

# St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter to Parents

January 8<sup>th</sup> 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everybody and best wishes for good health and happiness in 2019. I hope it will be a great year for St. Alban's and all our families. We had great news just before Christmas as Mrs Murphy had a little boy and just before 2019 arrived, our site manager Mr Sayle welcomed twin girls! Congratulations to them all!

This term it is heads down and lots of hard work for everyone to ensure that all the children achieve good progress. It is essential that good attendance is maintained to help this. We do not wish sick children to be in school but equally, good attendance is so important for progress that children must not be off unless they are really unwell. We will soon be sending out individual attendance data for every child so that you can see if your child is meeting the target of 95%. If they are not, good attendance this term will help them towards it.

We expect the children to work with effort and concentration in school and we also have high expectations of behaviour. This is the message we will be giving to the children and we know that you will be encouraging them and supporting us with this. Parents nights are later in the term but if you have concerns about anything, please arrange to see myself or the class teacher. It is often easier to resolve small concerns before they may develop and become bigger issues.

With best wishes,

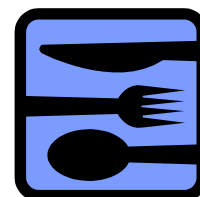
Mrs C.L. Frost  
Headteacher



## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

It is very important for the school that ALL parents who are entitled to free school meals **have registered for this** even though your child may be already getting a meal through the universal entitlement for infants.

**Children registered for FSM also get free milk and free school trips!  
Make sure you register your entitlement!**



Free School Meal numbers are a very significant factor in funding calculations for schools so please help us by ensuring that we get all the funding we are entitled to, so that we can meet the needs of all our children and provide the very best for them.

**The school census is very soon so action should be taken immediately.**  
Please see Mrs Price in confidence if you need advice and she will do all she can to assist.

Huge thanks to those parents who have completed and returned the additional data collection sheet that was sent out before Christmas to assist us with this. We have already picked up an additional 3 families who are entitled to free school meals which benefits the family and the school! If you haven't returned the data sheet, please do. If you need a spare just see the school office.

## OAKLANDS MEETING

There will be a meeting about Oaklands for all parents of children in the current Y5 on Monday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Full details will follow next week but please ensure that someone can attend to get the information about this exciting trip.

## ADMISSION TO SCHOOL for SEPTEMBER 2019

The deadline for applications is January 15<sup>th</sup>. Those who apply late, may not get their first choice of school. If you know anyone with a child who will be 4 before August 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, please check that they have applied for a school place.

## FIRST FORGIVENESS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Letters will be going out this week to children in **Year 3** about the programme for preparation to receive these sacraments for the first time. If your child is in **Y4, Y5 or Y6** and has **not** made their First Communion, they are also invited to join the programme – please see the school office for a letter. **Children MUST already be baptised** and evidence of this is required. Parents should return the Enrolment form with the letter to the school office as soon as possible and no later than February 1st. Our programme starts on February 10<sup>th</sup> with the Enrolment Mass and all information needs to be checked by the Parish office before that.

## **CAMHS SESSION FOR PARENTS**

**“Helping your child to thrive”**

*Supporting parents to support their child develop resilience  
and positive emotional well being*

Wirral CAMHS Primary Mental Health Team are running a session for parents at St. Alban's on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9.30am – 11.00am.

This will be a really helpful session giving parents many ideas and strategies for helping their children develop resilience as they grow up so that they develop good mental health and emotional well being.

*This is the first time we have been offered a session like this so please come along if you can – I'm sure it will be a great session.*



*It will start at 9.30am so come and have a coffee  
in “Chatterbox” while you wait.*



## PARKING AND SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOL

There are regular reminders about the safety issues relating to parking outside school. However, there continue to be incidents outside school that cause concern and there were a few just before Christmas. Our school is situated in a difficult location and there is little we can do about that. We can however, ensure safety is our number 1 consideration. If possible, park away from Ashburton Road and walk the last bit, and under no circumstances park on double yellow lines, zig-zag areas or mount the pavement. I would also request that parents please be respectful of the residents of Ashburton Road and help us to maintain good relationships with our neighbours. Please consider these points carefully and ensure that our children are kept safe at all times. Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter.