



# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter — May 2018

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

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### 'Grateful and Generous'

Pupils at Our Lady of Fatima School aim to be **grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, now and in the future.

#### May- The month of the Rosary

During May and in particular on 13<sup>th</sup> May, we honour our Patron Saint, Our Lady of Fatima. As Catholics, we are encouraged to pray the Rosary in honour of Mary. The Rosary a simple but powerful prayer to God, through His mother Mary. As it is a combination of vocal and mental prayer, saying the Rosary as a family can be so spiritually fulfilling. Whilst reciting the Our Father, ten Hail Marys and a Glory Be, we can reflect on the many stages of the life of Jesus. On 13<sup>th</sup> May 1917, Our Lady of Fatima shared: *'Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world.'* Sister Lucia of Fatima also shared: *'There is no problem, no matter how difficult, that we cannot resolve by prayer of the Holy Rosary.'* There are some rosary beads in the class prayer bags, so if your child brings the prayer bag home during May, please support your child by praying the Rosary.



#### Year 3- First Holy Communion



Please remember in your prayers, the children in Year 3 who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May.

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#### May Procession: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at 2.15 pm



As the school is dedicated to Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, Year 3 will lead our May Procession this year. You are all more than welcome to join us, weather permitting on the field. Year 3 will have another opportunity to wear their Holy Communion outfits as they honour Mary in the procession. For safety reasons only the main Winchfield Drive gate will be open. We encourage all children to bring flowers on the day and during the procession each child will have an opportunity to lay flowers by Mary's statue. This is always a lovely, memorable occasion. Following the ceremony, the Liturgy Club and Mrs McGuinness share some of the flowers with our local residents.

## RE and Catholic Life Parent Survey

The results of the recent survey are now available on our website along with recent events that have taken place in school. [www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk](http://www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk)

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## Year 6 SATs Week: 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May 2018



I would like to thank the children in Year 6 for their hard work and effort this year

in preparing for the end of Key Stage national assessment tests. I have been most impressed with their positive attitude to learning. Please remember in your prayers all of Year 6 and all those embarking on tests as the exam season begins.

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## School Meals: All Day Breakfast

### On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May

children who currently bring a packed lunch will be able to purchase an 'All Day Breakfast'.



### On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May there will

be an opportunity to have a 'Wedding Party Food' themed lunch to celebrate the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.



If your child would like a school meal on either or both of these days, please send in £2.30 for each meal in a clearly labelled envelope by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. (KS1 pupils who currently bring a packed lunch but would like a cooked lunch on this day only need to inform the office- no payment required).

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## Academic Term Dates 2018-19 including Teacher

**Inset Days** are published on the school website:

[www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk](http://www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk)

Please do check these dates so that you avoid booking holidays in during the school terms.

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## School Fund

We are grateful to those families who have donated £5



each term towards extras to supplement your child's education. Your donations have contributed towards many activities. If you feel you could contribute during the Summer term, please send in your contribution with the slip at the end of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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## Walk to School Week



From the **21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May** it is 'Walk to School Week'. This is a time when we encourage children (and their parents) to walk part of the way or all of the way to school, depending on their home location. In support of 'Walking to School Week', we have organised an 'Informal Walking Bus' which will leave from the **Toby Carvery at 8.10 a.m promptly each day.** This has proved very popular over the last few years with increased numbers walking to school each day. Walking part of the way to school will promote a healthier lifestyle, whilst also encouraging social communication and enjoyment. It would certainly help towards our on-going parking issues by reducing congestion by the surrounding roads to school. The children will also learn about road safety and its importance. If you and your

child/ren would like to join the 'Walking Bus', please feel free to do so. You will be **totally responsible** for your child, even though staff members may be present.

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### PTA News

The PTA would like to thank all families who have supported events so far this year. Every entrance fee, raffle ticket or food item that has been bought raises funds for the school and for your children. The St George's Day Disco was most successful, raising around £300. Please support forthcoming events:

#### Sponsored Bounce and Cake Sale on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.



Weather permitting the bouncy castle will be outside. More details will follow via the PTA.

The children (and staff!) all enjoy this event.

It is a really great way of raising funds for the school.

This will be followed by a cake sale at 3.30 pm.



#### Advance notice: Summer Fayre: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 12-4pm

Please keep the date available in your diary and support the PTA. Over the next few weeks the PTA will be sending out flyers to promote various stalls. Please contact Mrs Rouse (parent of Emily in Year 5), Chair of the PTA or Conor Jamieson, Vice Chair of the PTA (parent of Dara in Year 3 and Rhys in Year 6) if you can help out on the day. For the fayre to be successful we need lots of volunteers and support on the day. Thank you.

#### Alton Castle and Secondary School Transfer



A visit to Alton Castle has

**Dates for Diary: April- July 2018**

There may be more dates to add as the term continues but these dates are available so far:

provisionally been arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018. As this is a residential visit for next year's Year 6, we will be holding an information meeting for the current Year 5 parents on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7 p.m.** We also combine this meeting with a presentation about secondary 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 about secondary transfer arrangements. 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 Years 4 and 5 when you have more time to consider your options.

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#### Summer Uniform

I am ever optimistic that we will enjoy some warmer, sunnier weather. Blue **school sun caps or sunhats** are available from office. Fashion caps are not to be worn as these are not part of our school uniform.

Baseball cap: £3.50

Girls' sun hat: £5.00

Legionnaire cap: £2.75

Please also remember to apply suncream to your child before the start of the school day to ensure your child is protected from the sun.

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#### School Nurse Drop In Clinic

The School Nurse is available each month on Tuesdays from 8.30-10.30 am should you wish to discuss any health issues or concerns with her. Appointments can be made via the school office or you can just 'drop in' to meet with her. Dates of her visits are listed below.

Tues 1 May	Year 4 attending 10.00 am Mass at OLF church- all welcome
Sat 5 May	First Holy Communion Mass at 11.00 a.m in Church (1)
Sun 6 May	Year 5 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
<b>Mon 7 May</b>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday - School closed</b>
Tues 8 May	8.30-10.30 am School Nurse Clinic
Thurs 10 May	Feast of the Ascension Mass in school at 9.05 a.m
Sat 12 May	First Holy Communion Mass at 11.00 a.m in Church (2)
Sun 13 May	Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
Sun 13 May	Year 4 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 14 May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thurs 17 May	Fun themed school meal day: All Day Breakfast
Fri 18 May	Parent/Toddler Group 9.05-10.30 am
Fri 18 May	Fun themed school meal: Royal Wedding Party Food
Sun 20 May	Year 6 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 21 May	WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK begins
Mon 21 May	May Procession in school 2.15 pm
Tues 22 May	Yr 4's Class Feast Day- Non-uniform day for <b>Yr 4 ONLY</b>
Wed 23 May	Hagley Mass Band Tour a.m
Wed 23 May	Academy Committee Meeting 6pm
Thurs 24 May	Year 1's Class Assembly 9.05 am. All welcome
Thurs 24 May	Dental students in school working in Years 2 and 4
Thurs 24 May	Year 6 Vocations workshop p.m
Fri 25 May	PTA Sponsored Bounce p.m
Fri 25 May	PTA cake sale 3.30-4.00 pm
<b>Fri 25 May</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>
Thurs 31 May	Feast of Corpus Christi 10.00 a.m and 7 pm Mass at OLF church
Mon 4 June	School Re-opens
Mon 4 June	Bikeability Week for Year 5 pupils
Tues 5 June	Year 2 attending 10.00 am Mass at OLF church. All welcome
Wed 6 June	Year 2 Singmaker workshop p.m

Thurs 7 June	Year 5 Transition and Alton Castle Meeting at 7.00 pm in school
Fri 8 June	Year 4 Maths workshop at Harborne Primary School
Sun 10 June	First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass at 11.00 a.m at Our Lady of Fatima Church
<b>Mon 11 June</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day- School closed to all pupils</b>
Tues 12 June	Year 1 Phonic Screening checks begin for the week
Tues 12 June	8.30-10.30 am School Nurse Clinic
Tues 12 June	Tag Rugby Competition p.m
Wed 13 June	Mini Vinnies meeting: OLF and Our Lady and St Kenelm's a.m
Wed 13 June	Hagley Transition Year 7 <b>Parents' Meetings</b> at OLF p.m
Thurs 14 June	Year 5's Class Assembly 9.05 a.m. All welcome
Thurs 14 June	Year 1 visit to the Thinktank
Thurs 14 June	Year 6 School Nurse workshop p.m
Thurs 14 June	New Intake Evening- Reception Class Sept 2018 at 7 pm in school
Sun 17 June	Year 5 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 18 June	Alexandra Stadium Athletics competition p.m
Tues 19 June	Year 4 Sports' Leaders Festival at Lordswood School a.m
Thurs 21 June	Year 3 attending 11.00 a.m Mass at OLF church. All welcome
Thurs 21 June	Hagley Year 7 Transition visit (2) at OLF
Sun 24 June	Year 4 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 25 June	Hagley Reggae Summer Tour a.m
Mon 25 June	Hagley Year 7 Transition visit (3) at OLF
Tues 26 June	Year 6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral- preparation for Confirmation
Tues 26 June	Year 5 attending 10.00 a.m Mass at OLF church. All welcome.
Thurs 28 June	New Reception Class 2018 half day visits (1)
Fri 29 June	Feasts of St Peter and St Paul/ Year 6 Mass of Illumination 9.05 am in school
Sun 1 July	Year 3 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Wed 4 July	New Reception Class 2018 half day visits (2)
Wed 4 July	Year 6 Transition Day to Secondary Schools
Fri 6 July	Quinzone Concert p.m
Sat 7 July	PTA Summer Fayre 12 noon-4 pm
Sun 8 July	Year 6 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church

Mon 9 July	Year 3 trip to BMAG
Tues 10 July	8.30-10.30 School Nurse Clinic
Tues 10 July	Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation at 7 pm in church
Wed 11 July	Academy Committee Meeting 6 pm
Fri 13 July	Sports' Day 1.30 pm
Sun 15 July	Year 5 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 16 July	Parents' Evening- appointments upon request.
Thurs 19 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.05 a.m in school
Thurs 19 July	Year 6 Leavers' Party Day 11.00 am onwards
Sun 22 July	Year 4 reading at 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church
Mon 23 July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass 2.15 pm
Tues 24 July	Year 6 Leavers' Breakfast at Toby Carvery 7.30-8.30 am
Tues 24 July	3.10 pm Farewell Bubbles on the field. End of summer term.

**Pupils return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**



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**SCHOOL FUND SUMMER TERM 2018**

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

Eldest child in school \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_.

Please make cheques payable to SNOMAC.

Received in school by \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your support.**