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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all! I pray that you and your families enjoy a holy, happy and healthy 2018. Thank you for all your kind words and generous gifts to staff at Christmas. A Mass will be offered for all our families to ask God's blessing on the year ahead.

### Father Tom Hewitt RIP

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Father Tom yesterday afternoon. He died peacefully in the Hospice of St Francis with friends and parishioners around him. Fr Tom was a gentle, prayerful man who served the people of St Alban & St Stephen with grace and good humour for many years and he will be missed. Please remember him and those who loved him in your prayers.

### Green Flag Assessment – we need your help!

Our Green Flag assessment is very close and the Eco-team has put a lot of work into it. We'd appreciate your muscle and enthusiasm for a **Get Your Grown-Ups Gardening afternoon on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January from 1pm – 3pm**. Bring your trowels and spades so we can sweep and weed together. Refreshments will be provided, do drop in if you can.

### Christmas Card competition

Before you recycle your cards, why not take some inspiration? The Parish Christmas Card design for 2018 should have a religious theme and fill an A4 sheet of paper. Children can use paint, crayons, felt pens or collage. Please write your child's Christian name, Surname initial and class number on the back and return to school by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January**. There's a prize for the winning design and it will be made into the Parish card next year so do please enter.

### Inventioneering club

Letters went home to Year 2 this afternoon. We will draw the names for the next Inventioneering club on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January and the club will run from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Please return your letter by Wednesday morning. Places will be notified by Parentmail.

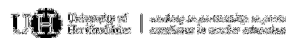
### Admissions 2018

The deadline for online applications for Year 3 and Reception for September 2018 is 15 January 2018. All **parents must complete the online form in addition to paper applications** to our school or Juniors as appropriate. A late application will affect your child's chances of a place so please ensure that you apply on time. Priests will be signing Certificates of Catholic Practice at the parish centre on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January from 4:00 – 6:30pm. Please take your child with you.

### PTA News

We had some additional prizes for the December draw. Lottery Winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> 115 Sparrow family; 2<sup>nd</sup> 62 Gkliatis family; 3<sup>rd</sup> 86 Gibbons family; 4<sup>th</sup> 66 Hayman family; 5<sup>th</sup> 17 Bozier family. Congratulations everyone.

**PTA Quiz- Save the date Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018**



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It's back! A new venue, the Junior School, but the same fiendishly difficult questions. More details to follow shortly but as usual the teams are of up to eight people so start thinking about who you want to be with now. If you don't want to be on a team but would still like to play a part we will need people to run the bar and to help on the night. Please email [ssaspta@gmail.com](mailto:ssaspta@gmail.com) if you can help.

### Easy Fundraising update

Mrs. Hines says that your shopping via Easy Fundraising raised over £347 for the school last month, which is fantastic. We have 47 new members and more donations awaiting confirmation so we're well on the way to reaching our target of a new iPad. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up – please do consider it as it costs you nothing.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,



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