



All Souls' School Newsletter

"Christ is our Light" w/e 5th September 2015

Thank You

Staff would like to thank children and parents for the lovely cards and gifts at the end of the summer term. It was most kind and greatly appreciated.

Goodbye

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Miss Kelleher, who leaves All Souls next Friday. 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!

Welcome

As the new academic year starts, we would like to welcome all our children and families back to school. We hope you had a relaxing summer and thoroughly enjoyed spending time together. We are looking forward to our new Reception and Nursery children joining us next week. We are delighted to welcome new members to our staff team: Mrs Burns will be taking responsibility for the new Reception class, Miss Ryan for the Year 3 class, Mr Marsh for Y4 and Miss Frearson for Y5. We also welcome back Mrs Hands and Ms Quinn who both return from maternity leave.

Whole School Mass

Please join us at our first whole school Mass of the academic year, when we also celebrate Our Lady's Birthday, **9.15am Tuesday 8th Sept.** It would be lovely to see many of you there at the beginning of the school year.

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.

PTA Meeting

The school is extremely grateful for the work of the PTA, not only fundraising but for all the social events too. All parents of children attending All Souls are automatically members of the PTA. The next meeting will be held at the **Holyhead Pub, 6.30pm Tues 8th Sept,** if you want to have dinner first come along at 6.00pm. The meetings are informal and you can participate as much or as little as you like.

School Dinners

As from Monday 7th Sept, school dinners will cost £2.10. This is due to a price increase from the catering supplier, but we are sure you agree this is still excellent value.



Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School

Congratulations to our partner school Bishop Ullathorne, on their excellent exam results.

Ullathorne has again ensured GCSE students achieved very positive value-added with the number of 5+A*/ A grades **top in the City of all the state schools.** Record results at A level saw 85% students achieving A*-C grades with a 99.2% pass rate. Very well done to students and staff!!

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.

Out of School Clubs

Next week a letter will be sent home asking children to select which clubs they wish to attend. Clubs will begin on **Monday 14th Sept.** Please consider encouraging your child to take part in a club. Our analysis of general attainment and well being of our children demonstrates that those who

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

Plas Dol y Moch

Y6 children are looking forward to the annual residential trip to Dol y Moch at the end of the month, **Tues 29th Sept – Sat 3rd Oct.** All Y6 parents should receive a pack today, containing information and important forms that should be returned to school.

Uniform

Please ensure children are wearing their **winter uniform** this term:

Boys – navy jumper with school badge, white cotton shirt, school tie, charcoal grey trousers, black shoes

Girls - navy jumper with school badge, white cotton shirt, school tie, charcoal grey skirt, pinafore or trousers, grey, black or navy woollen tights and black shoes (*please note boots are not appropriate to wear indoors*)

PE

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)

All uniform must be labelled with your child's name

Class teachers will undertake a uniform check shortly to make sure children are wearing the correct, labelled uniform. Those children who are not, will receive a letter notifying parents of the things that need to be addressed. We are aware some are still awaiting items of uniform, the check will take place once all orders have been received.

Lost Property

The amount and type of children's belongings that were left around school at the end of the summer term was a disgrace really. We have gathered approximately 8 black bags full, having already returned a lot of items that were named. We are also a little concerned that parents have not chased up lost property. We will display all the items in the hall at the end of the school day on Monday 7th Sept. After this any unclaimed items will have to be thrown out/donated to charity as we do not have the space to store them. Please ensure all items of clothing etc are labelled with your child's name as staff cannot be responsible for all the belongings of the children in their class.

Parent Dinner & Uniform Accounts

Parents should have received a letter explaining how to set up their account for dinner money and uniform orders/payments. If you have not yet received a letter, please contact the office.

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.)

Urgently Required

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.

Next Week...

Tues 8 th Sept	9.15am	School Mass	Years 1 - 6
	6.30pm	PTA Meeting, Holyhead	All parents
Fri 11 th Sept	1.00pm	Unity Cluster Mass	Y6 & 7

Thank you for your continuing support.

Caroline Quinn, Headteacher