



Our Lady of Fatima Primary School

Newsletter — May 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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May's value is **respect**. Respect is given and in return, it is received. Let us remember the importance of mutual respect.

May- The month of the Rosary

During May we are encouraged to pray the Rosary in honour of



Mary. It is a simple but powerful prayer to God, through His mother Mary. As it is a combination of vocal and mental prayer, saying the Rosary as a family can be so rewarding. Whilst reciting the Our Father, ten Hail Marys and a Glory Be, we can reflect on the life of Jesus. There are some rosary beads in the class Prayer bags, so if the Prayer Bag is brought to your home during May, please support your child when saying the Rosary.

May Procession



As the school is dedicated to Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, we enjoy celebrating the month of May with a procession led by Year 3. This will take place on 18th May at 2pm and you are all most welcome to join us, weather permitting on the field. Year 3 will have another opportunity to wear their Holy Communion outfits as they honour Mary in the procession. For safety reasons

only the main Winchfield Drive gate will be open. We encourage all children to bring flowers on the day and during the procession each child will have an opportunity to lay flowers by Mary's statue. This is always a lovely, memorable occasion.

First Holy Communion



Please remember in your prayers, the children in Year 3 who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday 9th and 16th May.

PTA Sponsored Bounce



This will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 9th June. Weather permitting the bouncy castle will be outside. More details will follow via the PTA. The children (and staff!) all enjoy this event. It is a really great way of raising funds for the school.

School Fund Plea

We are grateful to those families who have donated £5 each term towards extras to supplement your child's education. Your donations have contributed towards many activities. We are now running a 'little low' and so if you feel you could contribute during the Summer term, please send in your contribution with the slip at the end of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Thank you Mr Rollason



You may have noticed that there has been red plastic fencing cordoning off an area of the field. For many months now, Mr Rollason has been making a 'giant story chair' for the children to enjoy reading and being read to outdoors. The rangers at the Lickey Hills donated some tree stumps for the children to sit on and very shortly the story chair will be unveiled and put in place. Mr Rollason has also been very busy building a 'mud kitchen' for Reception Class and that too, is very nearly finished and ready for use. I would like to thank Mr Rollason for his skill and hard work. I would also like to thank all our parents and friends who support PTA events. It is because of your generous contributions to the fundraising events, that we are able to provide the extra resources for the children.

Walk to School Week

From the 18th - 22nd May it is 'Walk to School Week'. This is a time when we encourage children (and their parents) to walk part of the way or all of the way to school, depending on their home location.



In support of 'Walking to School Week', Mrs Levack is organising a 'Walking Bus' which will leave from the **Toby Carvery at**

8.15 a.m promptly each day. Walking part of the way to school will promote a healthier lifestyle, whilst also encouraging social communication and enjoyment. It would certainly help towards our on-going parking issues, reducing congestion by the surrounding roads to school. The children will also learn about road safety and its importance. If you and your child/ren would like to join the 'Walking Bus', please feel free to do so. You will be totally responsible for your child, even though a staff member will be present.

Health for Life



Our Health for Life is going **Health for Life** from strength to strength. Planting has taken place and crops are growing nicely. The children are taking their gardening duties very seriously, with daily watering of plants and crops. Mr Rollason has fitted an outside tap to make watering the plants much easier. It is lovely to see the children sharing their experiences with their parents at the beginning and end of the school day. On 12th May Mrs Levack will be working with several volunteers to dig out further bedding areas for planting. It would be much appreciated if you remain vigilant so that the children are not tempted to run around near the raised beds or planting areas as this may lead to damaging our plants. By treating our plants respectfully the children will learn a greater understanding of the benefits of a cared for environment.

PTA Summer Fayre: Saturday 11th July 12-4pm



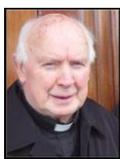
Preparations for our Summer Fayre are well underway.

Please keep the date available

in your diary and support the PTA. Over the next few weeks the PTA will be sending out flyers to promote various stalls. It's not too late to offer your help on the day. Please contact Mrs Levack if you can help and she will pass your details onto the PTA Summer Fayre sub-committee.

Father Seamus celebrates 60 years as a Priest

On Friday 12th June Father Seamus will be celebrating his Diamond Anniversary



as a priest. As you are all aware Father Seamus works tirelessly in the parish and the community and still finds the time to visit school every week to talk to the children. This milestone will be marked with the celebration of a Mass during the week in school to which you are all invited- details to follow

separately. There will be a parish celebration on the evening of Saturday 13th June following the 6pm Mass- more details to follow.

Warmer Weather

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. It is most important that the children remain hydrated at all times. As the summer weather becomes warmer (we hope!) please apply sun cream to your child at home. Please note that staff are not permitted to apply sun cream to children.

School sun hats are available from the office.

Baseball cap: £3.50

Legionnaire cap: £2.75

Girl's sun hat: £5.00

Please support our school uniform policy. It is so lovely to see the children looking so smart wearing full school uniform, including acceptable haircuts.

Dates for Diary: May- July 2015

Mon 4 May	May Day Bank Holiday - School closed
Sat 9 May	First Holy Communion Mass at 12.00 noon in Church (first date)
Mon 11 May	SATs Week
Wed 13 May	School Academy Committee Meeting 6pm
Sat 16 May	First Holy Communion Mass at 12.00 noon in Church (second date)
Mon 18 May	WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK
Mon 18 May	May Procession at 2.00 pm in school
Tues 19 May	Years 5 and 6 Keyboard Day at the Mac, Cannon Hill- Parents welcome.

Wed 20 May	Year 6 to attend the <i>Good Shepherd Mass</i> at St Chad's Cathedral- a.m
Wed 20 May	Hagley Mass Band - p.m
Thurs 21 May	Year 5's Class Assembly
Fri 22 May	Break up for Half Term
Mon 1 June	School Re-opens
Tues 2 June	KS2 to visit Bear Creek- Edgbaston Reservoir
Wed 3 June	Community Police workshop- Year 6
Thurs 4 June	Year 5 Transition and Alton Castle Meeting at 7.00 pm in school
Sun 7 June	Going Forth Mass at 11.00 a.m in Church
Mon 8 June	Bikeability Week for Year 5
Tues 9 Jun	Yr 5 Outreach Project a.m
Tues 9 June	PTA Sponsored Bounce
Wed 10 June	Year 6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral
Fri 12 June	Father Seamus celebrates 60 years as a priest- details of celebrations to follow
Sat 13 June	Parish celebrations for Father Seamus's 60 th year in the priesthood- after the 6pm Mass in the church hall
Sat 13 June	Birmingham Catholic Schools' Swimming Gala 6 pm
Mon 15 June	Teacher Training Day - School closed to pupils
Mon 15 June	Year 1 Phonic Screening checks
Tues 16 June	Reception Class visit to the Think Tank Museum
Wed 17 June	Community Police workshop- Year 3
Thurs 18 June	New Intake Evening- Reception Class Sept 2015 at 6.45 pm in school
Fri 19 June	Year 6 Illumination Mass at 9.05am in school
Wed 24 June	Hagley Dance Group a.m.
Mon 29 th June	Sports' Day - 1.45 pm
Tues 30 June	Year 1 visit Mount Pleasant Farm
Wed 1 July	Year 6 Transition Day to Secondary Schools

Wed 1 July	School Academy Committee Meeting 6pm
Thurs 2 July	Year 4's Class Assembly
Mon 6 July	Hagley Band Tour a.m
Tues 7 July	Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation at 7 p.m in Church
Sat 11 July	PTA Summer Fayre
Mon 13 July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass 2 p.m in school
Thurs 16 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.05 a.m in school
Fri 17 July	3.10 pm Farewell Bubbles on the field
Fri 17 July	End of Term School closes for Summer
Mon 20 July	Teacher Training Day - School closed to pupils

Pupils return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2015: Years 1-6



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SCHOOL FUND SUMMER 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.