



# St. Albert the Great Catholic School

19 October  
2010

*"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,

Year 5 were very fortunate with the weather last Monday and Tuesday when they had lots of fun at 'The Loft'. Between orienteering, archery, night walks, drama, dance, pottery and singing around the camp fire, they found time to think about their relationship with Jesus. Of course none of this could have happened without the help and generosity of time of Mrs Wickens, Mrs Cavigan, Mrs Yates and Mrs Kelliher and on behalf of Year 5 I would like to say a big thank you to them. We are very lucky with our staff at St. Albert's who give up their time to organise and lead events e.g class outings, such as Year 6's fun run at St. Cuthbert Mayne and Year 4's trip to the Imperial War Museum which will both be taking place on Thursday. The staff also spend a lot of time planning and organising exciting lessons so that the children enjoy learning.

Of course, they don't work in isolation and it is their relationship with you that is so important to ensure that the pupils are safe, happy and learning in school. I sincerely hope that we can continue to develop these partnerships so that all the children get the best education they deserve.

I wish you a good week and look forward to seeing you at the parents' evenings later in the week.

Mrs L. Fleming  
Headteacher



### \*\*\* Year 5 Parents' Evening \*\*\*

Unfortunately, due to Mrs Yates being unwell, the Parents' Evening for Year 5 will be postponed until after half term.

### National School Meals Week 2010 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

At St Albert's we will be taking part in the National School Meals Week 2010. During the week we will be enjoying the delicious meals that Mrs Stewart, Miss Bullock and Mrs Webster cook in the kitchen and thinking about making healthier lifestyle choices. We would like to invite you to join the fun.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November:** We will be taking part in the attempt to have 'Britain's Biggest School Lunch'. If you or other members of your family would like to join us for lunch that day please complete the reply slip overleaf and send in £2.35 to cover the cost of each adult meal and £1.90 to pay for a child's meal. The menu will be Shepherd's Pie or Cheese and Vegetable Bake with a favourite milk pudding for dessert.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Did you know that school meals for all began in the 1940s during the Second World War? To commemorate this the children will be served with a special authentic **war time menu**.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Get Giggling.** Every pupil that has a school lunch on this day will receive a funny face mask to take home and cut out – laughter is really the best medicine and helps to reduce stress and improves our general health and well-being.

### Certificate Winners

FS1: all of FS1

FS2: Luis Ochser

Year 1: Alekhya Jillellamudi

Year 2: Natalie Baker

Year 3: Kayla Grace

Year 4: Katie Whiting

Year 5: all of Year 5

Year 6: Shane Considine

Class of the Week: Year 2 and Years 3 and 5

Attendance winners of the Week: Year 2 (99.7%) and

Year 6 (98.9%)

Congratulations to you all.



### Homework club



Who: All KS2 classes

When: Every Tuesday from 12.40 - 1.10

Where: ICT suite

Please come along on Tuesday and you can use the library and the computers to complete your homework tasks.

Miss Gallagher

### Birthdays

Some children in our school celebrated their birthday last week. Kieran Considine, Molly Lansdowne, Maisie McGeever, Jaydan Garwood,

Georgia Redman, Kobe Yogarajah

We hope you all had a wonderful day.



**Upcoming events:**

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 maths workshop at Longdean based on using a calculator
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Class Mass (11:00am) Year 6 ICT Workshop for secondary online applications (2:00pm) Parents' Evening (3:45pm - 5:45pm)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	PCSO Barnes speaking to Year 6 about keeping safe Parents' Evening (5:00pm - 8:00pm)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 4 trip to the Imperial War Museum Year 1 trip to the cinema to see 'Laura's Star' (9:15am) Year 5 & 6 Fun Run at St. Cuthbert Mayne (1:30pm) Year 3 & 4 Rugby Taster session at Camelot Rugby Club (4:30pm)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Good News Assembly with outside certificates (9:05am)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	All Souls' Mass at Our Lady's (9:30am)



**Collecting Children at the End of the Day**

Thank you for your feedback concerning the new end of the day routines. We originally decided to implement the one way system so that parents and children did not walk through the car park. After trialling the system for half a term and after listening to your views parents are still asked to collect their children from the playgrounds but do not need to walk all the way around the school. However, for safety reasons, we still ask everyone not to walk through the car park

**The Loft**

Years 5 were lucky enough to go to the loft. It was a huge amount of fun; we did archery, pot making, meditation and many more activities. The theme was all about friendship and teamwork. There is a main meeting room and a chapel room that we used to pray in. The loft was a place where you could reflect on how lucky you are, and praise God. We learnt some new songs one of our songs we really liked was called Baby Shark.

We did an egg challenge when we had to wrap up an egg with our choice of materials. Then we fired it up in the air and watched if it cracked or not. Only two eggs survived. Our favourite activity was the clay pots because it was lots of fun. After clay pots we did meditation and it was really relaxing. We had all enjoyed it and would like to do it again.

**Written by Year 5**

**Prayer of the Month - Hail Holy Queen**

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
our Life, our Sweetness, and our Hope.  
To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.  
To Thee do we send up our sighs mourning  
and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious Advocate,  
Thine Eyes of Mercy toward us,  
and after this our exile show us the  
Blessed Fruit of thy Womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.  
Pray for us O Holy Mother of God



**Year 6 Parents**

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is fast approaching. Parents need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Sunday 31st October 2010**. To support you in this process we will be having a Year 6 Parents' workshop in the ICT suite on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2010 when you can use our computers and ask any questions that you may have.

I / We ..... (please insert names) would like to join ..... for lunch at school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 11:45am.

We would like to select Shepherd's Pie or Cheese / Vegetable Bake (please delete) from the menu.

We enclose £..... to pay for ..... adult meals and ..... children's meals.

Please return the slip by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010