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NEWSLETTER

20th January, 2017

A very warm welcome back to a new year and thank you once again for your generous wishes and gifts. Welcome also to Mrs Thomas who is teaching the Year 1 class from Tuesday to Friday each week. I am sure you will all make her feel welcome.

Epiphany Service

We celebrated the feast of Epiphany with Fr Derek when we returned to school on January 6th and it was really lovely seeing so many children in their crowns. We held a theme day and the children took part in a variety of tasks and activities all linked to the Epiphany theme. Fr Derek led our whole school mass and he was supported by our 3 Kings – Jason, from our Reception class and they were guided by the star - from our Nursery class. It was a lovely way to start our new year. Thank you to those parents, relatives and friends who were able to join us.

RE Curriculum

Please see the RE newsletter which can be found under the 'Our School' and the 'Catholic Life' tab. I have also attached it to this newsletter.

Year 6 Meeting

A new curriculum was introduced in 2014 and the related assessment arrangements were put in place for the first time last year. There was significant publicity over this. In order for parents to be fully informed for the SATs of 2017, there will be a meeting, with Mrs Anderton and myself, for all Year 6 parents on Tuesday 31st January at 3:30 pm. We will be outlining the changes to the end of Key Stage 2 assessments that came into force last year, including modifications to the results format and to the tests themselves. It is really important that parents wishing to support their child through this year's testing programme attend this meeting.

Spring Term Dinner Money

Dinner money for the 1st half term is £61.10 and the 2nd half term is £70.50. Total for the term is £131.60. Dinner money must be paid in advance, preferably using Schoolcomms. Alternatively, cheques can be made payable to 'Hertfordshire Catering Ltd'. Your Child's school meal account **must** be kept in credit as we are not allowed to accumulate debt on these school meals. If you do not pay for these meals, you will be asked to provide a packed lunch. Thank you for your support.

Spring Term Sharing Assemblies

After a lengthy discussion with staff and consideration of feedback from parents, I have decided that we will have our Sharing Assemblies on a Friday morning starting promptly at 9:05. We will have a rota where each class from Years 1-6 will be able to share what they have been learning and we are introducing a Building Learning Power (BLP) focus each week. Staff will have the opportunity to nominate a pupil that demonstrates exceptional examples across the week of using and embedding the identified Learning Power. This morning, we awarded a pupil in each class a certificate for demonstrating 'Planning'. Congratulations to Nathan Marquis in Year 1, Charlie Nicholson in Year 2, Toby Fox in Year 3, Nieve Daly in Year 4, Oliver Leung in Year 5 and Bonnie Mander in Year 6.

The schedule for the classes will be listed below in the dates section. The Learning Power for each week will be shared at each Friday Assembly for the following week and also be listed on our website so that parents can support their children with this power. Further information regarding our BLP can be found on our website. Mrs Lulham will join us to share our news regarding PE achievements.

Rugby Coaching

I am delighted that a coach from Hemel Stags is coming in to school to teach Tag Rugby to our Year 3 and 4 children every Tuesday afternoon.



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Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Last year we collected a significant number of vouchers which enabled us to replenish our stock of small PE equipment – particularly balls and bean bags. The scheme is now underway. Please ask friends and family to collect vouchers for the school as there is a collection box – they can be handed in to the school office, or the children can put them in the collection box.

E Safety

Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 7th February. The Spring Term e-safety newsletter from Herts4Learning is now available on our website www.albertthegreat.herts.sch.uk

Dates for the SpringTerm:

26.1.17	St Albert's girls football match vs Bovingdon Academy (home)
27.1.17	Chinese New Year celebrations
31.1.17	Year 6 Parents Meeting 3:30pm
8.2.17	Year 3 and Year 4 indoor athletics festival at JFK (4-5:30pm)
9.2.17	Road Safety Workshops with Year 5
13.2.17	Half Term
20.2.17	Anti-Bullying Theme Day with Lesley (postponed from Autumn Term)
2.3.17	World Book Day – come dressed as a book character
10.3.17	Lenten Alms Giving (coins to create fish scales on a fish template)
13.3.17	Science Week
16.3.17	K'Nex Challenge – Year 5 and Year 6
24.3.17	Red Nose Day
28.3.17	Parent Consultation Day
31.3.17	Term Ends 1:30 pm
19.4.17	Children back to school

Kind regards,

Mrs K Little
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