



Our Lady of Fatima Primary School

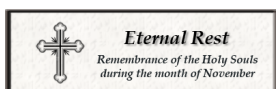
Newsletter — November 2016

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

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'Intentional and Prophetic'

Pupils at Our Lady of Fatima School aim to be **intentional** in the way they live and **prophetic** in the example they set others, rooted in Gospel values.



November is the month dedicated to the Holy

Souls. We remember in our prayers, all our loved ones and those people from our parish community who have died. May they rest in eternal peace.

S48 Religious Inspection

We are awaiting the written report following the Religious Inspection earlier in October. The Inspectors were most complimentary about the children and the school. A copy will be sent to all families as soon as it arrives in school.

Harvest Celebration Service

Thank you to all families for your generosity and kindness in supporting our Harvest Celebrations. We had a



fantastic turnout of parents and families at the service, tremendous support for the Fireside Centre with food and toiletries and over £100 was raised for CAFOD from the retiring collection. Mr McCann, an Education Director from CAFOD, who was a guest at the service, spoke so highly of the

commitment of our school community with their generous contributions to CAFOD. The annual 'staff bake off' will take place this month with all proceeds going to CAFOD. Details will follow separately.

Operation Christmas Child



Before half term I sent out a letter about 'Operation Christmas Child' together with box labels. The

boxes will be collected early on **Thursday 24th November** so if you would like to create a gift parcel with your child please send it in to school by **Wednesday 23rd November**. Should you require any further information or replacement labels, please contact the school office to request another one. There is a two page worksheet attached to this newsletter that can be coloured in / completed by your child and inserted into the box if they would like to communicate with the recipient of the box. Please remember to insert **£3.00** inside the box to

cover the cost of processing and postage overseas.
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

School Admissions September 2017

Applications for Reception in September 2017 should be made to the local authority where the parent and child live by 4th December 2016. However, the final deadline for all applications is 16th January 2017.

All applications should be acknowledged by the L.A. If you have a sibling applying to start next September remember that you also need to submit a supplementary form (available from school office / website) to the school with a copy of their baptismal certificate (if applicable).

Year 3 Sacramental Preparation Meeting



There will be an important meeting for Year 3 parents on **Thursday 17th November** at 7 p.m. in the school hall.

We would like all parents to attend. At this meeting parents will be asked to indicate a preferred date, either 6th or 13th May 2017 for First Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion Preparation Mass

Sunday 20th November is the Feast of 'Christ the King', which marks the end of the liturgical year and the year of Mercy. The 11.00 a.m. Mass on this day will be a special Mass for Year 3 children and their families. It is wonderful to see so many of our children regularly in attendance at Mass.

First Aid Letters

To ensure better follow up care we will be issuing revised letters to



inform you if your child has received first aid in school. Depending on the type of accident we will be asking you to return details of any follow up care you thought was necessary. Your child will also be issued with a wrist band if they have had an accident. This should alert you to check your child's book bag for further details of the injury. We hope that this will further improve the existing communication that takes place between school and home.

Book Week

'Book Week' begins next week with many exciting activities planned. A separate letter was



issued just before half term outlining details of these activities. On Friday 11th all children (and grown-ups!) are invited to dress up as a character from a book from the last 50 years, to link with the school's golden birthday year. This will conclude the week of celebrations. There will be no charge for this non-uniform day. We extend a warm welcome to you if you are free to come into school from 3.00 pm- 3.25 pm on Monday 7th to Thursday 10th to read with your children. This is a lovely opportunity for you to share books with your child(ren) and to promote the importance of finding time to read during our very busy lives.

The school Book Fair will also be open from **Monday 7th-Thursday 10th November from 3.30- 4.15 pm**. We are given 60% commission for all books sold, so please do come in to the school hall to take a look. If there are any parents willing to sell books for about half an hour after school, please let the office know of your availability. Thank you.

Parking

**ILLEGAL PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS
ENDANGERS YOUNG LIVES**

I regularly remind parents to try to be considerate when parking by the roads surrounding the school. Recently there has been an increase of inconsiderate parking causing distress to our local residents who have been unable to leave their properties due to their driveways being blocked. This is unacceptable and I would therefore urge you once again to park with due care and attention for the safety of all children and families, also bearing in mind our local neighbours and their right to have full access to and from their properties. **Parents should never park on any zig zag lines.** West Midlands Travel Company is still concerned that parents are parking in the bus lane on the Hagley Road. This is illegal and fines may be issued. Please consider arriving a few minutes early so that you have time to park safely and legally. Thank you.

Collection Arrangements- darker evenings

For safety reasons we 'hand over' the children to parents/relatives/childminders at the end of the school day. If there is a change in circumstances please **write** to your child's class teacher, so that they are aware of the new arrangements. We do not encourage children in Year 6 to walk home after staying for clubs now that it is getting darker after school. Should you be delayed at the end of the school day, please contact the school office so that we are aware of your arrangements. For safety reasons children will be brought into the hall to wait if the person who collects them is not on the playground.

PTA Firework Disco- Friday 4th November

6.30- 9pm.

We are hoping for a good turnout for the Firework Disco this Friday and that we will be blessed with good weather.



Thank you in advance to all the PTA members who work so hard to always make it a most enjoyable occasion, to the fantastic team who set up the firework display and to the staff who support the event especially Mr Rollason for ensuring the safety of the school site. Please remember that parents have full responsibility for the safety and behaviour of their own children at all PTA events.

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.

Reminder



As the colder, wet weather looms children are asked to come to school with waterproof coats, hats, scarves and gloves- all to ensure that they are well wrapped up. Our cloakrooms and lockers are tightly spaced for this additional clothing and footwear. All children are encouraged to bring a book bag only to school and this is an adequate size for keeping their reading books, homework books and any correspondence inside.

Websites

Please take time to browse our school website which gives up to date information about school events and policies.

www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk

The new parish website has been recently updated and also offers a lot of new information.

www.catholicquinton.org.uk

Inspire Workshops

There has already been a fantastic turnout of parents for the 'Inspire Calculation Strategies Workshops' in Years 2 and 5. Remaining dates for the workshops are as follows:



Tuesday 15th November Year 4

Tuesday 22nd November Year 1

Tuesday 29th November Year 6

Tuesday 10th January Year 3

We value your feedback and so far it has overwhelmingly indicated that parents find these sessions very useful.

Most of all, the children love the time they get to spend with you! Thank you for your support.

Parish Bazaar


This will take place on



Saturday 26th November in the parish hall, Higgins Lane starting at 11.30 am- 2.00 pm. This is an important fundraiser for the Parish. An important visitor (in red) may make a special appearance and there is the opportunity to capture the moment with a photograph. We will soon have some books of raffle tickets (£5 per book) in the school office if you would like some.

Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to our oldest children in Reception Class for winning the Attendance cup for last half term. As you can see the percentages were so close with a whole school overall percentage of **97.9%**. Well done everyone!

Year Group	% attendance
Reception Class	99 
Year 2	98.4
Year 3	98.3
Year 1	97.6
Years 4 & 5	97.4
Year 6	97.1

There are still a small minority of families whose punctuality needs to improve. Arriving late after the bell at 8.55 am. causes a disruptive start to the school day. Please remember that school is open for the children from 8.45 am each morning.



School Fund - Have you sent in your school fund this term?

We use the school fund to supplement lots of items and activities for your children. So far records show that just over half of families have contributed to school fund this term. Please can I ask all remaining families to make their £5.00 contribution as soon as possible? We keep a record of all amounts that come in to the office so if you are not sure if you have already contributed please ask. Thank you.

November Themed Lunches

Mrs O'Brien and the kitchen staff will be cooking special menus during a selection of days in November.

Wednesday 2nd November: Roast Dinner



Thursday 3rd November: Bonfire themed meal



Thursday 10th November: Remembrance Day themed meal.



Should your KS2 child usually have a packed lunch, but would like to take advantage of having a cooked meal on any or all of these dates, please send in the correct money- £2.15 per meal, in a named envelope as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made. Pupils in Reception and KS1 who usually have a packed lunch, but would like a themed lunch on any or all of the days just need to inform the office of their preferred arrangements.

Design a Christmas Card

Santa has written to all schools to ask if they will help him to design a Christmas card for all the kitchen staff who work so hard in schools. He has said that he will personally visit the school of the lucky winners and will bring with him some homemade treats from the North Pole. All entries need to be handed into Mrs O'Brien, our cook, by **Friday 18th November**. Good luck!



Hagley Band



Just before the Hagley 90's band (H90) Primary Tour started the group played a warm up gig in Stourbridge and were talent spotted by a music legend. Dave Robinson signed U2, Bob Marley and set up Stiff Records (Elvis Costello and Madness). He saw how hard H90 had worked and loved their enthusiasm so he decided to help them record and release a charity single. H90's version of the Friend's theme "I'll be there for you" was released on iTunes on 14th October. All proceeds go towards 'Winston's Wish', a charity that helps and supports bereaved children. H90 are very excited and hope you will be able to buy a copy (79p), tell all your friends and give H90 the chance to help others through their music making.

Check out the video:

<https://www.facebook.com/hagleyrc/>

Link to iTunes - <https://itunes.apple.com/.../ill-be-there-for-you.../id1154549536>

Dates for the remainder of the Autumn Term 2016

November	Dedicated Month for Holy Souls
Tues 1 Nov	School Nurse 9.15-11.15 am
Wed 2 Nov	9.30- 11.30 am Open Morning
Wed 2 Nov	National Roast Dinner Day
Fri 4 Nov	6.30 pm PTA Firework Disco
Sun 6 Nov	Year 6 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 7 Nov	Book Week starts
Mon 7 Nov	6 pm MAC Full Board meeting
Wed 9 Nov	Reception Class's hearing and height checks
Thurs 10 Nov	9.05 am Year 4's Assembly
Fri 11 Nov	SNOMAC KS1 Multi Skills
Fri 11 Nov	11.00 am Observe 2 mins silence (Remembrance Day)
Sun 13 Nov	Year 5 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 14 Nov	10 a.m Canals and Rivers Trust visit at OLF- Year 6
Tues 15 Nov	School Nurse 9.15-11.15 am
Tues 15 Nov	9.10 am Year 4 Inspire Workshop
Thurs 17 Nov	7 pm FHC Meeting in school hall
Sun 20 Nov	11.00 am in church Year 3 Listening Mass
Sun 20 Nov	Feast of Christ the King. End of the Year of Mercy
Tues 22 Nov	9.10 am Year 1 Inspire workshop
Wed 23 Nov	Year 5 and 6 visit to Odeon Cinema
Wed 23 Nov	Last day to bring in Operation Christmas Child shoebox
Thurs 24 Nov	Year 4 visit the Odeon Cinema
Sun 27 Nov	Advent begins
Sun 27 Nov	Year 4 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Tues 29 Nov	School Nurse 9.15-11.15 am
Wed 30 Nov	SNOMAC KS1 Multi Skills

December

Sun 4 Dec Year 6 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 5 Dec Sing and Play Club singing at Over 60's Club at OLF church hall
Mon 5 Dec 6 pm Full MAC Board Meeting
Tues 6 Dec 9.05 am St Nicholas Feast Day Mass Year 3
Wed 7 Dec 6 pm OLOF ARC Meeting
Sun 11 Dec Year 5 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 12 Dec 9.15 am and 2.15 pm Infant Nativity
Tues 13 Dec School Nurse 9.15-11.15 am
Wed 14 Dec Years 5 and 6 after school Basketball at Shenley
Thurs 15 Dec 9.15 am Carol Service
Thurs 15 Dec Christmas lunch
Thurs 15 Dec PTA Disco in church hall
Fri 16 Dec PTA Film night
Sun 18 Dec Year 4 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 19 Dec Christmas Panto, parties and Santa's visit
Tues 20 Dec Christmas Jumper Day

Break-up for Christmas Holiday 3.30 p.m.

Pupils back to school on **Wednesday 4th January 2017** - School opens for pupils **8.45 a.m.**

Thank you to those families who have already contributed to the Autumn Term's School Fund. Your £5.00 termly family donation enables us to buy additional resources for your children. Please consider contributing if you haven't already done so.



SCHOOL FUND AUTUMN TERM 2016

I attach my family contribution of £5 / other £ _____ for the Autumn Term 2016.

Eldest child in school _____ Year _____ .

Please make all cheques payable to SNOMAC.

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

Received in school by _____ Thank you for your support.



All about me!

This is what I look like



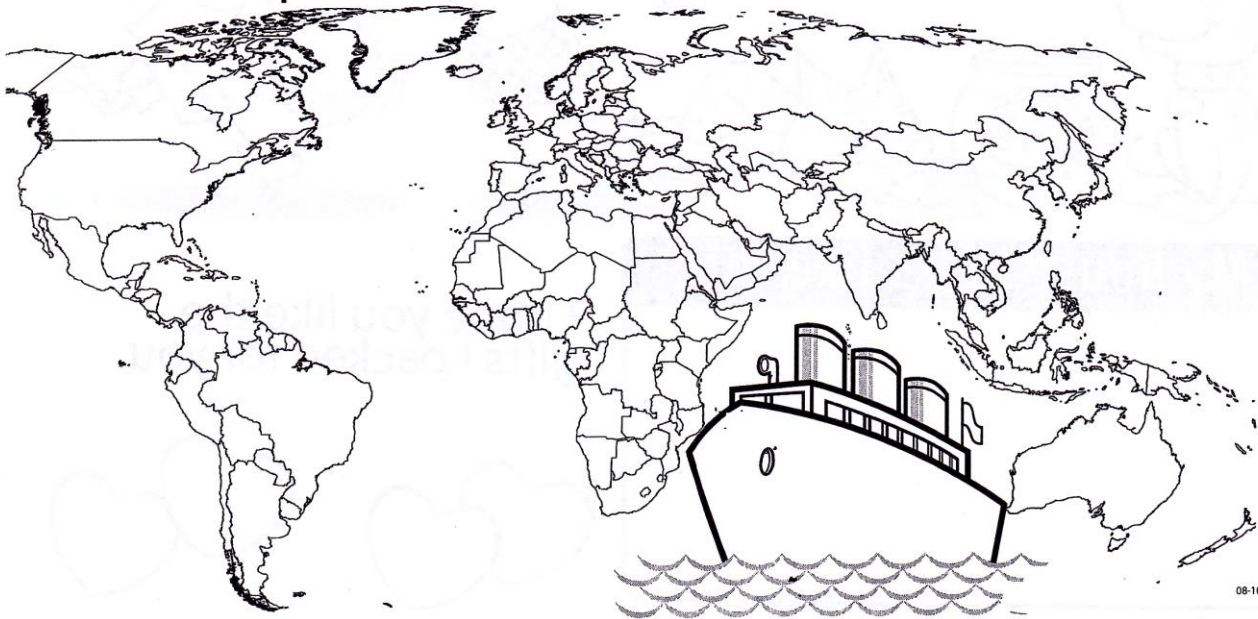
I live in the town of _____

Hi! I would like to introduce myself to you.

My name is _____ and I am very glad to meet you. I am _____ years old. This is a map of my country - the United Kingdom. I coloured the county where I live. My shoe box has taken a fantastic journey to find you!



Here is a map of our world. I coloured the country where I live.





There are lots of things I like.



My Favourite:

drink is _____

colour is _____

food is _____

animal is _____

toy is _____

When I have free time,
I like to _____

At school, I like to _____

In my family, I have

_____ brothers

_____ sisters

_____ pets



My house looks like this



I hope you like the gifts I packed for you.

