



# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

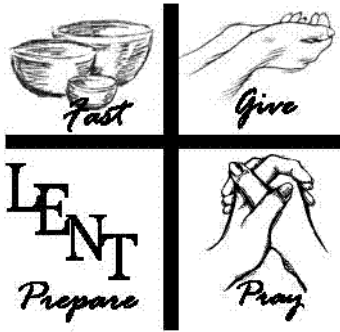
Newsletter — Easter 2013



## A Journey

### through Lent

Thank you for your wonderful support during this season of Lent. It is a very important time in the liturgical year



when we are called to remember the three important aspects of Lent: **Prayer, Fast and Almsgiving**. Your support for Father Hudson's Society and the Catholic Primary Partnership's Rwanda Schools Appeal is greatly appreciated. Any remaining Father Hudson's boxes can be returned before / after Easter. As our final fundraiser is today (the toy sale) I will let you know after the holiday how much we have collected for the two nominated charities.

**Exciting News** - Mrs Quinn, Reception Class teacher, has a beautiful new daughter - Erin Mary! Both are doing very well and Mrs Quinn looks forward to bringing Erin into school after the Easter holiday.

**Spring weather?** I am sure you would like to join me in thanking Mr Rollason for his sterling work in clearing the pathways around school to keep the site accessible during this recent wintry spell. Most of us had to clear one car space but you can see Mr Rollason has cleared all the pathways and the entire school car park so that staff could get onto the site as well as delivery vehicles. Let's hope that this really is the end of winter!

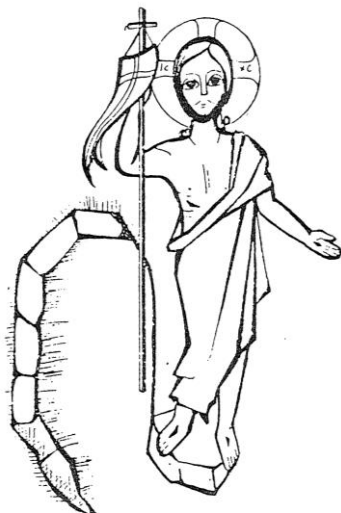
**School website** - the new website is almost ready to launch, probably tomorrow. We are really pleased with the final look and hope you will be too. This will be another good communication tool for parents so keep us bookmarked! There will be a parental survey sent out after Easter so your views on the new site will be very much appreciated. Our website address will be:

[www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk](http://www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk)

**Parents Evening** - there was an excellent turnout for the consultation evenings, thank you. If you were unable to attend, please do contact your child's teacher. My thanks go to the parents I met with over the two evenings to discuss improving attendance - we can already see progress! Good attendance is one of the best ways to improve your child's chance of succeeding in their education.

**School Meals** - there will be a slight increase (5p) in the price of school meals after the Easter holiday. From April 15<sup>th</sup> prices will be:

1 day	£ 1.95
1 week	£ 9.75



## Jerusalem Joy

On the last day of term, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Years 3, 4 and 5 will be presenting this very special service to the whole community at 9.05 a.m. You are all very welcome to attend.

## Wednesday Word

There is a special booklet for the holiday. Please do take the time to enjoy this with your child(ren). It covers Easter Sunday and the following two weeks.



**Summer Uniform** - After Easter, children can start to wear summer uniform - white poloshirt instead of shirt / tie and light blue check or striped cotton dresses. As the weather warms, cardigans and jumpers are often discarded so please ensure they are clearly labelled so that they can easily be returned to you! It is advisable for children to have a school summer cap or hat if the weather is fine. These can be purchased from the school office. Sport caps are not part of school uniform.

P.E. kits - our kit is a plain white T-shirt, navy shorts and black plimsolls. All children must have this basic kit for gym and dance lessons. Please remember the policy relating to 'fashion' haircuts - they are not part of school uniform.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:**

**THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER WILL BE IN SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL TO TAKE INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PHOTOS.**

**Dates for Diary — updated 27 March 2013 - please look for changed (underlined) / new dates**

Wednes 27th	Toy Sale for Lenten Charities
Wednes 27 Mar	<b><u>POSTPONED</u></b> Kata Skupien Classical Piano Concert 7 p.m. in school hall
Thursday 28 Mar	Jerusalem Joy Lenten / Easter Service 9.05 a.m. 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
Tuesday 16 April	School Photographs - individual and families (morning)
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
Thursday 25 April	7 p.m. Meeting for Parents of children receiving Sacrament of Eucharist
Monday 29 April	Bridge Building Day, Years 5 & 6 (B'ham University Civil Engineering Dept)
Monday 6 May	<b>School closed—Bank Holiday</b>
Tuesday 7 May	Start of Bikeability Week (Year 5)
Wednes 8 May	Governing Body Meetings 6 p.m. Finance, 6.45 p.m. Full GB
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 <sup>th</sup> )
Saturday 11 May	12.00 noon First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Monday 13 May	Year 6 SATs week— <b>13<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup> May.</b>
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>Thursday 23 May</u>	Year 2 educational visit to Avoncroft Museum
Friday 24 May	PTA Sponsored Bounce (p.m.)
<b>Friday 24 May</b>	<b>3.30 p.m. Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 3 June</b>	<b>8.55 a.m. School re-opens for pupils</b>
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
Thursday 13 June	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 encouraged to attend the transition meeting
<u>Saturday 15 June</u>	Catholic Swimming Gala
Sunday 16 June	12.00 noon '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)
<u>Saturday 6 July</u>	PTA Summer Fete
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
<b>Friday 19 July</b>	<b>3.30 p.m. School closes — End of Academic Year</b>



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