



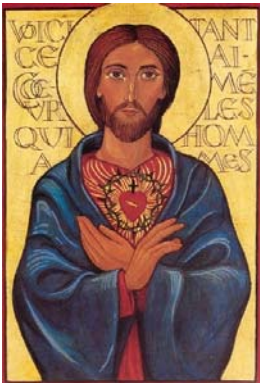
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

Newsletter — June 2014



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



Welcome back after the half term holiday break. June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of the Lord Jesus. It is a very busy month in terms of witnessing and celebrating our faith in the community.

First Holy Communion: the children who made their

First Holy Communion last month will gather together again on Sunday 8th June at the 12 noon mass for their 'Going Forth' celebration. This is on the Feast of Pentecost which is sometimes called the Birthday of the Church.

Confirmation: the following weekend, on Sunday 15th June, our Year 6 pupils also gather at church at the 10.30 a.m. mass for their 'Mass of Enrolment'. This marks the start of their formal preparation and commitment, leading to the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 2nd July. Their next witness of faith together will be on Friday 27th June at school, where they lead the 'Mass of Illumination' at 9.05 a.m.

New Intake arrangements: we welcome the parents of all the new children who will be joining the school in September in Reception Class to a meeting on Thursday 19th June starting at 6.45 p.m.

Alton Castle and secondary school options: a visit to Alton Castle has provisionally been arranged for 24th - 26th September. As this is a residential visit for next year's Year 6, we hold an information meeting for Year 5 parents. The meeting will take place on **Thursday 12th June at 7 p.m.** We also combine this meeting with a presentation about

secondary transfer. We strongly urge all Year 5 parents to attend. If your child is currently in **Year 4** you may also want to attend the first part of 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.



PTA Sponsored Bounce: we were lucky to be blessed with fine weather for the bounce! Thank you to the volunteer parents who helped the children with their counting! This is a great fundraiser raising a total of £ 1187.57 this year. Top class in raising funds were Reception Class who collected £ 261.50.

UK Junior Maths Challenge: congratulations to the 20 children who took part in the challenge this year especially the 11 children who achieved certificates. Joseph Beckett recorded the highest ever score for this school (100) on his way to a Gold certificate, with Zachary, Alicia and Daniel Wakeman (in Year 5) achieving Silver. There were seven Bronze Certificate winners: Chancel, Jay, Holly, Dermot, Jamie, Louis and Livia.



School fund: there is a slip attached to this newsletter for summer term school fund contributions of £ 3. Thank you to those families who have already sent their contributions into school.

Teacher Day: a reminder that Monday 16th June is a Teacher Training Day and the school is closed to pupils.

Photographer: the school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 17th June to take individual and family photographs.



Best Class Attendance Summer Term 1


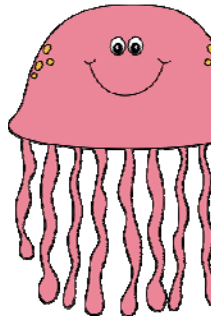
Year Two	98.7%	School winners - well done!
Year Three	98.3%	First Junior Class - great!
Year Six	97.6%	
Year Four	97.6%	
Year Rec	97.5%	
Year One	97.1%	
Year Five	94.1%	

As we go into our final half term, there are 55 children with 100% attendance which is excellent.

Diary Dates - updated June 2014:

Tues 3 Jun	Able writers - consortium schools
Wed 4 Jun	Year 6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral
Thurs 5 Jun	9.05 a.m. Year 5 Class Assembly - all welcome
Thurs 5 Jun	7 pm Meeting for all Year 6 Parents of Catholic children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on 2 nd July
Sun 8 Jun	12 noon Going Forth Mass at OLF Church



Weds 11 Jun	NSPCC Assembly Years 5 & 6	
Thurs 12 Jun	7 pm Year 5 & 4 Parents Meeting (Secondary Transition & Y6 Residential to Alton Castle Information Meeting (September '14)	
Fri 13 Jun	Bear Creek Edgbaston Reservoir Physical Activity Day - all KS2 classes	
Sat 14 Jun	Catholic Swimming Gala	
Sun 15 Jun	10.30 a.m. Mass of Enrolment for Year 6 at OLF Church (Confirmation)	
Mon 16 Jun	Teacher Day - school closed to pupils	
Tues 17 Jun	School photographer	
Weds 18 Jun	NSPCC Workshops - Years 5 & 6	
Thurs 19 Jun	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.05 a.m. - all welcome	
Thurs 19 Jun	Year 3 visit to Sea-Life Centre	
Thurs 19 Jun	6.45 pm New Intake Meeting for Parents of children who will join the school in Reception Class, September 2014	
Tues 24 Jun	Circus Skills workshop - all classes	
Thurs 26 Jun	Year 5 'Technology' Day at St Paul's School, Edgbaston	
Thurs 26 Jun	Year 4 Lordswood Sports Festival	
Thurs 26 Jun	Year 6 Police visit - transition	
Fri 27 Jun	9.05 am Whole School Mass (of Illumination for Y6 Confirmation Preparation)	
Fri 27 Jun	Year 6 - First Aid Day	
Tues 1 Jul	Bishop Robert Byrne visits school	
Wed 2 Jul	Transition Day including new Reception intake $\frac{1}{2}$ day visits	
Wed 2 Jul	Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Fatima Church 7 p.m.	
Mon 7 Jul	Sports Day starting at 1.45 p.m.	
Tues 8 Jul	Reception Class Sept 2014 2 nd session in school (am or pm)	
Weds 9 Jul	End of school year Mass of Thanksgiving led by Y1 - 9.05 a.m. all welcome	
Weds 9 Jul	Governing Body Meetings (6 pm Finance Committee, 6.45 Full GB)	
Fri 11 Jul	Hagley High School Touring Band concert 9 a.m.	
Mon 14 Jul	Retirement Mass (Mrs. Martin) 1.45 p.m.	

Thurs 17 Jul Year 6 Leavers assembly 9.05 a.m. all welcome

Fri 18 Jul End of academic school year - last day of term for children

Children start new academic school year on **Tuesday 2 September 2014**

Remember to visit the school website for information including copies of newsletters on www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk

Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat



SCHOOL FUND SUMMER TERM 2014

I attach my family contribution of £3 / other £ _____ for the summer term.

Eldest child in school _____ Class _____ .

We will return this slip to you to acknowledge your contribution.

Received in school by _____ Thank you for your support.



If you are able to give up some time to help out with tea and coffee in the Parish Hall after the *Going Forth* and / or *Confirmation Mass*, your help will be much appreciated.



I would like to help out at the *Going Forth* celebration on Sunday 8th June.

I would like to help out after *Confirmation* on Wednesday 2nd July.

Name _____ Parent of _____ Year _____