



St. Ambrose Barlow

Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mr J Clinton

0121 464 2791

www.sab.bham.sch.uk

enquiry@sab.bham.sch.uk

@SAB_B28

St. Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School, 841 Shirley Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 9JJ

Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents,



Year Six celebrate their Confirmation this evening at 7pm. Fr Paul will say Mass and Bishop David will confer the Sacrament on our children. Please keep them in your prayers today and this weekend especially. It is an important step in their journey of faith, confirming their baptismal promises and agreeing to actively partake in the life of the Church.

My thanks to all involved in their preparation – first and foremost, to the parents of our Year Six children for the love and support given to their children; to their sponsors for acting as role models of faith; to Mrs Bresnen for leading the parent meetings and programme in school; to Father Paul for always being on hand to guide and nurture the children; to Miss Newman and Mr Turner for their daily direction they provide in class; to Mrs Vinti for the music and the singing lessons! I am

always so impressed with Year Six and I fully understand the hard work that has gone into the formation of their character. They are a credit to the school and I am very proud of them.

*Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of your faithful,
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit,
And they shall be created,
And You will renew,
The face of the earth.*

Golden Book

Reception: Erin Jackson for always having such a positive attitude in all lessons. Erin has made remarkable progress in her phonics and reading this week! Keep up the good work, Erin!

Year One: Rico Augustus has been trying hard over the past weeks to become more independent when completing his work. He is working hard to read with expression and is now looking closely at punctuation to help- which is great! Well done and keep up your hard work Rico!

Year Two: Elora Tipper for always following instructions and getting on with your work straight away! You're such a good friend to everyone in our class and a fantastic role model to your peers.

Year Three: Lila Delaney for the focus and attention she has shown in class this week. Lila is always smiling and ready to learn. She also treated the school to a performance of her Irish dancing in yesterday's assembly.

Year Four: Tierney Brady for taking great pride in his work, sharing his learning with others and working particularly hard on

With **St. Ambrose Barlow** as our guide and **Jesus** at our side,
we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

improving his presentation. Keep up the great work, Tierney!

Year Five: James McMahon for almost all he does: he was in the newsletter last week for being KiVa and building on that this week with his great attitude in all subjects.

Year Six: Jayden Parsons for having a focused and mature attitude towards his work this week. He also impressed Miss Newman with his fantastic Confirmation project about St Patrick.

Caught being KiVa



Ronan Pickering, Year Six, for showing superb sportsmanship when representing the school in football last week. Again, this speaks volumes about his character! The school football team always offer to clear up after a match has taken place and their sportsmanship and manners are much appreciated by all.

Reading

Thank you, parents, for your positive feedback to Miss Hodgkins and Mrs Hunt during Parent Consultations about the progress you can see in your children's ability to decode, to read with expression, and to understand the content. This is exactly the approach we take in school, with three separate sessions devote to each, using the same book each time.

To ensure our Home Readers are matched to the children's phonetic ability, we will soon send a username and password for our online library. There are two types of

reading book that your child may bring home or access online:

A reading practice book: this will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.

A sharing book: your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

In class reader news, Year Two tell me that they have now finished *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and loved it all! They have voted for their next class reader and the unanimous vote was for the sequel - *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator*! Four of the children have copies in school already to read along! I hope they keep their eyes peeled for the terrifying Vermicious Knids!

School Finance

Parents, please can you ensure payments that are due to School are up to date. There are some families who are in arrears and although the amounts owed are small currently, it does impact the school when multiplied by several other accounts. If you need any assistance, please see the office or speak to Mr Clinton directly.

With regards to After-school Clubs, payments were split into two to help parents financially. Please ensure the second installation, which is due after the first half-term has taken place, has been paid. Spaces in clubs are allocated for the term – it is just the payment that is split into two amounts, not the place itself.

March dates for your diary

With **St. Ambrose Barlow** as our guide and **Jesus** at our side,
we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

Fri 18th March: Confirmation with Bishop David at 7pm

Wed 23rd March: Year Five trip to Black Country Museum

Thurs 24th March: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* theatre production (in school)

Fri 25th March: Year Two Class Assembly 9am

Mon 28th March: Year Six @ Boreatton Park (Five day residential)

April dates for your diary

Fri 1st April: Year Five Class Mass 2:30pm

Mon 4th April: Reconciliation for KS2

Wed 6th April: Piano and choir concert 2pm

Wed 6th April: Reception Class trip to the farm – letter to follow – Consent on School Money.

Mon 11th April: Year Three Holy Week Assembly

Tues 12th April: Year Four Holy Week Assembly

Wed 13th April: Year Five Holy Week Assembly

Thurs 14th April: Year Six Holy Week Assembly

May dates for your diary

Tues 3rd May: School re-opens after Easter

Tues 3rd May: First Communion parents meeting 6pm

Thurs 5th May: School closed for local elections

Sat 7th May: First Holy Communion (10am and 11:30am)

Fri 20th May: Year One class assembly 9am

Thurs 26th May: Whole School Mass 9:30 (The Ascension)

Fri 27th May: Procession 2pm

June dates for your diary

Fri 17th June: Reception Class Mass 2:30pm

Fri 24th June: Reception class assembly 9am

Sun 26th June: Year Three Going Forth Mass 10am (followed by Communion breakfast)

Wed 29th June: Whole School Mass St Peter and Paul 9:30am

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Jacob, Year Six, who was eleven on Monday. Morgan, also in Year Six, was eleven on Wednesday. That is quite some week for our two Confirmandi. Noah, Year Four, is nine tomorrow and Aibhlinn in Reception is five on Sunday. Happy birthday to all!

Have a safe and relaxing weekend and I shall see you all on Monday morning.



Mr Clinton