



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School



Newsletter — February 2013

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



YEAR OF FAITH 2012 2013

The nights are getting *slightly* lighter and the mornings a little brighter. Each year we welcome the extra few minutes of day and long for the advent of spring and summer. Light is vital to us all both for illumination but also for warmth. The Church has

always used candles in the Liturgy to remind us of Christ who is *THE* light of lights. At Christmas and at Easter candles are used in the celebration of Mass. And on Saturday we celebrated the feast commonly called Candlemas. We recall the presentation of the infant Christ in the Temple, forty days after his birth. In the gospel for the day we hear of the old man Simeon who praises God because he has now beheld the 'light of the nations'. During Mass candles are lit and blessed to emphasise this and the liturgy looks back to joy of Christmas but also forward to the triumph of Easter.

The nights may still be long and cold but the feast brings some warmth into our lives. It reminds us that Christ is the Light of the World. It celebrates the fact that the light of Christ shines in our world today. It calls us to be living flames bringing warmth and light to others but in so doing showing them, through our lives, the way to Christ himself.



Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

This Thursday (7th February) we welcome Year 3 parents to a meeting in the school hall at 7 p.m. in preparation for the children's Sacrament of Reconciliation which will take place on Saturday 9th March. It is very important that all children are represented at this meeting.

PTA Quiz Night

Start revising and reading those newspapers, sports pages and learning all the names of those music tunes! The PTA's first quiz night is this Friday

(8th). Tickets should have been booked in advance via the school office.

Chinese New Year Meal

Mrs O'Brien and her team always put on a festive meal to celebrate Chinese New Year and the children enjoy opening their fortune cookies! This year, Year of the Snake, she will cook a special meal next Monday - 11th February. Parents of children who bring a packed lunch can avail of this meal by sending £ 1.90 by this Thursday, 7th so that she has time to order in advance. Please clearly label your child's envelope with 'Chinese Meal' to avoid confusion with 'Fun Friday' lunches! Thank you - Gong Xi Fa Cai.



Inspire Workshops

Mrs Workman welcomed Year 2 parents to our final workshop today. Thank you to parents (and grandparents) for your support and suggestions.

Classical Piano Concert - Kata Skupien

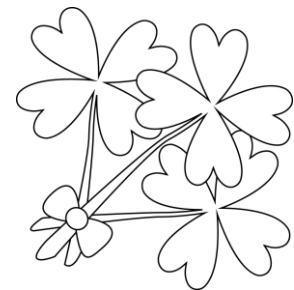
You will be aware of how well our pianist, Kata Skupien, supports the children from your attendance at masses, Christmas plays, services etc but you may not know that she is a highly skilled professional concert pianist. Kata's last concert was at the Birmingham Conservatoire but she has offered to put on a classical piano concert in the school hall on Wednesday 27th March starting at 7 p.m. with a contribution to school funds for the use of the hall. The concert is ideal for Junior aged pupils & adults and tickets are available from the school office priced at £3 each, £ 2 for children under 12 years.



**WE ARE COLLECTING
SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS**

Dates for Diary — updated February 2013 - please look for changed (underlined) / new dates

Tuesday 5 Feb	9.15 a.m. Year 2 Inspire Workshop (Parent & Child) coffee in BASC from 8.55
Wednesday 6 Feb	Internet Safety Day
Thursday 7 Feb	7 p.m. Meeting for Parents of children receiving Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 8 Feb	Music service keyboard day at MAC
Friday 8 Feb	PTA Quiz (adults only) details to follow
Mon 11 Feb	Chinese New Year Meal
Wednesday 13 Feb	9.05 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass led by Year 2, start of Lent
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
<u>Wednes 13 Mar</u>	Parents Consultation Meetings 3.45—6.45
Friday 15 Mar	PTA St Patrick's Disco
Monday 18 Mar	St Patrick's School Meal and own clothes day
<u>Monday 18 Mar</u>	Parents Consultation Meetings 3.45—6.45
Wednes 20 Mar	Governing Body Meetings (Finance 6 p.m., Full 6.45 p.m.)
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
Wednes 27 Mar	Kata Skupien Classical Piano Concert 7 p.m. in school hall
Thursday 28 Mar	Lenten / Easter Service for Parents led by Years 3 - 5
	3.30 p.m. Last day of Spring Term—school closes for Easter Holiday
<u>Summer Term dates:</u>	
Monday 15 April	8.55 a.m. Children return to school for Summer Term
Thursday 18 April	Year 5 educational visit to 'Safeside'



Tuesday 23 Apr	St George's day (own clothes)
Thursday 25 Apr	Year 5 class assembly - all welcome
Monday 6 May	School closed—Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 May	Start of Bikeability Week (Year 5)
Wednes 8 May	Governing Body Meeting 6 p.m.
Friday 10 May	Mass in celebration of Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday 11 May	12.00 noon First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Fatima Church
A reminder for Year 6 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
Friday 24 May	3.30 p.m. Half Term
Monday 3 June	8.55 a.m. School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 6 Jun	Parent Meeting Year 6—Sacrament of Confirmation 7 p.m.
Friday 7 Jun	Reception Class educational visit 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). Year 4 parents are also welcome to attend the transition meeting at 7 p.m.
<u>Sunday 16 Jun</u>	<u>12.00 noon</u> 'Going Forth' Mass—Year 3 Our Lady of Fatima Church
Wednes 19 Jun	Year 6 educational 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	All Junior classes to Bear Creek Adventure Centre, Edgbaston Reservoir as part of Physical Health Week
Friday 27 Jun	Reception Class assembly - all welcome
Friday 28 Jun	9.05 a.m. Mass of Illumination (Year 6)
Wednes 10 July	Governing Body Meetings (Finance 6 p.m., Full 6.45 p.m.)
Monday 15 Jul	Annual Reports to Parents
<u>Wednes 17 Jul</u>	Mass of Confirmation 7 p.m.
Thursday 18 Jul	Final School Mass of Year - all welcome
Friday 19 July	3.30 p.m. School closes — End of Academic Year

