



St. Adrian's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

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Our classes from Year 1-6 attended mass at St Bart's last week for Ash Wednesday and so we are now into the season of Lent. In our weekly school assemblies I will be focussing on the scripture readings of the week and supporting the children in their understanding of how we prepare for the great Christian feast of Easter through reflecting on ourselves and the challenges we face in trying to live as Jesus asks us to live.

School celebrations: Mothers' Day assembly will be on Thursday March 23rd at 9.00am and all are welcome to join us. This term finishes before Holy Week but we will still have a liturgy celebration in preparation for Holy Week. It will take place on Thursday March 30th at 9.00am and again we hope you will join us.

Year 3 Assembly: My apologies but I omitted to include Year 3 class assembly in the dates at the beginning of term. It has been scheduled for Friday March 17th and I hope Year 3 parents will be able to join us.

Staffing news: I am very pleased to welcome two new staff members to school this week. Ms Sally McCarthy has been appointed as support teacher to take over the intervention groups in KS2 previously taught by Mr King in the autumn term. Mrs Beverley Finnie has been appointed as additional SEN support in Year 4.

Snacks: May I remind you that KS2 children may only bring in a piece of fresh fruit/vegetable for morning break snack. This ensures that KS2 snacks are in line with foundation stage and KS1 children. Cereal bars, biscuits, and fruit related products are not allowed.

Also, having had to clear up the hall or dining room after clubs in the last few weeks, I have been very disappointed to see the amount of wrappings and snack debris that has been left behind, therefore I have told the children that if they have a snack for after school that it should be eaten after their club and not beforehand. This also enables the clubs to start punctually rather than being delayed for snack time. Thank you for your support in both these matters.



World Book Day: Thank you for your support last Friday in ensuring the children came to school dressed as a book character. Although I was away at a conference I heard all about the day. I also extend a thank you to the staff who planned an exciting day of book related activities for the children.

PTA Quiz: May I remind you that the PTA will be holding a Quiz evening on Saturday March 18th. This will be the last quiz led by Dave Kiely and Andy Petch who have been setting the questions for St Adrian's quizzes over 20 years. Please come along and show your support for the event and for our quizmasters.



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School Dinners: There will be a new menu available after Easter and Mrs Flint will send out the new menu shortly for Reception and Y1 parents to make their children's choices. The catering company has informed us that there will be an increase in the price of a school meal to £2.30 per day which will take effect after Easter.



Alban Arena Concert: Year 5 and Year 6 recorder players will be taking part in the Alban Arena concert on Wednesday March 29th as part of the St Albans Primary Schools Music Concert. Thank you to Mrs Goldsmith for her preparation with the children; I am sure it will be a super concert.

Parking: May I remind you again that you should not park in front of the garages at the Ferncroft entrance whilst waiting for the gates to open at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Term dates: The last day of term is Friday March 31st; School will re-open for everyone on Tuesday April 19th 2017.

Dates for academic year 2017-2018:

Autumn term 2017

STAFF INSET	Mon & Tues 4&5 th September
Term begins for children	Weds 6 th September
Half term	Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th October
STAFF INSET	Mon 30 th October
Term ends	for Nursery Fri 15 th December for Reception - Yr 6 Thurs 21 st December

Spring term 2018

STAFF INSET	Mon 8 th January
Term begins for children	Tues 9 th January
Half term	Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th February
Term ends	Thurs 29 th March

Summer term 2018

Term begins	Mon 16 th April
Half term	Mon 28 th to Fri 1 st June
Term ends for children	Tues 24 th July
STAFF INSET	Weds 25 th July

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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