



Our Lady of Fatima Primary School

Newsletter June 2016

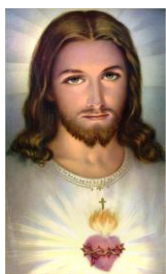
'We welcome everyone into our community to live, love and learn together in the light and example of Jesus Christ'

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'Learned and Wise'

Pupils at Our Lady of Fatima School aim to be **learned**, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

June- The month of the Sacred Heart



The month of June is dedicated to 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 Pope Francis invites everyone to pray the Heart of Jesus for the entire month of June and to support with closeness and affection our priests so that they always reflect the image of that Heart full of merciful love. Let us all remember our Parish Priest, Father Seamus in our prayers, as he continues his ministry to the church.

First Holy Communion/ May Procession



The children in Year 3 who made their First Holy Communion last month will gather

together again on Sunday 12th June at the 11 am Mass for their 'Going Forth' celebrations. Thank you to parents for supporting the children so well for their First Holy Communion.



Thank you also to the many parents and relatives who attended our May Procession and provided the children with beautiful flowers for your children

to present in honour of Our Lady, patron of our school. As this was the last week before half term, some of the flowers were taken to church and once again Mrs McGuinness took some bunches of flowers to our local residents, who were delighted to receive them. Extending these acts of kindness to our local community is part of 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 Wednesday

6th July. Their next witness of faith together will be on

Friday 24th June at school, where they lead the 'Mass of Illumination' at 9.05 a.m.

Attendance

Congratulations to **Years 1 and 4** for winning the Attendance Cup last half term. Our overall average percentage to date is **97.1%**, which is above the national average of 96.1%. Let's aim for the highest attendance we can during this final half term. Well done everyone!

Year Group	% attendance
Year 1 and Year 4	97.6 
Year 2 and 5	97.4
Years 6	97.2
Reception Class	97.3
Year 3	96.5

As we approach the final half term there are 49 pupils with 100% attendance so far this year.

Please consider making appointments for your children outside of school hours or during the school holidays. We have noticed a growing number of children attending non-emergency appointments during the school day. Most medical establishments are helpful in accommodating appointments out of school hours. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Father Seamus



Father Seamus has announced his pending retirement in September. He has worked tirelessly in our parish since July 2005 and has now decided the time is right for him to enjoy some years ahead as a retired priest. I know this was a very

difficult decision for Father Seamus to make, so please remember him in your prayers. Our new Parish Priest, Father Craig Szmidt, was ordained five years ago and is very much looking forward to being welcomed by the school and parish community in September.

PTA News



The PTA would like to thank everyone who bought and donated cakes at the recent cake sale. A fantastic **£135** will be donated to school to support Cooking in the Curriculum.

The sponsored bounce was greatly enjoyed by all - this is just one of the ways the PTA raises money to assist with the cost of school visits throughout the year, so please collect in your sponsor money and return it to school as soon as possible.

PTA Summer Fayre: Saturday 9th July 12-4pm



Exciting plans for the Summer Fayre are under way, but the PTA really do need more volunteers to make it a success - if you can help for part or all of the day, please give your details to Louise Rouse, parent of Emily in Year 3 or via the school office who will pass details onto the PTA committee. Over the next few weeks the PTA will be sending out flyers to promote various stalls.

Polite 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.



Alton Castle and Secondary School Options' Meeting

A visit to Alton Castle has provisionally been arranged for 19th -21st 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 9th 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.



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 16th June starting at 7.00 p.m.

Walk to School Week



Thank you for supporting 'Walk to School' week. Many families joined teachers 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. Some families have

decided to continue the 'walking bus' during the remaining summer half term.

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. Mrs Khatun and the 'BASC Gardening Gang' work hard to keep the herb garden, by Hannah's Way well looked after. Daily watering of plants and crops is taking place to ensure crops are well looked after. I have noticed many 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.

The school has entered the competition *Meal in a Barrow* at the Gardeners' World Show at the NEC between 16th -19th June 2016. Barrows will be judged by a panel to select a Primary and Secondary Schools' winner and, by public vote, to choose an overall winner. Winners will be announced and awarded on Sunday afternoon at the show. It would be great to have as many children as possible at the show for the awards ceremony.

More news is available in the Summer Health for Life newsletter which has been issued to families this week.

UK Junior Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the 13 children from Years 5 and 6 who took part



in the challenge this year, especially the 6 children who achieved certificates. Tara (Yr 6) recorded the highest score for this school gaining herself a silver certificate, alongside James (Yr 5) and Liam, Rio, Jayden and Connor (Yr 6) secured bronze certificates. We are very proud of all the children who took part in this year's Junior Maths Challenge. Well done!

Website www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk

Our school website is regularly updated and is an excellent way of keeping up to date with school life. However, due to holidays being taken the website is unlikely to be updated until the end of June 2016.

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 13th June is a Teacher Training Day and the school is closed to pupils.

Dates for Diary: June- July 2016

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 am at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 13 June	Teacher Training Day- School closed to all pupils
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 Umberslade Adventure Park
Fri 24 June	Year 6 Illumination Mass at 9.05 am 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
Thurs 7 July	Year 2 visit to Avoncroft Museum
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.