



# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

Newsletter — May 2013



## Lenten Charity collections

A huge thank you for supporting the children in collecting a magnificent £ 1670 for Father Hudson's Society and Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership's Rwandan schools project. This is our best fundraising for many years.



The new term has started cold but it is lovely to see the signs of nature all around us. It is so easy, when the sky is blue and

bright in the morning, to leave coats at home but please do ensure that your child brings a coat of some description with them. The weather is still very changeable. All children should bring a drinks bottle. We have water dispensers so that they can refill bottles during the day. School caps can be purchased from the school office.

## First Holy Communion

Please remember the children in Year 3 who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## Bridge Building - engineers of the future?



On Monday, our school playground was 'taken over' by a team of engineers from Birmingham University

and Interserve. This sponsored project was offered by one of our parents - Dr Sterling. Pupils in Years 5 & 6 worked with the professionals to build a 10 metre suspension

bridge. They were given a talk regarding safety and enjoyed getting into role in high visibility jackets and hard hats. The weather stayed fine and it was a most enjoyable and educational experience for all. You will be able to see pictures of the children on the school website 'events' section!

## Alton Castle and secondary school options

A visit to Alton Castle has provisionally been arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September. As



this is a residential visit for next year's Year 6, we hold an information meeting for parents. The meeting will take place on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7 p.m.** We also combine this meeting with a presentation about secondary transfer. We would strongly urge all parents to attend. If your child is currently in Year 4 you may also want to attend the meeting. Most of the secondary schools hold their Open Evenings in the Autumn term and it can be a good idea to take your child along to these in Year 5 when you have more time to consider your options.

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

Have you logged on to our new school website yet? We hope this will be another source of information for parents so please do take the time to have a look and let us know what you think.

## Parent Survey

Every two years we undertake a parent survey to gather your views about the school. Over time we have been able to make changes as a result of parents' views so your involvement in the survey is very important to us. With this newsletter your child will bring home a

questionnaire. If you have more than one child in the school, we are still sending one per child but if you prefer to just complete one form that is fine. Please complete and return your form by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you for your support.

### Summer term class assemblies

We have a further four class assemblies this term. Parents and other family members are very welcome to attend. Please note the change of date for Year 2:

Year 1	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May at 9.05 a.m.
Reception	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June at 9.05 a.m.
Year 2	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.05 a.m.
Year 6	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.05 a.m.

### After School Clubs this term:

Tennis (Monday)

Italian (Monday)

Choir (Thursday)

Aston Villa Football (Thursday)

### Reception Class - September 2013

There will be a meeting for all parents of children who will start in Reception Class in September, this will be held in school on:

**Thursday 20 June at 7 p.m. in the school hall.** When all of our 30 pupils have been

confirmed, we will be writing to parents with further dates and information.

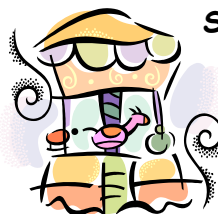
### Early Birds and Evening Owls Before and After School Club

Mrs Rickerby is now taking bookings for the new academic year. We anticipate that the new reception class will require some places so if you need to book, please remember the annual 'membership' fee of £15 should be paid in advance. (This is fully refundable if no bookings are taken up).



### P.T.A. Summer Fayre

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**



Please keep the date available in your diary and support the P.T.A.

and finally ...

**School Fund** - please remember to send in your summer term school fund - **£ 3** per family!

Thank you.

### Diary Dates - updated May 2013

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 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> ) 9.05 a.m.
Saturday 11 May	12.00 noon First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Monday 13 May	Year 6 SATs week—13 <sup>th</sup> —16 <sup>th</sup> 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
Thursday 23 May	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	Year 6 Mass of Enrolment at Our Lady of Fatima Church 10.30 a.m.
Wednes 12 June	Kata Skupien New Concert Date - school hall 7 p.m.
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
Saturday 15 June	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	Keyboard Concert 9.10 a.m. if your child plays you are very welcome to attend
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)
Thursday 4 July	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.05 a.m. - all welcome
Thursday 4 July	Year 3 educational trip - Severn Valley Railway
Saturday 6 July	PTA Summer Fete
Monday 8 July	Sports Day (afternoon school field) 1.45 p.m.
Wednes 10 July	Governing Body Meetings (Finance 6 p.m., Full 6.45 p.m.)



Thurs 11 Jul	Year 6 Class assembly, followed by cinema and bowling treat  <i>This is Hagley High School's new intake evening so we have brought the 'party' time forward in the day</i>
Monday 15 Jul	Annual Reports to Parents
Wednes 17 Jul	Mass of Confirmation 7 p.m.
Thursday 18 Jul	Final School Mass of Year <b>2.00 p.m.</b> - all welcome  (Please note change of <u>time</u> due to date of Confirmation Mass)
Friday 19 Jul	Final assembly 9.05 a.m. when we say farewell to Year 6
Friday 19 July	3.30 p.m. School closes — End of Academic Year

Autumn Term starts on **Tuesday 3 September** for children (Monday is a teacher training day).



Kata Skupien  
 Summer Classical Piano Concert  
 School Hall  
 Wednesday 12 June 7 p.m.



Tickets on sale soon

