



# Our Lady of Fatima Primary School

## Newsletter June 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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June's value is **responsibility**. We have freedom of choice, but should always take responsibility for the consequences of our choices in life.

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you managed to spend some quality time with family and friends.

### June- The month of the Sacred Heart



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.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of His being; the Son of God, in whom we place all our trust. During this month let us share our faith with others by praying together as families in Christ.

### First Holy Communion/ May Procession



The children who made their First Holy Communion last month will gather together again on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at the 11 a.m Mass

for their 'Going Forth' celebrations. This is also the Feast of Corpus Christi. Thank you to parents for supporting the children so well for their First Holy Communion. It was wonderful to see so many attend the

May Procession. Although we would have preferred to be outdoors, the rain overnight put paid to that. If you attended, I am sure that you agree that the hymns to honour Mary raised the hall roof!

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that your children brought in to present during the May Procession.



As this was the last week before half term, some of the flowers were taken to church and Mrs McGuinness took some bunches of flowers to our local residents, who were delighted to receive them. Extending acts of kindness to the community is what makes our school a special place to be.

### Sacrament of Confirmation



Please remember Year 6 in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Their next witness of faith together will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at school, where they lead the 'Mass of Illumination' at 9.05 a.m.


## Farewell to Mr Cantarutti

Mr Cantarutti, who works for the Italian Consulate will complete his final day at Our Lady of Fatima School on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. I would like to thank Mr Cantarutti for providing class Italian lessons in his earlier days and during the past few years Italian lessons after school for KS2. We wish Mr Cantarruti all the very best in the future.

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## Attendance

Congratulations once again to **Year 4** for winning the Attendance Cup for the **fourth time** this year! They seem to be on a roll and do not want to hand the attendance cup over to another class yet. Our overall average percentage to date is **97.7%**, which is still above the national average of 96.1%. Our best attendance of 98.1% was during the first half of the Autumn term. Let's aim for the highest attendance we can during this final half term. Well done everyone!

Year Group	% attendance
Year 4	98.5 
Year 5	97.7
Years 3	97.6
Year 2	97.5
Year 1	97.2
Year 6	96.9
Reception Class	96.5

## PTA Sponsored Bounce

This will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Weather permitting the bouncy castle will be outside.



Sponsor forms have already been sent home. The children (and staff!) all enjoy this event. It is a really great way of raising funds for the school.

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## Final Reminder- School Fund

If you have forgotten to contribute to school fund this term and would



still like to,

please send in your £5 donation.

Thank you in advance for your

generosity.

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## Alton Castle and Secondary School Options Meeting

A visit to Alton Castle has provisionally been arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> September. As this is a residential visit for next year's Year 6, we invite parents from Year 5 to an information meeting which will take place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7 p.m.** We also combine this meeting with a presentation about Secondary School 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.

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## 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 18<sup>th</sup> June starting at 6.45 p.m.

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## Walk to School Week



Thank you for supporting 'Walk to School' week. Many families joined Mrs Levack at the Toby Carvery to walk to school. Not

only did the 'walking bus' increase daily activity but it also increased socialising by walking and talking along the journey.

There was also reduced traffic congestion around the surrounding roads to school as parents parked a little further away and walked part of the way to school with their children. During these Summer months it would be great to continue the 'walking bus' for those families who enjoyed the experience.

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## Health for Life



Our Health for Life project continues to go from strength to strength. More planting has taken place and crops are growing nicely. Dwarf pear, apple, cherry and plum fruit trees will eventually grow to about a metre high allowing the children to pick the fruit when it is ripe. Daily watering of plants and crops is taking place to ensure crops are well looked after. At the very end of last half term we sold a few radishes and spinach which gave the children great excitement. I have noticed the children sharing their 'growing' experiences with their parents at the beginning and end of the school day. Please continue to encourage your children to be respectful of all our school grounds by keeping to the pathways when entering and leaving the school. Thank you.

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## UK Junior Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the 19 children from Years 5 and 6 who took part in the challenge this year, especially the 9 children who achieved certificates. Holly recorded the highest score for this school gaining herself a silver



certificate, alongside Clodagh and Tara. Daniel, Matthew, Dermot, Liam, Delina and Jim secured bronze certificates. We are very proud of all the children who took part in this year's Junior Maths Challenge. Well done!

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## PTA Summer Fayre: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 at all and she will pass your details onto the PTA Summer Fayre sub-committee.

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## Father Seamus celebrates 60 years as a Priest

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June Father Seamus will be celebrating 60 years in the priesthood. We will be marking this milestone with the celebration of a Mass in school at **2 pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**, which will be concelebrated by Monsignor Pat Browne. I hope as many parents will be able to attend to show their appreciation for all the hard work Father Seamus does in the parish and in school too. There will be a parish celebration in the church hall on the evening of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June following the 6pm Mass.



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## Warmer Weather

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. As the summer



weather becomes warmer 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 summer school uniform. Please remember our school policy concerning acceptable haircuts and appropriate hair accessories.

**Teacher Day:** a reminder that Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June is a Teacher Training Day and the school is closed to pupils.

### Dates for Diary: June- July 2015

Mon 1 June	School re-opens
Tues 2 June	KS2 to visit Bear Creek- Edgbaston Reservoir
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	Healthy Snacks workshop- Reception Class
Mon 8 June	Bikeability Week for Year 5
Tues 9 Jun	Yr 4/ 5 Outreach Project a.m
Tues 9 June	PTA Sponsored Bounce p.m
Wed 10 June	Year 6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral
Thurs 11 June	Yr 6 Thank You Awards Film Festival at the Odeon 5.30- 7.30 p.m
Sat 13 June	Parish celebrations for Father Seamus's 60 <sup>th</sup> 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
Tues 16 June	Year 1 Phonic Screening checks
Tues 16 June	Reception Class visit to the Think Tank Museum
Tues 16 June	Year 4 visit to Tesco a.m
Wed 17 June	Community Police workshop- Year 3

Thurs 18 June	Mass in school to celebrate Father Seamus's 60 <sup>th</sup> year as a priest-2.00 pm
Thurs 18 June	New Intake Evening- Reception Class Sept 2015 at 6.45 pm in school
Thurs 18 June	Year 5 Fire Quiz Command Final at Woodgate Valley Fire Station- 6.00 pm
Fri 19 June	Year 6 Illumination Mass at 9.05 a.m in school
Mon 22 June	Community Police workshop- Year 6
Tues 23 June	Year 3 to attend Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church -10.00 am- parents are most welcome
Wed 24 June	Hagley Dance Group a.m.
Mon 29 June	Sports' Day - 1.45 pm
Tues 30 June	Year 1 visit Mount Pleasant Farm
Tues 30 June	New Intake visits - Reception Class 2015
Wed 1 July	Year 6 Transition Day to Secondary Schools
Wed 1 July	School Academy Committee Meeting 6 p.m
Thurs 2 July	New Intakes visits- Reception Class 2015
Thurs 2 July	Year 6 Maths Master Class at Hagley High School a.m
Thurs 2 July	Year 4's Class Assembly- 9.05 a.m
Mon 6 July	Hagley Band Tour a.m
Tues 7 July	Year 3 visit to Woodgate Valley
Tues 7 July	Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation at 7 p.m in Church
Thurs 9 July	Year 4 workshop in school- Tesco pm
Sat 11 July	PTA Summer Fayre 12 noon -4 pm
Mon 13 July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass 2.15 p.m in school
Thurs 16 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.05 a.m in school
Thurs 16 July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015: Years 1-6**



**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.**