



St. Albert the Great Catholic School

30
November
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,

I hope that you enjoyed the long weekend. Thank you to the PTFA who helped the children get into the weekend spirit early by organising a disco and magic show. There was a great turn out of children and parents and a very successful first event for our new PTFA.

It is not long until the end of term and all our Advent and Christmas events. To help you plan your diaries we have included a list of dates in this newsletter so that as many parents as possible are able to attend the nativity performances.

I wish you a good week,

Mrs. L. Fleming
Head teacher



Calling all enthusiastic, creative, sporty, dramatic parents

We already have an after-school **football club** and **Street-dance, martial arts** and **homework clubs** taking place during lunch times and will soon be introducing **speed-stacking, Gaelic football, netball and ICT clubs** in school.

However, we would like to develop this so that all our children have the opportunity to participate in clubs that interest them. If any parents, or groups of parents, would like to volunteer to lead an after-school club, of their own choice, please contact Mrs Fleming. If you would like to be involved but not sure if you would like to run a club we would also welcome your support.

These are just some of the clubs we could have at St. Albert's...

A drama club!

A Green-fingers Group!

A cookery club!

An Art club!

A Dance club!

Due to the outstanding Year 4 assembly about World War Two there was no Good News Assembly last week and therefore no certificate winners.

Don't forget to have your say.

Thank you to all the parents who have already handed in their ballot papers for the Parent Governor election. **The election closes tomorrow (Tuesday 30th November) at 12 noon.** Any ballot papers handed into school after this time will not be counted. The new Parent Governors will be announced on **Wednesday 1st December 2010.**

Heavy Snow

We always endeavour to keep the school open, whatever the weather conditions, however as you are aware, due to health and safety reasons this is not always possible. In the event of a school closure due to heavy snow we will contact parents using our texting service. If you have changed your mobile phone number recently please check that we have your up-to-date details. You will also be able to check the school's status on the Herts. Direct website.

Thank you for helping the ladies in the school office by sending post in via your children or by using the red post box outside the school office. The mornings and end of each day have been much calmer. After the Christmas holidays Mrs Palmer and Mrs Langley will no longer be able to provide change immediately – it will be sent home in envelopes with your children. We will continue to accept cheques for school events.

Birthdays

Some children in our school celebrated their birthday last week.

Darren Nevin,
Freya Goad, Shannon Ward,
Sophia Young, James Watts



Homework

Thank you to those of you who have returned the homework questionnaire that was sent home last week. We have received a variety of responses, all of which are greatly appreciated. We would still like to read your views if you haven't managed to complete the form and therefore are sending it out again this week. Your views can be returned to school via the red post box outside the school office.

Prayer of the Month

The prayers for each week of Advent are based on the "O" antiphons, found in the Old Testament prophets' writings. In medieval manuscripts, the first letter was elaborately ornamented. The first prayer each week is for adults; a prayer for children follows.



O Jesus Christ,
Emmanuel, come and dwell with us.
Desire of all nations;
Gift to every generation,
Come, make your home with us.

All nations, everybody
is waiting for you,
Indians and Europeans
are waiting for you,
People in America and Bethlehem
are waiting for you.
People all over the world
are waiting for you.
Jesus, come to us.

Sports News

Congratulations to the nine year 4 pupils who attended the Partnership speed stacking finals last Thursday afternoon and came third overall. Well done to **Clodagh Murray, Deena Kapadia, Emma Lulham, Sasha Brooks, Calogero Morello, Thomas Watts, Harry Baird, Gun Whee Kim and Ardan Bennison.**

Congratulations to all of the Year 3 and 4 children who completed a 600m fun run at school on Wednesday. All the children tried extremely hard and persevered to reach the finish line.

December's events

Tuesday 30 th November:	Year 6 to Our Lady's for Adoration (10am, parents welcome) Parent Governor Election closes (12 noon)
Wednesday 1 st December:	New Parents meeting for FS2 in Autumn 2011 (9:15am)
Thursday 2 nd December:	Head teacher drop-in session with Miss Gallagher (2:00pm - 3:30pm) School Choir to Westminster Cathedral for School's Advent Service
Friday 3 rd December:	Good News Assembly with outside certificates (9:15am)
Tuesday 7 th December:	Father Raymond signing FS2 (Reception) forms at school (3:30pm - 5:00pm) Year 5 Parent's evening (3:45pm - 5:00pm)
Wednesday 8 th December:	Junior Advent Service in school hall (2:00pm) Year 5 Parents' evening (5:00pm - 7:00pm)
Friday 10 th December:	Foundation Stage Nativity (10:30am) School Christmas Lunch Key Stage 1 Nativity (2:00pm)
Monday 13 th December:	Guitar Assembly (9:00am) Our Lady's Carol Concert
Tuesday 14 th December:	Panto for Key Stage One (1:30pm)
Wednesday 15 th December:	Panto for Key Stage Two (9:30am)
Thursday 16 th December:	Good News Assembly (9:15am)
Friday 17 th December:	End of term (1:30pm)

