



All Souls' School Newsletter

"Christ is our Light"

w/e 11th September 2015

Goodbye

Sadly, we said goodbye to Miss Kelleher, today. We would like to congratulate her on successfully achieving an admin post at Warwick University and thank her for her hard work and commitment to All Souls over the last three years. We will miss her but wish her the very best of luck for the future!

Named Jumpers/Cardigans

It has come to our attention that some children have embroidered their names under the badge on their school jumper or cardigan. We are asking parents not to do this as, without scaremongering, it does raise some safeguarding concerns. When out of school eg on a trip, it is safer if a child cannot be identified by the general public.

Boot Fund

If you are in receipt of benefits you may be entitled to financial support in buying school shoes for your child, through the Boot Fund. The next round of applications must be received in school by **Weds 16 Sept**. Please contact the office for a simple application form. Please be aware that because of the demand on this fund only one application per child per year will be accepted. (If you wish to apply to the fund later in the year, the other round of boot fund applications for this academic year, are **19 Nov, 3 Feb and 4 May**. We will remind you prior to each deadline date.)

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome our Nursery and Reception children who joined us this week. They look so smart in their winter uniforms and seemed to have settled well. A **Reception Class Welcome Mass** will take place at **9.30am, Sun 4th Oct**, please do your very best to attend as this is a special whole school community occasion.

Family Mass

Our first Sunday Family Mass, when the school and parish community come together in the celebration of Mass, is at **9.30am Sunday 20th Sept**. Please do your very best to attend, it is important that our children celebrate the Sacrament and understand that they belong to the community of All Souls.

Bishop Ullathorne Open Evening

Parents and children in our primary schools are warmly invited to **Bishop Ullathorne Catholic Secondary School's Open Evening on Thursday 17 September from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm**.

The Headteacher will give a presentation at 6.00 pm in the main hall.

The school's Open Morning is the following day on Friday 18 September 9.15 am to 11.00 am.

Free bus passes will continue to be funded for our children right up to the time they leave Bishop Ullathorne, if they live more than 3 miles from the school. A school blazer, tie and jumper will be provided for all new Year 7 students.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to visit our partner secondary school so that you can meet students and staff and have a flavour of the varied aspects of the school.

Year 3 Sacramental Preparation

Parents of Y3 pupils who are hoping to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year, should have received a letter this week with information about the Sacramental preparation programme. If you have not received a letter with dates of the meetings, please contact the office.

Y5 & 6

A paramedic is visiting to deliver practical first aid advice and skills to our Y5 & 6 children next week Weds 16th Sept.

Tuesday Trip Fund

We have had very positive feedback from parents who appreciate being able to spread the cost of school trips and also help the school to access funds promptly when booking and paying for them. Therefore we're continuing the system whereby children bring £1 every Tuesday to pay towards the cost of future class trips. This money is collected and held in a savings account in the child's name. When a trip is scheduled, it is hoped the child will have 'saved' enough in their account to cover the cost and no further payment is necessary. If the trip costs more than the amount saved, parents are asked to pay the balance. Any money remaining in the account is carried over towards the next trip and the next term. Children should hand their money to their teachers at registration. Envelopes should be clearly marked '**Tues Trip Money.**' We will resume collecting £1 a week for the Trip Savings Club next **Tues.**

Urgently Required

Thank you to those parents who have donated some much needed equipment but in order to resource our outdoor curriculum, we urgently require unwanted tents, camping equipment, walking boots, single duvets and duvet covers. We would be most grateful for any donations.

Uniform

A uniform check will take place next week – all children should wear winter uniform and have all uniform labelled.

Can you please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE uniform:

Boys and Girls – navy Tshirt with school logo, navy shorts, black pumps.

Y1 – 6 – navy blue school tracksuit & trainers (all children must have these as PE lessons will continue throughout winter unless weather is particularly adverse)

Jewellery

Children should keep jewellery to a minimum, stud earrings and a small cross and chain. Earrings should not be worn on those days your child has PE and other jewellery should be removed before the lesson. If your child doesn't remove their earrings on PE days, they may be asked to sit out during parts of the lesson where it is judged the activity may put them at risk of them being hurt or injured.

Hair

Hair should be tied back at all times if it is below collar length.

Uniform Order

Uniform orders are now to be made online using the Agora payment system. Orders will close on Fri 18th Sep.

Tornadoes Basketball Free Tickets

Tall Paul has given the children free U16 tickets for tomorrow night's basketball match v Swindon Shock. It promises to be a very exciting match, hope you can make it.

Attendance

Year group attendance for the week beginning **Wed 3rd September – Fri 11th September.**

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
-	96.90%	95.37%	99.52%	96.19%	96.80%	95.24%

Whole school attendance: **96.67%**

Overall school attendance since Sep 2015: **96.67%**

Next Week...

Mon 14th Sept	12.10 – 12.40pm	Basketball Club	Y2,3,4,5 & 6
	12:30 – 1pm	Gardening Club	Y3 – 6
	12:30 – 1pm	Recorder Club	Y4 - 6
	3.15 – 4.15pm	Football Club	Y5 & 6
	3.15 – 4.30pm	Cookery Club	Y4
Tues 15th Sept	12 – 12.30pm	Dance Club	Y1 & 2
	12.30 -1pm	Ballroom & Latin Dance	Y3,4,5 & 6
	3.15 – 4.15pm	Netball Club	Y5 & 6
Weds 16th Sept	8 – 8.40am	Running Club	Y1 – 6
	12.30 – 1.00pm	Cards Club	Y3,4,5 & 6
	12.30 – 1.00pm	Homework Club	Y1 -6
	12.30 – 1.00pm	Street Dance	Y5 & 6
	3.15 - 4.14pm	Tennis Club	Y3,4,5 & 6
Thurs 17th Sept	12.30 – 1.00pm	Choir	Y2,3,4,5 & 6
	3.15 – 4.15pm	Computer Club	Y3 & 4
Fri 18th Sept	12.30 – 1.00pm	Archery Club	Y3,4, 5 & 6
Sun 20th Sept	9.30am	Family Mass	Whole school

Thank you for your continuing support.

Caroline Quinn, Headteacher