



Our Lady of Fatima Primary School

Newsletter — February 2015

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

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February's value is **trust**. Placing all our trust in God means having complete faith that He knows what is best for us.



As we begin the new month of February we look forward to slightly lighter mornings and slightly lighter evenings. On Monday we celebrated the Feast of Candlemas. In the

Gospel for the day we heard about Simeon who praised God because he had seen the 'light of the nations'. We are once more reminded that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Inspire Workshops



We have now completed the class 'Inspire' e-Safety workshops and I would like to

thank Mr O'Connor and all of the teachers for preparing such 'inspiring' workshops. I would also like to extend my thanks to all parents, and other family members who attended. We had an excellent parent turnout of **96%** overall, which indicated how well received the workshops were. The feedback provided was very useful and will help us to plan future

workshops. The pupil feedback was also most interesting and has led to follow up work in class. I do urge all parents to continue to talk to their children about staying safe when using the internet. Mr O'Connor will lead a whole school assembly on Monday 9th February to raise awareness of Safer Internet Day.



Parent Consultation Meetings

Our Parent Consultation Meetings take place this term on Wednesday 11th and Monday 16th March. Classrooms will be open for parents to view classwork and meetings will take place in the school hall. May I suggest that you arrive early for your appointment so that you have enough time to look at your child's work before meeting with the class teacher? Please remember that we cannot offer supervision for children, so please make arrangements in advance for children to be supervised off premises. Appointments will be sent out nearer the time.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

This Thursday - 5th February there is a meeting for all Year 3 parents at 7 pm in preparation for the children's Sacrament of Reconciliation which will take place on Saturday 7th March. It is very important that all children are represented at this meeting.

PTA Quiz Night



Brush up on your general knowledge, browse through the Guinness Book of

Records- the PTA's quiz night is this coming Friday 6th February. Enjoy a fish and chip supper and a good social evening with friends! Good luck to everyone who has booked to take part.

KS2 'Read for my school'



A separate letter 'Read for my School' has already been sent out to all KS2 parents so please

check your child's book bag if you have not come across the letter. We always try to recognise the importance of reading so please do encourage your child to take part in this online reading initiative. All KS2 pupils have a log in and password to access the electronic books at: www.readformyschool.co.uk

School Fund

Thank you to all the parents who responded to my 'gentle' reminder regarding school fund. It would be very much appreciated if a voluntary contribution of £5 per family (per term) was made to the fund by all families.

If you haven't done so already, please return the attached slip with your contribution as soon as possible. All donations are recorded so please fill in your child(ren)s name(s) on the attached slip. A final reminder will be sent to parents who have not replied by half term. If you cannot make a contribution this term, please indicate this on the slip so that we do not need to contact you with a reminder.

Punctuality



We still have a very small minority of families who regularly arrive at school after 8:55 a.m. As the children must then gain entry via the school office, it can be unsettling when they arrive in their classroom after registration has taken place. The Infant and Junior doors are promptly opened at 8.45 a.m every morning and this allows a smooth start to the day for all children.

Ash Wednesday is during

February half term this year.

Ashes will be distributed during

Mass at Our Lady of Fatima

Church at 10.00 a.m and 7.00 p.m. on



Wednesday 18th February. This marks the start of Lent when we are called to remember the three important aspects of : **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. Your child will bring home a collection box to support for Father Hudson's Society and we will also be donating money to the Catholic Primary Partnership's Rwanda Schools' Appeal. More details will follow in a separate Lenten Newsletter.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are once again collecting the Active Kids vouchers which can be redeemed against a wide range of active equipment. Thank you in advance for your support in collecting these vouchers and bringing them into school.

REMINDER : ADVANCE NOTICE OF TERM DATE:

The **children** will return to school in the Autumn Term 2015 on **Thursday 3rd September 2015** at 8.55 am.

Wednesday 2nd September will be the first of our five Teacher Days and children will not be expected in school on this day.

Dates for Diary: February - March 2015

There will be more dates to add as the term continues but these dates are available so far:

Mon 2 nd Feb	2.45 p.m Year 6 SAT's Parents' Meeting
Tues 3 rd Feb	Year 6 Able Writers' Day
Thurs 5 th Feb	9.05 a.m Year 1 Class Assembly 7 p.m Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation Parents' Meeting in the school hall
Fri 6 th Feb	PTA Quiz (adults only) details to follow
Tues 10 th Feb	'Chinese' themed school lunch
Wed 11 th Feb	6 p.m School Academy Committee meeting
Thurs 12 th Feb	7 p.m Year 5 Hagley Pyramid Evening Concert at Birmingham Town Hall
Friday 13th Feb	3.30 p.m. Break up for Half Term
<i>Wed 18th Feb</i>	<i>10.00 am/7.30 p.m Mass for Ash Wednesday at Our Lady of Fatima Church</i>
Monday 23rd Feb	8.55 a.m. School re-opens
Wed 25 th Feb	KS2 Malachi workshops
Mon 2 nd Mar	Class Saint Feast Day - Saint Chad Year 6 - non-school uniform day

- Sat 7th Mar 11 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) – Year 3 at Our Lady of Fatima Church
- Wed 11th Mar Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm. **Parents only for all appointments**- please make arrangements for your child/ren to be supervised at home.
- Thurs 12th Mar Reception Class 'Mothers' Day' Assembly
- Mon 16th Mar Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm. **Parents only for all appointments**- please make arrangements for your child/ren to be supervised at home.
- Tues 17th Mar St Patrick's Day- non- school uniform day- green/ orange clothes
- Fri 20th Mar Water Aid Day- non-school uniform day- 'water' themed costumes (mermaids, Pirates, Nemo or blue clothing)
- Tues 24th Mar Reconciliation Service and Confessions in school - Years 4—6
- Wed 25th Mar One Life Music workshops led by Dan Callow
6 p.m School Academy Committee Meeting
- Thurs 26th Mar 9.05 a.m. Year 3 'Sharing a Meal' Assembly followed by 'Brunch' for all Year 3 pupils and their parents (separate letter to follow)
- Fri 27th Mar 3.30 p.m. Last day of spring term—school closes for Easter Holiday
- Mon 13th Apr 8.55 a.m Children return to school after Easter holidays.



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SCHOOL FUND SPRING TERM 2015

I attach my family contribution of £5 / other £ _____ for the Spring 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.