



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School



Newsletter — March 2013

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Saturday 9th March. Please keep our young children and their families in your thoughts and prayers this week. This beautiful sacrament focuses on God's love and forgiveness. Following this sacrament, the children will continue to prepare for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. We did have a parents' meeting planned for Thursday 21st March but this has been postponed until after Easter to Thursday 25th April at 7 p.m. in the school hall.

Date for Year 6 Confirmation - we have now been notified of the date for this sacrament which will be conferred by Bishop Philip Pargeter. The date is Wednesday 17th July at 7 p.m.

St Patrick's Day Meal - Mrs O'Brien and her team always put on a festive meal to celebrate St Patrick's Day. As this falls on a Sunday she will cook a special meal on Monday - 18th March. Parents of children who bring a packed lunch can avail of this meal by sending £ 1.90 by Friday 15th so that she has time to order food in advance. Please clearly label your child's envelope with 'St Patrick's Meal' to avoid confusion with 'Fun Friday' lunches! Thank you - La Fhéile Pádraig Shona Daoibh!

PTA - congratulations to the PTA for organising such an enjoyable quiz night for parents and other grown-ups! Their next event is a family St Patrick's Disco on Friday 15th March.

Classical Piano Concert - Kata Skupien concert in the school hall on Wednesday 27th March starting at 7 p.m. 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. **See last page for booking form.**



Well done also to Thomas, Mary, Alicia, Ella, Jay and Liam (Years 6 & 5) who have been invited to take part in the String Gala Concert at Adrian Boulton Hall on 27th March.

Parent Consultation meetings - the teachers met today to allocate appointments for these meetings which take place on Wednesday 13th and Monday 18th March. If you have not received an appointment by Wednesday 6th March, please contact your child's teacher or the office. At this meeting you will have time to look at your child's classwork and talk to the class teacher about your child's progress. We also like to update you on your child's attendance. Good attendance is essential, not just for good academic progress but for social reasons. Attendance below 95% cannot be classed as 'good'. Class attendance for the first spring half term was also affected by the snow. Well done to Year 2 who as a class are leading the way:

Spring 1 attendance:

Year R	92.5%
Year 1	92.2%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	94.0%
Year 4	95.0%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	94.7%



Parking - please remember that NO-ONE should park on the zig-zag lines at the start / end of the school day. The children are aware that this is



dangerous, thoughtless and unacceptable so PLEASE, no matter how much of a rush you may be in, follow the rules that the vast majority of parents abide by. Do remember that driveways in Word Hill and the slip road

onto the Hagley Road should never be blocked by parked cars.



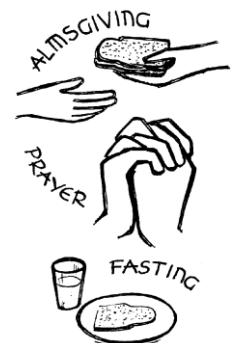
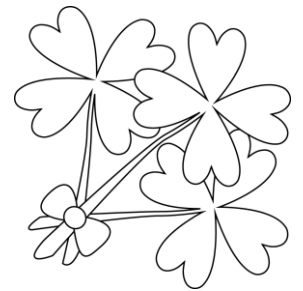
**WE ARE COLLECTING
SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS**

Aston Villa Tickets - a reminder that we still have some free children's tickets available for all home matches available from the school office.

School website update - we anticipate that the new website will be up and running later this term. Term dates, newsletters and much more will be available!

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

Tuesday 5 Mar	West Midlands Transition Travel Workshop - Year 6
Tuesday 5 Mar	Catholic Football Team - playing against Holy Souls School
Saturday 9 Mar	11 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) —Year 3 at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Monday 11 Mar	Year 4 working with artist in residence (Celtic Art) x 1 ½ days
Wednes 13 Mar	Parents' Consultation Meetings 3.45—6.45
<u>Friday 15 Mar</u>	Lenten Fun Film Friday 50p donation
Friday 15 Mar	PTA St Patrick's Disco in school hall
Monday 18 Mar	St Patrick's Lenten own clothes day (£1 donation)
Monday 18 Mar	St Patrick's School Meal
Monday 18 Mar	Parents' Consultation Meetings 3.45—6.45
Tuesday 19 Mar	7-a-side football tournament-school field 4 p.m.
Wednes 20 Mar	Governing Body Meeting 6.45 p.m.
Friday 22 Mar	Silver Coin Collection—children are invited to bring silver coins to school to make a silver trail in the school hall.
Monday 25 Mar	Good Shepherd Box collection day—please bring (full) box back to school today
Monday 25 Mar	Reconciliation Service and Confessions Years 4—6
Wednes 27th	Toy Sale for Lenten Charities
Wednes 27 Mar	Kata Skupien Classical Piano Concert 7 p.m. in school hall
Thursday 28 Mar	Jerusalem Joy Lenten / Easter Service for Parents led by Years 3 - 5
	3.30 p.m. Last day of Spring Term—school closes for Easter Holiday



Summer Term dates:

Monday 15 April	8.55 a.m. Children return to school for Summer Term
<u>Tuesday 16 April</u>	School Photographs - individual and families
Thursday 18 April	Year 5 educational visit to 'Safeside'
Tuesday 23 April	St George's day (own clothes)
Thursday 25 April	Year 5 class assembly - all welcome
<u>Thursday 25 April</u>	7 p.m. Meeting for Parents of children receiving Sacrament of Eucharist
<u>Monday 29 April</u>	Bridge Building Day, Years 5 & 6 (B'ham University Civil Eng Dept)
Monday 6 May	School closed—Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 May	Start of Bikeability Week (Year 5)
Wednes 8 May	Governing Body Meetings 6 p.m. Finance, 6.45 p.m. Full
Thursday 9 May	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.05 a.m. - all welcome
Friday 10 May	Mass in celebration of Our Lady of Fatima (Feast Day 13 th)
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
	Start of International & Other Faith Week - details to follow
<u>Friday 24 May</u>	PTA Sponsored Bounce
Friday 24 May	3.30 p.m. Half Term
Monday 3 June	8.55 a.m. School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 6 June	Parent Meeting Year 6—Sacrament of Confirmation 7 p.m.
Friday 7 June	Reception Class educational visit to Mount Pleasant Farm a.m.
Sunday 9 June	10.30 a.m. Year 6 Mass of Enrolment at Our Lady of Fatima Church
<u>Thursday 13 June</u>	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.05 a.m. - all welcome
Thursday 13 June	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 June	Year 6 educational visit to St Chad's Cathedral

Thursday 20 June	7 p.m. New Intake meeting for parents of children joining the school Sep 2013
Friday 21 June	All Junior classes to Bear Creek Adventure Centre, Edgbaston Reservoir as part of Physical Health Week
Monday 24 June	Year 6 and Reception Class Photographs
Thursday 27 June	Reception Class assembly 9.05 a.m. - all welcome
Friday 28 June	9.05 a.m. Mass of Illumination (Year 6) whole school mass - all welcome
Wednes 3 July	Year 6 Secondary Transition Day (most secondary schools)
Monday 8 July	Sports Day (afternoon school field)
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 9.05 a.m. - all welcome
Friday 19 July	3.30 p.m. School closes — End of Academic Year



We know that many parents like to have the school dates in their diaries so here are the term dates for autumn 2013.

Children return on Tuesday 3rd September - Monday 2nd September is a teacher training day

Term Dates Autumn 2013

Monday 02 September to Friday 25 October

Monday 04 November to Friday 20 December

Half Term Holiday: Monday 28 October to Friday 01 November

Concert Tickets

Wednesday 27th March 7 p.m. in the school hall

Please can I order

_____ adult tickets at £ 3 each and / or

_____ children's tickets at £ 2 each.

Name of child in school _____

