



# Our Lady of Fatima Primary School

Newsletter — May 2016

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

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## 'Eloquent and Truthful'

Pupils at Our Lady of Fatima School aim to be **eloquent** in what they say of themselves and **truthful** about themselves and to all they meet.

### 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 your child brings the prayer bag home during May, please support your child when saying the Rosary.



**Mass**, prepared by Year 5, will be celebrated on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May** at 9.05 am in school to honour and celebrate our Patron Saint on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima. Please do join us.



### 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 **16<sup>th</sup> May at 2.15 pm** 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.

### 50<sup>th</sup> World Communications' Day - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May



His Holiness Pope Francis wrote the following message so that we could all reflect on the relationship between communication and mercy during this Year of Mercy.

*The church is called to practise mercy as the distinctive trait of all that she is and does. What we say and how we say it, our every word and gesture, ought to express God's compassion, tenderness and forgiveness for all. Love, by its nature, is communication; it leads to openness and sharing. If our hearts and actions are inspired by charity, by divine love, then our communication will be touched by God's own power.*

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### **SNOMAC Motto and Mission Statement**



The Directors of our newly formed Catholic Multi Academy are now pleased to be able to share with you the final agreed Motto and Mission Statement, following a consultation process involving all stakeholders.

*In Jesus we live, learn and serve.*

*Together we are committed to excellent education for all, rooted in Gospel values, inspiring a love for life-long learning and following the compassion of Christ.*

Each individual school will still retain its own Mission Statement.

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### **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 7th and 14th May.

**Academic Term Dates 2016-17:** are published on the school website: [www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk](http://www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk)

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### **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. 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.

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### **Walk to School Week**



From the 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 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', we have organised an 'Informal Walking Bus' which will leave from the **Toby Carvery at 8.10 a.m promptly each day**. This proved very popular last year with increased numbers walking to school 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 staff members will be present.

## Health for Life



Our Lady of Fatima School has officially entered the *Meal in a Barrow* competition which will be displayed during the BBC Gardeners World Exhibition at the NEC between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Families are invited to attend the show; children are admitted free with a paying adult on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June. Each class is involved in growing produce to contribute towards the final barrow. We are using a soup recipe based on the entry from Evamary in Year 4. Crops will be cared for in all the raised beds and Mrs Khatun will care for the herb garden with her 'gardening gang' from the Before and After School Club.

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## PTA News

The PTA would like to thank all families who have supported events this year. Every entrance fee, raffle ticket, hot dog or doughnut that has been bought raises funds for the school and for your children. So far this year, your generosity has meant that the PTA has been able to give £2,220 towards a set of iPads and iPad covers, £140 towards Alton Castle and £350 for outdoor play equipment for Reception Class; in addition to annual donations towards class trips and leavers' events. They have also allocated funds to help set up a Forest School area on the school grounds which will enhance the outdoor learning experience for pupils in every year group.



Please support forthcoming events: the **PTA Sponsored Bounce** on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**.

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.



The PTA cake sale will take place after school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.



**Summer Fayre: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 12-4pm**

Preparations for our Rio Olympic themed Summer Fayre are 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 Rouse, Chair of the PTA if you can help and she will contact you.

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## 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. A light mac is also advisable due to the British very changeable weather.

**School sun hats** are available from the office.

Baseball cap: £3.50

Legionnaire cap: £2.75

Girl's sun hat: £5.00

Please note that these school hats are part of our school uniform. Thank you for supporting our school uniform policy. It is so lovely to see the children looking so smart wearing full school uniform, including acceptable haircuts.

The School Nurse is available every other Tuesday from 8.30-10.00 am should you wish to discuss any health issues or concerns with her. Appointments

can be made via the school office or you can just 'drop in' to meet with her. Dates of her visits are listed below.

### **Diary Dates for May-July 2016- more dates may be added**

Thurs 5 May	Visiting theatre company for Year 1 -pm
Sat 7 May	First Holy Communion Mass at 12.00 noon in Church (first date)
Sun 8 May	Year 4 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 9 May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tues 10 May	School Nurse- 8.30-10.00 am
Fri 13 May	Our Lady of Fatima's Feast Day. School Mass prepared by Year 5 at 9.05 am.
Sat 14 May	First Holy Communion Mass at 12.00 noon in Church (second date)
Sun 15 May	Year 6 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 16 May	Year 2 KS1 SATs begin
Mon 16 May	<b>WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK</b>
Mon 16 May	May Procession at 2.15 pm in school
Thurs 19 May	Fun themed school meal day
Thurs 19 May	Year 5 and 6 Girls' Tag Rugby at Four Dwellings 3.30-5.30 pm
Sun 22 May	Year 5 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Tues 24 May	Year 6 to attend the Good Shepherd Mass at St Chad's Cathedral- a.m
Tues 24 May	School Nurse- 8.30-10.00 am
Tues 24 May	Year 1 visit to the Black Country Museum
Wed 25 May	Year 5's Class Assembly 9.05 am. All welcome
Wed 25 May	Academy Committee Meeting
Thurs 26 May	Hagley Mass Band Tour - a.m
Thurs 26 May	PTA Sponsored Bounce p.m
Thurs 26 May	Netball team playing at Shenley Academy 3.30-5.30 pm
Fri 27 May	PTA Cake Sale after school
<b>Fri 27 May</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>
Mon 6 June	School Re-opens
Mon 6 June	Bikeability Week for Year 5 pupils

Thurs 9 June	Year 5 Transition and Alton Castle Meeting at 7.00 pm in school
Sun 12 June	Going Forth Mass at 11.00 a.m at Our Lady of Fatima Church
<b>Mon 13 June</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day- School closed to all pupils</b>
Tues 14 June	Year 1 Phonic Screening checks begin for the week
Tues 14 June	School Nurse- 8.30-10.00 am
Wed 15 June	Bear Creek Activity Day at Our Lady of Fatima School
Thurs 16 June	New Intake Evening- Reception Class Sept 2016 at 7 pm in school
Sun 19 June	Year 4 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 20 June	Athletics competition at Shenley Academy 3.30-5.30 pm
Tues 21 June	Year 3 to visit Umberlade Adventure Park
Fri 24 June	Year 6 Illumination Mass at 9.05am in school
Fri 24 June	Netball Tournament at Our Lady of Fatima School
Sun 26 June	Year 6 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 27 June	Year 6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral- preparation for Confirmation
Tues 28 June	School Nurse- 8.30-10.00 am
Wed 29 June	New Reception Class 2016 half day visits (1)
Thurs 30 June	Year 2's Class Assembly 9.05 am. All welcome.
Thurs 30 June	Reception Class trip to the Thinktank Museum
Fri 1 July	Sports' Festival at Lordswood School
Sun 3 July	Year 5 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 4 July	Sports' Day 1.35 pm
Tues 5 July	New Reception Class 2016 half day visits (2)
Wed 6 July	Year 6 Transition Day to Secondary Schools
Wed 6 July	Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation at 7 pm in church
Thurs 7 July	Year 6 Maths Workshops at Hagley High School a.m
Sat 9 July	PTA Summer Fayre
Sun 10 July	Year 4 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 11 July	Hagley Band Tour a.m
Tues 12 July	School Nurse- 8.30-10.00 am
Wed 13 July	Academy Committee Meeting

Fri 15 July	Quinzone Music Afternoon 1 pm
Sun 17 July	Year 3 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 18 July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass 2 p.m in school
Mon 18 July	Parents' Evening- appointments upon request
Wed 20 July	Year 5 visit to Birmingham Museum
Thurs 21 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.05 a.m in school
Fri 22 July	Year 6 Leavers' Breakfast at the Toby Carvery
Fri 22 July	Farewell Bubbles on the field. End of summer term- 3.10 pm.

**Pupils return to school on Tuesday 6th September 2016**



**SCHOOL FUND SUMMER TERM 2016**

I attach my family contribution of £5 / other £ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Spring Term.

Eldest child in school \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_.

Please make cheques payable to SNOMAC.

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

Received in school by \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your support.**