



# Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

*Enjoying and excelling in the presence of God*

## Safeguarding

It has been brought to our attention that some of our children are using social media platforms as a way of communicating with friends, however, we ask parents to be aware of what their child is using and sharing. As part of our safeguarding within school, we teach children about online safety and our Year 6 class will take part in a session with our safeguarding team next week.

## Road Safety/Travelling to School

As the darker mornings and evenings are approaching, please discuss with your children how to keep safe when travelling to and from school. If your child comes to school on a bike/scooter, please could you remind them to wear a helmet, lights/reflective clothing and to follow road safety rules. Members of the public have reported that a few of our children have been seen putting themselves at risk near/on roads.

As part of our school curriculum, we teach all children about road safety, and our Year 3 children will take part in pedestrian/road safety sessions after half term. More details will be sent to the Year 3 class.

## RE

Thank you to the families and staff who attended our Harvest Mass on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. It was such a lovely celebration and was very well attended. Our next Family Mass will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 5:30pm. All are welcome.

## Parents' Evening

Our parents' evening meetings will take place on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. If you have not already made an appointment, please contact the school office.

This year, parents are invited to meet with their child's class teacher in their classroom. This meeting will give you a chance to see where your child works and look at a selection of their books. You will have the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their class, their progress and achievements.



## **Uniform**

It's great to see our children looking so smart in their uniforms. Please can we remind you that black shoes are required as part of our school uniform policy.

## **Clubs**

Breakfast and after school clubs are available for children from Reception to Year 6. These sessions, each costing £2.00, **must be booked in advance**. Children can be dropped off at the office, no earlier than 8.00am and no later than 8:15am and children attending all after school clubs must be collected from the office at 4:15pm.

## **Food voucher scheme**

The government has extended the Household Support Fund. Newcastle City Council has made the decision to continue funding food vouchers for the October half-term school holiday for those children and young people eligible for benefits related to free school meals. It is £15 for the week, with the same arrangements as for previous holidays. If you need further information about this, please contact the school office.

## **Inset Day**

Please note that school will be closed to all children on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** for a Teacher Training Day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Duncan and all the staff at St Alban's.