



## Our Lady of Fatima Primary School

Newsletter June 2017

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

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**'Faith-filled and Hopeful'.**

**Pupils at Our Lady of Fatima School aim to be faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.**

### 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 Craig in our prayers, as he continues his ministry to the church and its people.

### Year 6 Rite of Illumination Mass

This will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June which is the feast day of the Sacred Heart. Mass will be celebrated in the school hall at 9.05 am. All parents, relatives, friends and parishioners are

welcome. Please remember Year 6 in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

### First Holy Communion/ May Procession




The children in Year 3 who made their First Holy Communion last month will gather together again on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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, relatives and parishioners who attended our May Procession and provided the children with beautiful flowers 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 the local residents by Mrs McGuinness and some pupils in Year 6; they were gratefully received. Extending these acts of kindness to our local community is part of what makes our school a special place to be.

## Attendance

Congratulations to **Years 2 and 3** for winning the Attendance Cup last half term. Our overall average percentage to date is **97.3%**, 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 2	97.7 
Year 3	97.6
Year 6	97.4
Reception Class and Year 5	97.3
Year 4	96.2
Year 1	96.3

As we approach the final half term there are 33 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 an increase 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.

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## Our Lady of Fatima School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Our school opened 50 years ago in 1967. This is a wonderful occasion for us to celebrate the memories and successes shared over the many years. Would you like to take part in a Memories Project to help us commemorate this big event? If you are a past or present parent, staff member, pupil or friend of the school, have you a memory that you would like to share? We are hoping to gather 50

stories from 1967 to the present day. If you would like to take part, please send your contributions to school in an envelope marked "50 Memories" or email to [50memories@olfatima.bham.sch.uk](mailto:50memories@olfatima.bham.sch.uk) If any parents know of any past pupils, teachers or indeed anyone connected to the school, please share with them that there will be an Open Evening on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July from 5-8 pm**. Everyone is welcome and it would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible.

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## PTA News



The PTA would like to thank everyone who bought and donated cakes at the recent cake sale. A fantastic **£152** will be donated to school to support the school's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events.



The recent 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 by 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## PTA Summer Fayre: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 12-4pm

Exciting 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 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 4 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. Please support our fundraising by donating goods to sell at the fayre. Thank you.



## More Fund Raising

Madalen in Reception Class is cycling 12 miles to raise £500 to contribute to projects commemorating the 50th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Primary School. Please visit her Just Giving page to sponsor her.



<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/madalens-big-ride>

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> -22nd September. As this is a residential visit for next year's Year 6, we invite parents from the current Year 5 to an information meeting which will take place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 4 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 for parents only on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Pupils and staff wore pedometers to calculate how many steps were taken during the week. There was fierce competition amongst the staff each day. Year 6 were announced as the winners walking a total number of 57,153 steps during the week. Well done and thank you to everyone for taking part!



## 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. Our Lady of Fatima School has entered the *Meal in a Barrow* competition which will be displayed during the BBC Gardeners World Exhibition at the NEC between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The barrow is due to be collected



next week. The recipe used for our entry will be an anniversary salad with some gold and yellow colours to reflect this event. Crops that are being grown in school at the moment by classes

and the Before and After School Club will be used to fill our barrow. Tam Binh from Year 5 and her mum made a very sophisticated scarecrow to protect our crops. She named the scarecrow Chloe, after her "special friend" when she was in Reception Class. We have 4 pairs of complimentary tickets to attend the show on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to receive a pair of tickets please let Mrs Levack know in writing by sending a note with your child to school. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

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### UK Junior Maths Challenge

Congratulations to a record number of



18 children from Years 5 and 6 who took part in the challenge this year. James (Year 6) recorded the best in school score gaining himself a gold certificate. Roksana and Michael Lynch (Year 6), Rhys, Francesca, Archie and Elead (Year 5) secured silver certificates. Olivia McIntosh and Maisy (Year 6) and Christian (Year 5) achieved Bronze. We are very proud of all the children who took part in this year's Junior Maths Challenge. Well done!

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### 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 continue to 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. Please do not be persuaded by your child to have an inappropriate haircut- all children do know the school policy!

**Teacher Day:** a reminder that Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June is a Teacher Training Day and the school is **closed** to pupils.

## Dates for Diary: June- July 2017

Mon 5 June	School re-opens 8.45 am
Mon 5 June	Bikeability Week for Year 5 pupils
Wed 7 June	Reception Class and Year 6 class photos
Wed 7 June	Years 3, 4/ Years 5, 6 Mini red tennis at Shenley Academy pm
Thurs 8 June	Malachi children's workshops Years 3 and 6 1 pm
Thurs 8 June	Year 5 Transition and Alton Castle Meeting at 7.00 pm in school
Fri 9 June	SNOMAC Year 6 Athletics OLF v St Joseph's
Sat 10 June	OLOF 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition at John Lewis opens
Sun 11 June	Going Forth Mass at 11.00 a.m at Our Lady of Fatima Church
<b>Mon 12 June</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day- School closed to all pupils</b>
Tues 13 June	Year 1 Phonic Screening checks begin for the week
Tues 13 June	Year 6 to attend the Good Shepherd Mass at St Chad's Cathedral- p.m
Wed 14 June	SNOMAC Year 6 Rounders OLF v St Joseph's
Wed 14 June	Academy Committee Finance Meeting 6 pm
Thurs 15 June	Health for Life Committee to visit Gardeners' World NEC
Thurs 15 June	KS2 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament pm
Thurs 15 June	New Intake Evening- Reception Class Sept 2017 at 7 pm in school
Sun 18 June	Year 5 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Sun 18 June	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition gathering at John Lewis 1 pm- details to follow
Mon 19 June	Years 3 and 4 Athletics competition at Shenley Academy 3.30-5.30 pm
Tues 20 June	School Nurse- 8.30-10.00 am
Tues 20 June	Years 1 and 2 attending 10 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church.
Wed 21 June	SNOMAC Year 6 Rounders OLF v St Mary's
Thurs 22 June	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.05 am
Thurs 22 June	Year 4 Sports at Lordswood
Thurs 22 June	Years 5 and 6 Rounders at Hillcrest pm
Thurs 22 June	OLOF 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition at John Lewis closes
Fri 23 June	Year 6 Illumination Mass at 9.05 am in school
Fri 23 June	PTA cake sale 3.30 pm

Sun 25 June	Year 4 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 26 June	Year 5 and 6 Handball tournament at Four Dwellings Academy 3.30 pm
Tues 27 June	Year 6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral- preparation for Confirmation
Tues 27 June	Reception Class visit to Ash End Farm
Wed 28 June	New Reception Class 2017 half day visits (1)
Wed 28 June	Year 5 Kwik Cricket at Lordswood 3-5 pm
Thurs 29 June	Mass led by Year 4 to celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul 9.05 a.m in school
Fri 30 June	Year 6 visit to Cadbury World
Sun 2 July	Year 3 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 3 July	Sports' Day 1.35 pm
Wed 5 July	Year 6 Transition Day to Secondary Schools
Wed 5 July	Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation at 7 pm in church
Thurs 6 July	New Reception Class 2017 half day visits (2)
Thurs 6 July	Year 6 Maths Workshops at Hagley High School a.m
Fri 7 July	SNOMAC Year 6 Athletics OLF v St Mary's pm
Sat 8 July	PTA Summer Fayre 12-4 pm
Sun 9 July	Year 6 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 10 July	Police Community workshops all day
Mon 10 July	Year 2 'Singmaker' a.m at the Symphony Hall
Tues 11 July	Hagley 50's Band Tour a.m
Tues 11 July	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Evening with refreshments: 5pm-8 pm
Wed 12 July	SNOMAC Rounders at Hagley High School
Wed 12 July	Academy Committee Meeting 6pm
Fri 14 July	SNOMAC Rounders final at Hagley High School
Fri 14 July	PTA film night 3.35-5.45 pm
Sun 16 July	Year 5 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 17 July	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations week begins (details to follow)
Mon 17 July	Parents' Evening- appointments by request
Tues 18 July	School Nurse- 8.30-10.00 am
Wed 19 July	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass (including Year 6 Leavers') celebrated by Bishop Robert Byrne 9.05 am in school

Thurs 20 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.05 a.m in school
Thurs 20 July	Year 6 Leavers' party
Fri 21 July	Year 6 Leavers' Breakfast at the Toby Carvery from 7.30 am
Fri 21 July	Farewell Bubbles on the field. End of summer term- 3.10 pm.

**Pupils return to school on Wednesday 6th September 2017**



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**SCHOOL FUND SUMMER TERM 2017**

I attach my family contribution of £5 / other £ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Summer 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.**