotional and behavioural skills to tackle this crucial problem?

Over the year we will introduce activities to do at home. Some of these will be best done together with an adult. We hope you will enjoy doing these with your child.

Certificate Winners

	<u>Star of the Week</u>	<u>Finer Diner</u>
Foundation Stage 1	Lillian Durrant	
Foundation Stage 2	Madelyn Smith	Zuzanna Jaroni
Year 1:	All of Year 1	Jake Ellis
Year 2:	All of Year 2	Ciara Gavigan
Year 3:	All of Year 3	Esmc Rhriba
Year 4:	Michael Hancock	Kelvin Attakapah
Year 5:	All of Year 5	Katie Whiting
Year 6:	Maisie McGeever	Leila Rhriba
Breakfast Club	Daniel Robins	

Well done
to
you all !



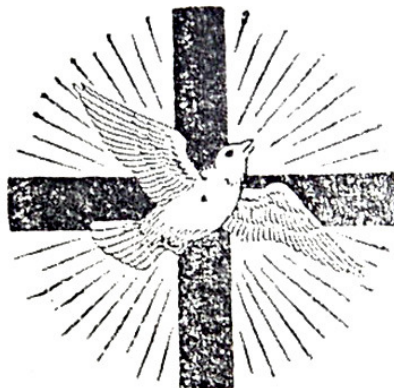
Class of the Week: **Year 2** and **Year 3** Attendance winners of the Week: **Year 3**

Events this week:

Monday 31 st	Deadline for Secondary School applications
Tuesday 1 st November	9.30am Whole school Mass at Our Lady of all Creation 7.15pm PTFA AGM
Wednesday 2 nd	Y5 & Y6 Football Club 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 3 rd	Y3 & Y4 Football Club 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 4 th	Good News Assembly 9.05am

Events next week:

Wednesday 9 th	Y4 Open Afternoon 3.00pm Y5 & Y6 Football Club 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 10 th	Y1 & Y6 Rejoice Assembly 9.05am Y5 Open Afternoon 3.00pm Y3 & Y4 Football Club 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 11 th	Good News Assembly 9.05am Y2 Open Afternoon 3.00pm Head Teacher's Open afternoon 2.00pm - 3.00pm



PTFA News!

PTFA Family & Friends Quiz Night!

Thank you to those people who supported our school by buying raffle tickets and attending our PTFA family & friends quiz night. It went very well and everyone who was there had a great evening. The winners of the cash prize raffle were:

1st prize Lee Buzzle £100

2nd prize Sarah Holland £50

3rd prize Emma Redman £25

PTFA AGM Meeting!

The PTFA AGM is on Tuesday 1st November at 7.15pm at the school. If you are free please come along as we seriously need to discuss the future of our school PTFA. We will be electing new committee members so if you are interested and have the free time to be part of the main committee then we would love to hear from you. The main committee members are:

Treasurer

Secretary

Chair Person/ People

Christmas Fayre Sat 3rd December!

There will be a text going out to all parents, teachers and governors at the school to ask for help at our Christmas Fayre. Setting up the hall on Friday 2nd Dec late afternoon & evening to set up the grotto and helping on the day to run a stall and decorate the stalls ready for the event. If we do not get enough helpers the event will have to be cancelled. **WE NEED EVERYONES HELP SO THE EVENT CAN STILL GO AHEAD!** If you can help us please email your name to stalbertsptfa@live.co.uk and state if you can help on Friday 2nd late afternoon to set up the hall and build the grotto or Sat 3rd Dec to run a stall and help clear up, so we can include you on our helpers list for the event.

Thank You
PTFA