



# St Albert the Great Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Catholic Life of the School

A text message was sent out yesterday informing you that we need to re-schedule our 'Sharing Learning' session on the afternoon of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Apologies for the short notice. This is the Feast day for Saint Albert and as St Albert was a great Scientist, our Science Leader, Mrs Ansell, has arranged a whole day of exciting Science based activities and experiments. This will involve the children moving to different classes across the afternoon where they will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of scientific experiments. The experiments will help the children reflect on our school mission statement – 'the more I learn about the world in which I live, the closer I grow to God' and they will record their reflections on a commemorative bookmark. I am sure they will be excited to share their experiences with you on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. The format for the afternoon will be that you will arrive at the main entrance **at 2:40** to sign in and be ready to go to your child's classroom **at 2:45**. They will have their work in their trays and will have an opportunity to share this with you. If you have more than one child, you will need to divide your time as needed and staff will direct you to the other classrooms. This is the first time we are trying this activity so I welcome feedback to determine if this is something we do on a regular basis.

In the newsletter I also said we would be having our **Mass for St Albert's Feast Day** on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately, Fr Kim needs to re-schedule, so our Mass will be held on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. You are very welcome to join us in the **school Hall at 9:15** to celebrate Mass.

Those of you who come to the front entrance hall regularly, may have noticed that we have 3 new fish in our fish tank. Mrs Small made a 'fish naming' box which was kept in the hall and children were able to put suggestions in the box. The names were then drawn during a lunch break by Miss Baird and the winners were: 'Jeff' (Daniel Watts), 'Guppy' (Holly Sells) and 'Bee' (Daniel Ifode). Thank you to all of the children who took part.

## PTFA

Thank you to the families who supported our 'Fancy Dress' disco last Friday. I saw lots of happy and excited children. Thank you to the PTFA for organising this event.

## EYFS Appeal

If you are having a clear out of **toys** before Christmas, please keep our Foundation Stage in mind. They are currently looking for a number of items including: children's cameras, small Lego and Lego people, small world toys such as: Playmobil, Little People, Happy Land and superhero characters and dolls. They are also looking for some plastic gardening tools and children's gardening gloves. They are happy to receive any donations that would be suitable for children between 3 - 5 years old. Please hand into the school office or give directly to the FS Team. Thank you.

## Children in Need

The annual Children in Need appeal takes place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. This year they are having a 'Spotacular' appeal. I would like to invite the children (and staff) from Nursery to Year 4 (Year 5 and 6 are out on a school trip and therefore need to be in school uniform) to wear something spotty and bring in a donation for the appeal. Last year we raised £164. It would be fantastic if we could match or exceed that amount. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Little  
Headteacher



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