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NEWSLETTER

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Catholic Life of the School

The children have been focussing on our links with the Sunday Liturgies and considering the links between Jesus' messages about vineyards and grape vines and the relevance to our lives as Catholics today. We have been talking about the new beginnings we have made this term and how we can ensure we all try our best to make the right choices about everything we do. Embedding key skills and Learning Powers align with our faith to help us live our lives as Jesus taught us. I am very pleased to say that all children have made a fantastic start to the term and are working hard and truly working together as our St Albert's team.

BLP Awards

Congratulations to the children who have received awards for the following Learning Power:

Forgiveness: Year 1 – Daniella Adenaike, Year 2 – Paddy Nevin, Year 3 – Pavel Rebeqa, Year 4 – Lola Buzzle, Year 5 – Gabriella Haynes, Year 6 – Liam Hayward

Meta-Learning: Year 1 – Ethan Manley, Year 2 – Jasmine Haynes, Year 3 – Desiree Charles, Year 4 – Ciara O'Brien, Year 5 – Polly Body, Year 6 – Jack Lewis

Our children spent time in their classrooms discussing the democratic process of elections when they elected their School Council representatives. The School Council bring ideas from their classmates and represent the school at various events and activities throughout the year including fund-raising and determining how we can support awareness of the Common Good across all communities and also enhance our own community. This was then expanded to their House groups where they elected their House Captains and Vice-Captains. The House Captains and Vice-Captains also lead the children in their Houses during cross-school activity days such as our Wow days, lead the teams during Sports Day and also lead fund-raising activities. The children who expressed an interest in standing for these positions had to present a speech to their class and House mates who then voted for the children they felt would be the best representatives. Thank you to all of our children for taking part in this democratic process and congratulations to all of the children who were elected.

School Council Representatives:

Year 1 – Kacper Gadja and Lara Martinica, Year 2 – Harriet Leung and Joshua Cox, Year 3 – Jonah Jones and Gabriella Sowa, Year 4 – Ethan O'Connor and Thomas Kelly, Year 5 – Poppy Mander and Harry McIntosh, Year 6 – Beth Irvine, Rhys Brevern, Achidaishe Padzakashamba and Patrick McDonagh.

House Representatives are:

St Francis – Olivia Buzzle (Captain), Holly Sells (Vice-Captain)
St Bernadette – Luis Streets (Captain), Grace Taylor (Vice-Captain)
St John the Baptist – Daniel Watts (Captain), Finley Duggan (Vice-Captain)
St Elizabeth – Gabriel Ahi (Captain), Daniel Ifode (Vice-Captain)

The School Council will be led by Miss Lally this year and the first School Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd October at 1:00.



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Year 6 School Journey

This week our Year 6 children have been on their residential trip to Hudnall Park where they have been taking part in a wide variety of outdoor activities. It has been reported that they are all working hard at the team building activities as well as challenging themselves to try new activities and set new targets for personal achievement. I am sure they will have much to share with us when they have their Sharing Assembly on October 13th. Photos are on our school website under the Year 6 Residential tab.

Secondary School Applications

Applications have now opened for Secondary School places. Please note that the deadline for the Herts County Council online applications is 31st October, 2017. Please see useful information on the website: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

JFK will be holding their open evening for students and parents on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 at 18:30. They will also be holding an open morning on Wednesday 11th October at 09:30. Parents can download the JFK application forms from the JFK website; www.jfk.herts.sch.uk

Loreto College, St Albans, had their open evening this Tuesday and further details are on their website.

Staffing News

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Turp – our Nursery Teacher, is having a baby and will start her maternity leave at the end of the Autumn Term. We are currently recruiting a Nursery Teacher to cover her for one year. I am sure you will all join me in sending Mrs Turp and her family our very best wishes and once I have another teacher in place, I will send out further details.

Grandparents' Day

Our 3rd annual Grandparents' Day will take place next Friday – October 6th. If you have a grandparent/s who is/are planning to attend for the afternoon, we would be very grateful if you could please complete the tear off slip at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to school by Wednesday 4th. This is so the teachers can plan activities taking account of the number of grandparents who will be with the children. If your child does not have a Grandparent or their Grandparents are unable to attend, they will have an opportunity to work with the other Grandparents in the class. Thank you.

Dates for this term

29.9.17	Class Assembly – Year 5
3.10.17	Contemporary Dance lessons Year 4
6.10.17	Grandparents' Day – 1:15-3:15
9.10.17	Superhero Wow Day
10.10.17	Contemporary Dance lessons Year 4 Parent Consultations
13.10.17	Class Assembly – Year 6
17.10.17	Contemporary Dance lessons Year 4 FS2 Family Lunch 11:50
18.10.17	Individual School Photos
20.10.17	Harvest Festival
23.10.17	Half Term break
30.10.17	Wow Day (RE theme – 'Creation')
3.11.17	Class Assembly – Year 4
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
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



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23.11.17 KS2 classes to the cinema
 24.11.17 Class Assembly – Year 1
 1.12.17 KS2 Advent Service
 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)
 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

All Class Assemblies start at 3:00

Please take specific note of our Patronal Feast Day – Wednesday 15th November. I am introducing a new termly 'sharing learning' afternoon and the first one will take place that afternoon from 2:45-3:10. All parents are invited to come and sit with their child/children in their class/es and see what they have been learning. I am sure you and your child/children will find this a valuable opportunity.

3.1.18 INSET Day (School closed to children)
 4.1.18 New Term begins for all children

Mrs K Little
 Headteacher

Grandparents' Day Friday 6th October, 2017

My child/children _____

In Year/Class _____

Will be bringing _____ (insert number) Grandparents to the Grandparents' Day on Friday 6th October.

Signed _____



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