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NEWSLETTER

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Catholic Life of the School

We had an incredible response to our Harvest Appeal and raised £175.03 to send to CAFOD and took a whole car load of Harvest donations to the DENS Foodbank. There were so many bags of food and other items in Miss Wallek's car that it struggled to get up the hill! Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our Harvest Assembly and see the children's work and for your generous donations.

Yesterday, we celebrated our 'Creation' theme Wow day. We met in the school hall to talk about where we find the Creation Story in the Old Testament, and watched 2 interesting video clips that illustrated the story in a very child-friendly manner. The children worked on a variety of art activities in their classrooms to create our school version of the story and this will be displayed around the school. In the FS1 and FS2 classes, the children created a large depiction of the sea and the sky, complete with a wide variety of birds and fish. In Year 1, the light and the dark to represent day and night was painted on paper plates to make individual pictures with a lovely prayer. Year 2 created animals and humans (including a life-size collage of one of their pupils) and Year 3 created the sun, moon and stars. The Year 4 children worked in groups to create their own pictures of different days of the Creation Story which also included the land and the sea. Year 5 used pastels, crayons, pencils and paints to create pictures of plants and In Year 6, the children focused on the day of rest by creating a large picture of everything God created over the 6 days. They also created some beautiful representations of themselves as guardians of our world. This linked very much with our discussion about responsibility and how we can look after our beautiful world. All of this art work was shared in our assembly this morning before we went to Mass at Our Lady's.



The children from Year Reception to Year 6 attended Mass this morning. Fr Kim spoke to the children about the true meaning of the word Hallowe'en and its link to our Holy Day of obligation tomorrow – All Saints Day. The behaviour of our children was exemplary – respectful and prayerful with excellent listening and responding. I am so proud of them all. Fr Kim told everyone how pleased he was with their exemplary behaviour and that he will be mentioning it at the Masses this weekend.

The School Council have met again with Miss Lally and decided that they would like our school to support The Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal. Further details will be sent out in a separate letter. The Salvation Army aims to make Christmas special for children, families and others who have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning. I am delighted that our School Council representatives are keen to support those who are less fortunate during this holy time of year.



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Staffing News

I promised I would let you know as soon as I had recruited a teacher for Mrs Turp's maternity leave – and I am delighted to announce that Mrs Benson will be starting here in January and will cover Mrs Turp's leave for the whole year. Mrs Benson is an experienced Nursery teacher who will bring an excellent level of expertise from her Forest School experience at another Hertfordshire school and will be a great asset to our lovely EYFS team.

I am also delighted to inform you that Mrs Schaffer will be teaching our Year 4 class from January. Mrs Schaffer is also an experienced Primary School teacher and is moving here from South Africa. I am confident you will join me in welcoming both of these new members of staff to our St Albert's family.

It is also inevitable that teachers will see an advertisement for a teaching post that will provide them with a desired career progression and I am writing to let you know that Mr Gibson will be leaving us at the end of term to move on to Adeyfield Secondary School. He will be their KS2 teacher of English, Mathematics and Science which is a new post. I am sure you will also join me in wishing Mr Gibson all the best in this career move and I will let you know as soon as I have recruited a teacher to take the Year 5 class in January.

Dates for the rest of this term

3.11.17	Class Assembly – Year 4 PTFA Fancy Dress Disco – 5:00-6:00 FS2 to Year 2, 6:15-7:15 Years 3-6
6.11.17	Foundation Stage Wow Day
10.11.17	F Stage and KS1 classes to the cinema Class Assembly – Year 2
14.11.17	Mass for the Feast of St Albert the Great with Fr Kim 9:15 Year 6 to JFK to see the Gym & Dance Display
15.11.17	Theme Day - Feast of St Albert the Great Parent and child 'sharing learning' 2:45-3:10
16.11.17	World Philosophy Day
17.11.17	Children in Need Day Year 5 and 6 to Duxford Museum
23.11.17	KS2 classes to the cinema
24.11.17	Bottle Donations for Christmas Fair Class Assembly – Year 1
1.12.17	KS2 Advent Service
8.12.17	Filled Jars Donations for Christmas Fair
12.12.17	School Choir to Westminster Cathedral (am) KS1 Nativity (pm)
13.12.17	Christmas Lunch
14.12.17	Reception to Year 6 trip to the Pantomime in St Albans (am)
15.12.17	FS1 and FS2 Nativity 11:00 End of Term Assembly 2:45 (parents welcome)
16.12.17	PTFA Christmas Fair 11-2
18.12.17	Class Parties Mr Marvel in F Stage (am) Christmas Carol Service at Our Lady's 7:00 pm
19.12.17	Term Ends 1:30 pm
3.1.18	INSET Day (School closed to children)
4.1.18	New Term begins for all children

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