



Our Lady of Fatima Primary School

Newsletter July 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.



As we almost reach the end of another extremely busy and successful 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 the very special place it is. 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 and the support we receive which is vital for your children to thrive, succeed and reach their full potential.

centenary statue of Our Lady of Fatima week commencing 10th July. Each class will pray the rosary and offer special prayers in honour of Our Lady.

The Sacrament of Confirmation



We shared a beautiful, reverent and spirit filled evening on Wednesday when Year 6 pupils received the Sacrament of Confirmation. His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley was the main celebrant of this Sacrament and it was so lovely to welcome him to the school and parish community. Many congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who have just a couple of weeks 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.

Our Lady of Fatima's Centenary Statue

As well as it being the school's 50th anniversary this year it is also the centenary of when Our Lady appeared to three children in Fatima in 1917. We will be hosting a



Our Lady of Fatima School's 50th Anniversary



There will be an Open Evening on **Tuesday 11th July 2017 from 5-8 pm** for all present and past pupils, parents, staff, governors and parishioners.

Please come along and enjoy afternoon tea refreshments and a look around the school. There will be memorabilia displayed from many years ago. If you do bring your children along to this event, please keep them with you at all times.

On **Wednesday 19th July 2017 at 9.05 am** Bishop Robert Byrne will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary Mass along with other priests. This is indeed a very special occasion and so please do consider attending. The Mass will also be dedicated to our Year 6 Leavers and Bishop Byrne will be presenting the children with their certificates from the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of this Mass.

You may have noticed that our new 50th Anniversary garden has recently started to take shape. I would like to thank the staff for their support with their gardening skills alongside Mrs McKenna, who used to work at Our Lady of Fatima School as a Teaching Assistant, and she, with her husband, has been instrumental in the planning and planting of the garden. It has certainly enhanced the front entrance of the school. Bishop Byrne will bless the garden during his visit on 19th July.

Final Week of the School Term

Due to our 50th Anniversary celebrations, we have planned some special events.



Monday 17th July: Dress up in 60's costumes

Tuesday 18th July: Golden Jubilee Street Party and games

Wednesday 19th July: 9.05 am 50th Anniversary and Leavers' Mass

Thursday 20th July: 9.05 am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and party

Friday 21st July: 3.10pm Farewell bubbles on the field

Reminder texts will be sent nearer the time.



End of Year School Reports

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 12th July. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher about their school report, Monday 17th July from 3.40 pm has been set aside for parents to make an appointment with teachers. Equally, if a teacher would like to meet with you about your child's report, an appointment will be made for you on 17th July.

Classes for September 2017

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| Reception Class | Mrs Lake |
| Year 1 | Miss O'Connell |
| Year 2 | Mrs Workman |
| Year 3 | Miss Boulton |
| Year 4 | Mrs Levack |
| Year 5 | Mr Smith |
| Year 6 | Mr Bagwell |

Mrs McGuinness will be non-class based covering classes as required. There will be two new teachers

joining our team in September and I know they will receive a very warm welcome from everyone.

Sports Day



My thanks to all the staff for preparing such a wonderfully active, fun filled Sports Day. There was a lovely atmosphere with pupils being far more involved than years ago. The different events meant that the children could demonstrate skill in specific areas. Most of all there was such enjoyment on the children's faces as they competed. Thank you to all our parents, relatives and friends as always for their 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

Thank you to everyone who supported the sponsored bounce, £649 was generously donated and will be allocated towards future projects.

The recent cake sale raised £138. Thank you for generously donating cakes to be sold and for buying the cakes to raise more funds for school.



We look forward to seeing everyone at the Summer Fayre on **Saturday 8th July, 12-4**

p.m. There are lots of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. This year's theme is our '50th Anniversary'. 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. 'Many hands make light work'.



The final film night for this academic year will take place

on Friday 14th July 2017 from 3.35-5.15 pm. The cost is £3.50 and includes a goody bag and drink.

More details to follow from the PTA.

Well done...and thank you...

I mentioned in the last newsletter that Madalen from Reception Class was planning to cycle 12 miles to raise funds for our anniversary celebrations. Thank you to the many people who sponsored Madalen to exceed her target of £500. Our congratulations and thanks go to Madalen for raising a phenomenal amount of £784. We have put these generous funds towards our new anniversary garden.

Congratulations!

As you are aware our school opened its doors



50 years ago. Gardeners' World is also celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. The Health4Life Committee were asked to attend the recent Gardeners' World exhibition where our 'Meal in a Barrow' was displayed, at the NEC on Thursday 15th June. We were immensely proud of our children for representing the school so brilliantly. The episode was broadcast on 16th June and can be found on BBC i-player for those who missed watching it live. Well done to Adelle, Francesca and Rhys for being fine

ambassadors for our school when they were interviewed.

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.

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 **Wednesday 6th September**.

Dates for Diary: July 2017

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| Mon 3 July | Strings concert 9.30 am |
| Mon 3 July | Sports' Day 1.35 pm |
| Tuesday 4 July | Year 5 Technology Day at St Paul's High School |
| 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 | Keyboard Concert 9.30 am |

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| 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 | Year 6 Puberty Talk with School Nurses a.m |
| 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 | Our Lady of Fatima's Centenary Statue in school for the week |
| 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 th Anniversary Open Evening with refreshments: 5pm-8 pm |
| Wed 12 July | Academy Committee Meeting 6pm |
| Fri 14 July | Digital Leaders visit the 'Apple Shop' in the Bull Ring |
| Fri 14 July | Shenley Academy Tag Rugby final at KES |
| Fri 14 July | PTA film night 3.35-5.15 pm |
| Sun 16 July | Year 5 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church |
| Mon 17 July | 50 th Anniversary celebrations week begins |
| Mon 17 July | Parents' Evening- appointments by request |
| Tues 18 July | School Nurse- 8.30-10.00 am |
| Wed 19 July | 50 th 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 |
| Thurs 20 July | Reception Class Talent Show 2.45 pm |
| 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