



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School



Newsletter — October 2013 (2)

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



Harvest Celebration Service Thank you parents and families for your marvellous response to the Harvest Celebration collections. Our Service, led by Year 5, was a truly joyful gathering - thank you to everyone who was able to attend and join in. Ann and Theresa, from Brushstrokes, commented on the lovely welcoming atmosphere and were very happy to take away two car loads of food and toiletries that will be shared with some very needy families. The silver and gold coin collection raised £ 176 which will be sent to CAFOD.

Operation Christmas Child



Although we try not to think about Christmas until after $\frac{1}{2}$ term, I am sending out our annual 'Operation Christmas Child' slips before we break up because I know many families like to make up their boxes over the half term break (we have one sent in already!). As we do not return to school until Monday 4th November, it will just be a short time before the OCC team collect the shoe boxes on Friday 22 November.

School Admissions September 2014

- ☺ Secondary School closing date: Wed 31 October '13
- ☺ Primary School closing date: December '13

Good Luck to our Football Team with their two games this week against:
Woodhouse
& St Michael's

Our Open Morning for prospective parents is Wednesday 6 November 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. If you have a younger child starting school next year, please make sure that you have notified the school office and completed our supplementary information form as well as completing the local authority form by early December.

National School Meals Week - week beginning 4th - 8th November

National School meals week is now in its 20th year. 'Celebrating all that is great about school lunches' is this year's theme and we are delighted to announce that we will be supporting 'The Great School Lunch' promotion.

Mrs O'Brien and her team will be cooking special lunches during the week that parents can opt in for

if they usually bring sandwiches from home. Many children opt-in for a hot cooked meal once the weather gets cooler anyway.

- ✓ Tuesday 5th November - Firework Meal Day
- ✓ Wednesday 6th November - Great School Lunch Day
- ✓ Friday 8th November - Fun Friday

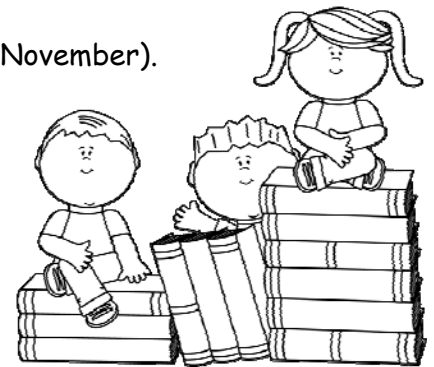
Celebrating all that is great about school lunches...



If your child usually brings a packed lunch and would like them to take part, please send in £ 2 per meal on Monday 4th November in an envelope clearly indicating the day(s) that you would like a school meal.

Mrs van Vliet sent out a letter this week about Book Week (starts 11th November).

Our creative curriculum theme for next half term is 'Celebrations' so children will be able to dress in 'celebration' clothes on Friday 15th November - last day of Book Week. This may be linked to a club / sport they are involved in, fancy dress, special clothes they wear for celebrations or clothes linked to a book of their choice.



Advance notice - Our Lady of Fatima Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 23 November 2 p.m. in the Church Hall, Higgins Lane. Please keep this date in your diary and support the parish in this important fundraiser.



Loads of Christmas Gift Stalls and so much more!



Finally, a full newsletter with additional dates will be sent out after half term. Remember, copies of the newsletter can be found on the school website - www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk

Have a good half term rest - God Bless - Mrs Martin

Excellent Attendance

Congratulations to our top classes
who won the Attendance Class Trophies
for this half term:

Year 2 and Year 3



98.98% !



Year R (3rd)

98.62%

Year 6

97.73%

Year 4

97.69%

Year 5

97.31%

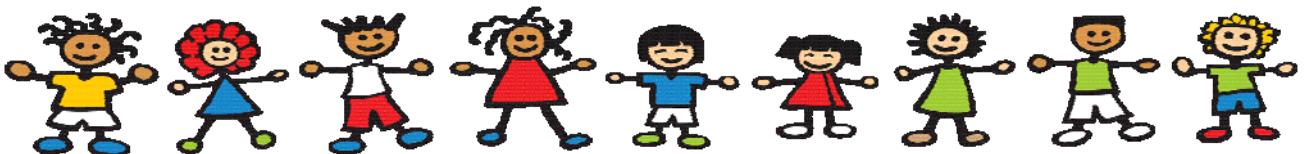
Year 1

96.94%



120 children have maintained full attendance across the school and only 6 children have an attendance below 90%. A child's education is more important than a cheap holiday - thank you for supporting your child achieve and succeed as well as their friends.

Remember, all absences must be notified in advance.





We will send out coloured labels for boxes after half term.

Please indicate if you would like a boy or girl label:

Your child's name _____ Class: _____