



Our Lady of Fatima Primary School

Newsletter July 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.

As we almost reach the end of another academic year at Our Lady of Fatima School I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to all parents, colleagues, Academy Committee members and the school community for their support in making our school a very special place. By continuing to work together we have been able to truly live out our Mission Statement, enabling your children to experience rich and varied learning experiences in a nurturing and caring environment. Thank you for the partnership we share which is vital for your children to thrive and succeed.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We shared a beautiful and reverent evening on Wednesday when the Year 6 pupils received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Robert Byrne was a most welcome guest to our parish. Many congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who 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.



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

All classes will receive their reports on 13th July. If you need to speak to your child's teacher about their school report, Monday 18th July from 3.40 pm has been set aside for parents to make an appointment with teachers.

Sports Day



On Monday we experimented with a different type of Sports Day from the traditional one the children have taken part in for many years. We received really positive feedback from pupils and parents. There was a lovely atmosphere with pupils being far

more active than in previous years. The different events meant that the children could demonstrate skill in particular areas. Most of all there was such enjoyment on the children's faces as they competed. Thank you as always for your tremendous support.

Labels for school uniform

'My Nametags' is a company that produces name labels. Orders can be placed using their website www.mynametags. If you place an order please quote school number **21750** (not our school name) and the school will then receive commission on your order.

Secondary school options

Parents in Year 5 should now be considering their options for their child's Secondary School. May I remind parents that if you are applying for a Catholic school you must supply each school directly with proof of baptism. This is usually in the form of a baptismal certificate and a supplementary information form available directly from each school. If you cannot find your child's baptismal certificate you can contact the church where your child was baptised and they will issue you with another one.

P.T.A. News



The response to the first PTA Film Night was amazing with over 90 children staying after school to watch 'Inside Out' with their friends. A fun

evening was had by all and a fantastic £285 was raised. We hope to make Film Night a regular feature on next year's PTA calendar.

Thank you to everyone who supported the sponsored bounce, £710 was generously donated and will be allocated towards future projects.



We look forward to seeing everyone at the Summer Fayre on **Saturday 9th July, 12-4**

p.m. There are lots of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. This year's theme is 'Rio' so dig out your Brazilian shirts and carnival outfits for the big day! Thank you for all of your donations so far - there is still time to bring in **bottles, toys, books,** and **uniforms** right up until 8th July. Cakes can be delivered on the day of the fair.

We still need volunteers to help set up stalls and gazebos on the morning of the fair from 9 a.m. onwards, please give your details to the school office if you think you could help for an hour or two.

Classes for September 2016

Class teachers for the next academic year will remain the same.

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

We sadly will be saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Barnes who will be leaving us at the end of this term. We wish her well in her future career. Mrs Darkaoui will be joining our team as a Teaching Assistant in September and I know she will receive a warm welcome from everyone.

Congratulations!

In the early hours of 17th June Francesca Rose Iles was born. We send our love and warmest wishes to Mr and Mrs Iles and wish them both an enjoyable time with their new arrival.



A Fond Farewell to Father Seamus

In June Father Seamus announced his retirement and he has now informed us that he will be leaving the parish of Our Lady of Fatima in mid-August to begin his well deserved retirement at the Oratory. We will be offering our good wishes to Father Seamus during the Leavers' Mass on Monday 18th July at 2.15 pm. You are all most welcome to join us.

Father Craig will be visiting school before the end of term and will begin his duties as the new Parish Priest at Our Lady of Fatima Church in August. I know he will receive a huge welcome from the school and parish community.

Health for Life



Our Meal in a Barrow is now on display in the school grounds. Although we did not win at Gardeners'

World, our barrow was impressive looking. During the final few weeks of this term we will be harvesting crops from around the school grounds and will be offering them to families for a voluntary donation. Text messages will be sent to keep families informed of these sales. There are many allotment sites local to us which have available plots and half plots for rent at very reasonable prices. Please look on the Birmingham City website if you are interested. It could be ideal over the summer holiday as a family activity which everyone can be involved in. There are several families in school who would happily tell you more about their allotment experiences if you are keen. Please see Mrs Levack if you would like any more information.

Parking



It is only a very small minority, but we still have complaints about parents who park or drop-off on the zig-zag lines outside school. The zig-zag lines are there to provide a **safe place** to cross for all of the children and so I continue to appeal to all parents to exercise care and thoughtfulness at all times. Thank you for your support.

Fun Food Week



Mrs O'Brien and her staff have planned special menus for the last week of term. This will include a picnic lunch in Friday 22nd July. A separate letter will be 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 next week- £2.15 per day, with cheques made payable to "SNOMAC" please.

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. We look forward to seeing you and your children back at school on **Tuesday 6th September**.

Dates for Diary: July 2016

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 Masterclass Workshops at Hagley High School a.m
Thurs 7 July	Year 2 visit to Avoncroft Museum
Thurs 7 July	Year 5 visit to the CBSO
Sat 9 July	PTA Summer Fayre 12 -4 pm
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
Mon 11 July	Keyboard Concert at 2.30 pm
Tues 12 July	School Nurse- 8.30-10.00 am
Wed 13 July	Academy Committee Meeting
Thurs 14 th July	Year 6 visit to the Thinktank Museum
Thurs 14 th July	Year 5 visit to St Paul's Secondary School- Technology Day
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 2.15 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