



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School



Newsletter — October 2013

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

Parents Evening

Wednesday 2nd October - 3.45 pm to 6.45 pm

Monday 7th October - 3.45 pm - 6.45 pm

Please contact your child's class teacher urgently if you have not been allocated an appointment time.



Please note that there will be Teacher Training Days on the following dates:

Friday 18th October 2013

Monday 21st October 2013

OPEN DAY

Hagley RC High School have asked us to remind parents in Years 5 and 6 they will be holding their Open Day on

Saturday 19th October

9.00 am to 12.00 pm.

There will be demonstrations, performances and displays which reflect the range of opportunities offered at Hagley Catholic High School. A tour of the school is likely to take approximately 2 hours so it is advisable for visitors to arrive between 9:00am and 10:00 am.

We also welcome Mr Hammond, Headteacher of

Hagley High School, to a meeting at Our Lady of Fatima School on **Monday 14th October at 7 p.m.** This is primarily to talk about admissions so will be of interest to parents of children in Years 5 and 6. However, you may also be aware of Birmingham's decision to withdraw all subsidies for bus transport and the impact this is having on pupils travelling to Hagley. Mr Hammond hosted a meeting at Hagley High last week and many of our parents attended. Since then he has had significant communications with the Green Bus Company and Centro. This will be an opportunity for all our parents to hear updates directly from Mr Hammond and discuss future action.



the Green bus

Harvest Celebration Service

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our Harvest Celebration Service in school on:



Thursday 24th October 2012 at 9.05 am

This year we will be supporting a local catholic charity for the homeless - **Brushstrokes**. We ask

for donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries. These may be brought into school on or after Wednesday 16th October. Mr Clinton will send out more details in a separate letter.



We also like to support our global family and we do this by making a donation to the charity **CAFOD**. This year we are asking parents and children to make a **coin donation**. A collection will be taken up during the service on Thursday 24th October.



Harvest Fast Day prayer

God of abundance,
all good things come from you.
The world, full of life,
reflects your glory and sings your praise.
You call us all to share fairly
the bounty of your creation,
and the gifts you give us.
But so many people
in this world of plenty
do not have enough to eat.
And so we ask you, God of all,
to create in us a desire
to make all things new.
So that through your goodness
all those in need may eat and be satisfied.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



School Meals and Healthy Schools

Reminder: Our school promotes Healthy Eating; we would encourage parents to please consider this when preparing pupils lunch. There should be limited chocolate items and savoury snacks. The school has a NO NUTS or ingredients with known nut contents policy eg. peanut butter, chocolate bars with nuts, etc. as we have children with nut allergies.



National Curry Week

Did you know it is National Curry Week, the week beginning 7th October? Mrs O'Brien is

cooking a special meal on **Thursday 10th October**. If your child usually has sandwiches but would like a meal on this day, please send in £2 in a clearly labelled envelope indicating Curry Week Meal. They can still avail of Fun Friday too - just indicate clearly on the envelope which meal or meals you are requesting!

Operation Christmas Child

Although we try not to think about Christmas until after $\frac{1}{2}$ term, we will be sending out our annual 'Operation Christmas Child' slips before we break up because the team that collect the shoe boxes collect at the beginning of November. It is a lovely activity for the children to engage in during the half term break. Details will follow shortly.



School Admissions September 2013

Secondary School closing date: Wed 31 October '13

Our Open Morning for prospective parents is Wednesday 6th November 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.

Year 3 Sacramental Preparation

There will be a meeting for Year 3 parents on Thursday 21st November at 7 p.m. All parents should attend. The dates for sacramental preparation are attached to this newsletter. On 21st November parents will be asked to opt for one of the two dates in May 2014 for First Holy Communion.

Aston Villa Tickets for Schools

With the new sport in school initiative, Aston Villa Tickets for Schools are encouraging us to use their initiative to boost school fund and from this buy sport equipment for the school. They have issued us with 100 tickets so if you would like to buy some they are available **at the end of the day** from the school office (the start of the school day is very busy). Our local teams all seem to be doing very well!!!!



ASTON VILLA FOOTBALL CLUB



Dear Parent

Tickets For Schools

I am delighted to tell you we are continuing our participation in the Tickets For Schools scheme launched by Aston Villa Football Club. The scheme enables pupils to attend a home Premier League football match at Villa Park for just £1.

Taking Part

If you are interested in taking part in Tickets For Schools, we will issue your child with a voucher for £1. This can be redeemed at the Aston Villa ticket office for an under 12 match ticket at a Barclays Premier League football match of your choice. Your child can attend **up to 10** football matches each football season with the Tickets For Schools scheme. Vouchers can be redeemed in person at the Aston Villa ticket office in person or by calling 0800 612 0970 and quoting the voucher number.

The great thing for Our Lady of Fatima School is that tickets are being donated to us free of charge by Aston Villa. As a result, all funds generated from the sale of vouchers will go directly into school funds!

Supervision

So that children are appropriately supervised, children taking part in this offer must be accompanied to Villa Park by an adult and an adult can accompany up to 4 children. Aston Villa will sell one match ticket per voucher to an accompanying adult at reduced prices from £15, or an accompanying adult can also be a current Aston Villa season ticket holder.

Availability

Full terms and conditions for Ticket For Schools and details of ticket availability can be found at:
www.avfc.co.uk/ticketsforschools

If you are interested in obtaining a voucher for your child then please contact the school office. For more information, please take a look at the Frequently Asked Questions on the Tickets For Schools website.

Going to a live football game is a very exciting experience and Aston Villa prides itself on being a safe and family friendly stadium. However, before making your decision, you should read the Top Ten Tips to Enjoying a Football game set out below.

Thanks again for supporting the school.

Head Teacher

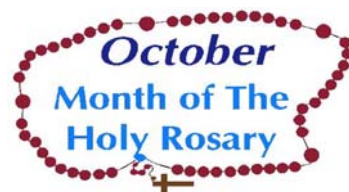
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TOP TEN TIPS TO ENJOY A FOOTBALL MATCH

1. Check the weather report before you leave home and dress accordingly as you will be in the open air throughout the match.
2. If you have never been to a football match before you will need to understand that it is a very noisy place, 42,000 people can create quite a noise and smaller children might wish to wear ear muffs.
3. Traffic will be very heavy so plan your journey to and from Villa Park. You can find travel information at www.avfc.co.uk in the "Villa Park" section, including information on parking, public transport and the Villa special bus service.
4. You also need to understand that whilst not condoned by the Club in anyway, some people in the audience may use language that is unacceptable so you may wish to consider who you bring to the match.
5. Remember that matches with an evening kick-off might finish a bit late for younger children.
6. As you will have children with you, make sure they have your emergency contact details with them, in case you become separated. Once you are at your seats, identify the nearest 'Tickets for Schools' support worker and stand steward in case you need help.
7. When you get to Villa Park identify a place outside Villa Park (for example the big screen outside North Stand or the car park outside the Holte Pub) as a place to meet if you accidentally get separated. Do the same once you are inside Villa Park and identify where the nearest fire exit is.
8. Ensure that nobody within your group wears colours/kit of the away team as these tickets are for the home areas and it could cause problems.
9. There are food kiosks in and outside Villa Park which are open before and during the match but not afterwards so ensure you get your warm drinks when you can.
10. If you wish to visit the Club's retail store, it will be open well before the match but not always after night matches. Souvenir programmes can be purchased from the vendors all around Villa Park.

Diary Dates - October 2013: Further dates will be added as available

October	(Month of the Rosary)
Tues 1	School closed to pupils - NUT / NASUWT action
Weds 2	Parents Evening (1) 3.45 - 6.45 p.m.
Thurs 3	Blessing Service for Reception Class, families very welcome 9.05 a.m.
Mon 7	Parents Evening (2) 3.45 - 6.45 p.m. (No Italian Club)
Tues 8	Brushstrokes Assembly
Weds 9	Year 1 Inspire Workshop 9.10a.m.
Sun 13	Marian Day in Year of Faith
Tues 15	Reception Class Inspire Workshop 9.10 a.m.
Wed 16	Governing Body Meeting 6 p.m.



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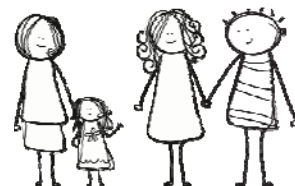
Tues 22 Year 3 Inspire Workshop 9.10 a.m.

Thurs 24 Harvest Service for whole school 9.05 a.m. (led by Year 5) all welcome

Fri 25 Break up for half term 3.30 p.m.

November **Dedicated Month for Holy Souls**

Mon 4 Children return to school 8.45 a.m.



PLEASE RETURN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE 'GIFT' BOX THIS WEEK

Tues 5 Year 5 Inspire Workshop 9.10 a.m.

Weds 6 Open Morning 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Thurs 7 Whole school mass led by Year 6 - all welcome - 9.05 a.m.

Fri 8 PTA Fireworks DISCO tbc

Mon 11 **START OF BOOK WEEK**

Thurs 14 Year 4 Class assembly - 9.05 a.m. all welcome

Tues 19 Year 2 Inspire Workshop 9.10 a.m.

Thurs 21 Year 3 Parent Meeting for anyone whose child will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion in the school hall 7 p.m.

Sun 24 Year 3 'Listening' Mass in Our Lady of Fatima Church 10.30 a.m.
(This is also the end of the 'Year of Faith' on the Feast of Christ the King)

Tues 26 Year 4 Inspire Workshop 9.10 a.m.

Weds 27 Governing Body Meetings (Finance 6 p.m., Full 6.45 p.m.)

December (Advent starts Sunday 1 December - 4 Sundays of Advent)

Mon 2 Last day for Reception applications for Sept 2014 to B'ham LA

Fri 6 Whole School Mass Feast of St Nicholas (led by Year 3) 9.05 a.m.

Thurs 12 Infant Nativity 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. - ALL WELCOME

Mon 16 Junior Carol Service 2.15 p.m. - ALL WELCOME

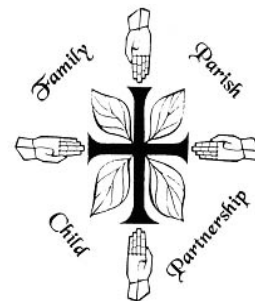
Tues 17 Christmas Class Parties (afternoon)

Thurs 19 Christmas Dinner

Fri 20 Break-up for Christmas Holiday 3.30 p.m.



Dates for Sacramental Preparation 2013/14 - Year 3 Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion



Parents Meetings:

Date	Location	Time
Thursday 21 st November	School Hall	7 p.m. start
Thursday 6 th February	School Hall	7 p.m. start
Thursday 10 th April	School Hall	7 p.m. start

Preparation Masses and Services:

Sunday 24 th November	Our Lady of Fatima Church	10.30 a.m. Mass
Theme: 'Listening'		
Friday 6 th Dec	School Hall	9.05 a.m. Mass
Feast of St Nicholas (Whole School Mass led by Y3)		
Sunday 19 th January	Our Lady of Fatima Church	10.30 a.m. Mass
Theme: 'Caring'		
Thurs 10 th April	Year 3 'Sharing a Meal' service	9.05 a.m.
Monday 19 th May	May Procession in School	2.00 p.m.
Sunday 8th June	Our Lady of Fatima Church	12 noon Mass
Theme: Going Forth followed by 'Communion Breakfast' in Church Hall		

Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) / Making Peace Service

Saturday 8th March	Our Lady of Fatima Church	11.00 a.m.
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First Holy Communion Masses:

Saturday 10th May	Our Lady of Fatima Church	12 noon Mass
Saturday 17th May	Our Lady of Fatima Church	12 noon Mass

Parents will be asked to make a preference for one of the above dates (15 - 16 per mass).

Communion breakfast is likely to take place after the Going Forth Mass on 8th June.