

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

Newsletter — January 2013



We welcome everyone into our community to live, love and learn together in the light and example of Jesus Christ.



Everybody is a star in God's Heart. God is Superstar. When our star shines we do kind actions, we are grateful for all the good blessings we receive every minute of every day. The Magi Kings found Jesus, the Star, by searching. Lord, help us to keep going, even when the journey is challenging, and help us always to bring our gifts of Thanks to You!

'Happy New Year 2013' and welcome back! I hope you had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas. On behalf of staff, can I thank you for your kindness and generosity with cards and gifts. The end of last term was so busy and exciting but also affected by ill-health. I do hope that you have either escaped illness or have rested and recovered, and let's hope we escape the bad weather! If the weather is very poor, we will still use the system of informing parents via the local radio stations and the SMS system so do let us know if you have changed your mobile number.

Can I also thank parents who keep us informed of absences by ringing on the first day of absence. Once an absence has been reported, there is no need to ring again on following days but please send a note once your child returns to school.

Farewell and welcome: Mrs Quinn will start her maternity leave later this month (18th) and we will be joined by Mrs S. Thatcher who will teach Reception class for the rest of the school year. I am sure you will join me in sending Mr & Mrs Quinn our very best wishes for their upcoming event!

Thankyou: Christmas collections at school raised £257 for the family of Carole Fletcher. Thank you for your kindness.

Website: we are completely updating the school website this term, we will let you know when the new website is up and running!



Attendance:

Congratulations to Year 4 who had the best class attendance for the Autumn Term.

Attendance - Autumn Term 2012

Reception	96.2 %
Year 1	96.6 %
Year 2	96.0 %
Year 3	96.6 %
Year 4	97.1 %
Year 5	94.4 %
Year 6	95.1 %



**Winners of
Class Trophy**

You will be given a print out of your child's attendance at Parents Evening (March). Children whose overall attendance is below 90 % are less likely to be as successful as their peers.

School Fund:

Our School Fund is very necessary to provide small everyday items for school and pupils' use. It would be very much appreciated if a voluntary contribution of £3 per family (per term) was made to the fund. I am sure that we can count on your support.

Sport / After School Activities:

There will be two clubs starting this half-term:

Italian (Monday) - Year 5 / 6

Tennis (Monday) - Juniors

Aston Villa Football after school coaching will resume after half term once the lighter evenings return. We also continue football coaching during school time and Years 4 and 6 currently have a session each on Friday mornings. We encourage all pupils to have a warm PE kit for outdoor lessons this term including tracksuit & trainers. Year 5 have a regular outdoor session on Monday afternoon.

Swimming Sessions continue on Tuesdays for the Juniors and this term **Years 5 and 3** will have lessons. Please remember to send in kit each week, starting 15th January.

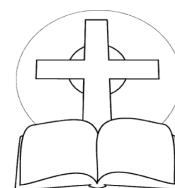


Dates for Diary — January 2013

There will be more dates to add as the term continues but these dates available so far:

Dates for the Diary

Monday 14 Jan	Ten Ten Christian Theatre Group all day (9 p.m. Parent session—all welcome)
Thursday 17 Jan	9.05 a.m. Whole School Mass led by Year 5 - all welcome.
Sunday 20 Jan	10.30 a.m. 'Caring' Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church— for all Year 3 children receiving Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist
Tuesday 22 Jan	9.15 a.m. Year 6 Inspire Workshop (Parent & Child) coffee in BASC from 8.55
Tuesday 5 Feb	9.15 a.m. Year 2 Inspire Workshop (Parent & Child) coffee in BASC from 8.55
Thursday 7 Feb	7 p.m. Meeting for Parents of children receiving Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist
Friday 8 Feb	Music service keyboard day at MAC
Friday 8 Feb	PTA Quiz (adults only) details to follow
Wednesday 13 Feb	9.05 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 14 Feb	Year 5 Hagley Consortium Evening Concert at Birmingham Town Hall
Friday 15 Feb	3.30 p.m. Break up for Half Term
Monday 25 Feb	8.55 a.m. School re-opens
Wednesday 27 Feb	Y4 visit to Cadbury World
Monday 4 Mar	Father Hudson Society assembly 9.05 a.m.
Saturday 9 Mar	11 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) —Year 3 at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Wednesday 13 Mar	Parents Consultation Meetings 3.45—6.45
Friday 15 Mar	PTA St Patrick's Disco
Monday 18 Mar	Parents Consultation Meetings 3.45—6.45
Thursday 21 Mar	7 p.m. Meeting for Parents of children receiving Sacrament of Eucharist
Monday 25 Mar	Reconciliation Service and Confessions Years 4—6
Thursday 28 Mar	Passion Play Years 3, 4 and 5
Thursday 28 Mar	3.30 p.m. Last day of Spring Term—school closes for Easter Holiday



Further dates:

Monday 15 Apr	8.55 a.m. Children return to school for Summer Term
Thursday 18 Apr	Year 5 educational visit to 'Safeside'
Tuesday 23 Apr	St George's day (own clothes)
Thursday 25 Apr	Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday 6 May	School closed—Bank Holiday
Saturday 11 May	12 noon First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Fatima Church
A reminder for Y6 Parents:	Year 6 SATs week— 13th—16th May.
Saturday 18 May	12 noon First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Monday 20 May	2.30 p.m. May Procession—all welcome
Monday 20 May	International Week
Tuesday 21 May	Year 6 Islamic Exhibition Centre
Friday 24 May	3.30 p.m. Half Term
Monday 3 June	8.55 a.m. School re-opens
Thursday 6 Jun	Parent Meeting Year 6—Sacrament of Confirmation 7 p.m.
Friday 7 Jun	Reception Class trip to Mount Pleasant Farm a.m.
Sunday 9 Jun	10.30 a.m. Year 6 Mass of Enrolment at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Thursday 13 Jun	7.00 p.m. Year 5 Parents Meeting (Secondary School transition & details of residential visit to Alton Castle planned for September 2013).
Sunday 16 Jun	12 noon 'Going Forth' Mass—Year 3 Our Lady of Fatima Church
Wednesday 19 Jun	Year 6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral
Thursday 20 Jun	7 p.m. New Intake meeting for parents of children joining the school Sep 2013
Friday 21 Jun	Bear Creek Adventure, Edgbaston Reservoir, Ed Visit for all Junior Classes
Thursday 27 Jun	Reception Class Assembly
Friday 28 Jun	9.05 a.m. Mass of Illumination (Year 6)

