



Our Lady of Fatima Primary School

Newsletter July 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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July's value is **appreciation**. As we approach the end of this academic year, let us be thankful for our whole school community.

I cannot believe that I have been Headteacher of Our Lady of Fatima School for almost a whole academic year. Our value of the month is 'appreciation' and so it is only fitting that I extend my thanks to all parents, colleagues, Academy Committee members and the school community for their support in making our school a very special place. By working together we have been able to make the change of leadership a smooth transition, whilst truly living out our Mission Statement.

Sacrament of Confirmation



Please remember Year 6 in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Byrne tomorrow night at Our Lady of Fatima Church. Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils. They have just a few days remaining with us before they take on the exciting challenge that lies ahead. Our thoughts and prayers go with them on their life journey as they transfer to their Secondary schools.

about the many varied talents of our pupils. Every child's report is unique to them and it is important for us to remember that we celebrate the joy of this God given individuality.

All classes except Year 6 will receive their reports on 8th July. Due to the late date that the DfE return Year 6 SATs results (Tuesday 7th July), Year 6 reports will be slightly later than other year groups but we will endeavour to distribute these as soon as possible. If you need to speak to your child's teacher about their school report, Monday 13th July from 3.40 pm has been set aside for parent's to make an appointment.

Swimming Gala

Our team were very successful at the Catholic swimming gala which saw many schools across the city compete against each other. A big thank you to Dermot, Daniel, Jack, Esmee and Clodagh from Year 6, and Jessica and Olivia from Year 5 for representing our school. Despite being one of the smallest schools to attend, the team made it to five finals out of eight. Dermot managed an impressive second place overall



During the last couple of weeks I have been reading the school reports that teachers have written. It is a real privilege to read

in the Boys Open Freestyle just missing out on first place by a fingertip in one of the most fiercely competitive races of the competition. The team were presented with the Fr Corcoran Trophy (competed for by small schools) for the third time in four years. The children were a credit to both their school and their parents and should be very proud of their conduct both in and out of the pool.

Athletics

Some children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in an athletics event held at Alexander Stadium. There were 36 other schools taking part. There was a mixture of relays, sprints, field events (throwing, high jump and long jump), finishing with the 800m race.



We were fortunate to have two of our children in the finals: Myah (Year 6) - Girls' 100m sprint in which she finished 4th and Karnell (Year 5) - Boys' Long Jump in which he finished 3rd and Boys' sprint where we are proud to announce he finished in 1st place and was able to stand on the podium and receive his well-deserved medal. Well done to all of our athletes!

Fire Quiz

A team of children from Year 5 took part in the Area Command final of the West Midlands Fire Service Safety Challenge at Woodgate Valley Fire Station. The children had to answer a variety of different questions split in to the five main areas of safety including; fire prevention, fire response, home safety, personal safety road safety and water safety. The team played the

game exceptionally well and were triumphant runners up.



P.T.A. Summer Fayre Saturday
11th July 2015 Thank you for the positive response to the Friday

collections. The PTA is working hard to make sure that the fayre is a great success. Please keep this day free in your diary and support the PTA. All the fun begins at 12 noon.

Farewell and Congratulations!

At the end of the summer term we say goodbye to Miss Carney who is leaving our school to pursue a career in teaching. We thank her for her commitment and positive contributions to the children in our school and wish her great success in her future career.

Miss Davis is looking forward to becoming Mrs Lake when she marries in August. We wish her and her future husband Ian, every good wish and happiness for their future together.



Classes for September 2015

Reception Class	Mrs Lake
Year 1	Miss O'Connell
Year 2	Mrs Workman
Year 3	Mrs McGuinness
Year 4	Mrs Levack
Year 5	Mrs Greatrex
Year 6	Mr Bagwell

A 'Thank you' from Father Seamus



We celebrated a lovely Mass in school to mark the 60 years since Father Seamus was ordained. He would like to extend his thanks and gratitude for the prayers and generous gifts he received.

Health for Life

Our Health for Life project



continues to go from strength to strength. Produce has been sold and there has been a real sense of achievement as children tend to their crops on a daily basis. The herb garden by Hannah's Way is developing really well too. 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.

E Safety



Following on from the E-Safety workshops we presented earlier this year we would like to evaluate the impact they have had at home. Do you know how to keep your children safe? Do your children know how to keep safe? As a school, we are committed to teaching and developing our ESafety curriculum but we can only be successful if we all work together: pupils, parents and teachers. We will be sending out a text this week with a link to the questionnaire. On a tablet, laptop or PC, you can also access the questionnaire directly from our website. Many thanks.

Fun Food Week



Mrs O'Brien and her staff have planned special menus for the last week of term. A separate letter has been issued to parents about this. If your child usually has a packed lunch, but would like to have a cooked lunch on any or all of the days please send payment into school this week. £2.10 per day, with cheques made payable to "Education Catering" please.

Notice from West Midlands Travel

Despite reminders of appropriate places to park, a number of parents are still parking their cars in the bus lane on the Hagley Road. I have had meetings with Inspectors from West Midlands Travel and the Police who both confirm that this is an offence. Fines will be enforced if cars continue to obstruct any part of the bus lane. Photographic evidence has already been taken and I can only urge you to consider arriving at school a little earlier so that parking can be found in appropriate places. Thank you for your co-operation.

And finally....

On behalf of the staff and Academy Representatives may I wish you all a safe and happy holiday with your families and friends and we look forward to seeing Years 1-6 back to school on **Thursday 3rd September.**

Dates for Diary: July 2015

Mon 6 July	Hagley Band Tour a.m
Mon 6 July	Keyboard Concert 2.30 pm
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

Dates for Diary: September 2015

Wed 2 Sept	Teacher Training Day
Thursday 3 Sept	Years 1-6 return to school
Mon 7 Sept	New Reception Class begin half days in school