



# All Souls' School Newsletter

## "Christ is our Light"

w/e 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015

### Goodbye

Sadly, next Wednesday we have to say goodbye to our longest serving dinner lady, Mrs McAteer. Working at All Souls for nearly 30 years, Mrs McAteer has shown huge commitment and support not only as a dinner lady but as a cleaner and swimming escort too. We are so very sad to see her go but understand she wants to spend more time with her family. On behalf of all the children, families, staff and governors of All Souls we would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs McAteer for looking after us all so very well for so many years. We will certainly miss her but offer our very warmest wishes for a most relaxing and happy retirement. Thank you Mrs McAteer!

### Reception Class Mass

As a school and parish community, we will celebrate a Welcome Mass for our Reception class children on the **4<sup>th</sup> October**. Please do your very best to attend as this is a special whole school community occasion.

### Parent Consultation Evening

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, a parent consultation evening will take place on **Wednesday 7th October**. Apologies for the error in last week's newsletter, when the reply slip for parents to request an appointment was not attached. Hopefully, you have since received a request slip, if not there's one attached to this newsletter.

Please could you ensure reply slips are returned to school no later than **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**, *(we've extended the date to compensate for the delay in getting the request slip to you)*

You will then receive an appointment slip confirming your appointment time.

### Family Mass - Last Week

The number of children who attended the first Family Mass of the academic year was most disappointing. As Catholics our first obligation is to attend Sunday Mass, our very existence as a catholic school is only a result of the existence and history of All Souls Parish. As catholic parents you have actively chosen to send your child to a catholic school and we ask you to consider ensuring you are the first role model of faith and at least join us in the celebration of Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you to those children and families who attended last week's family Mass, which was a little special as it was the first one of the academic year. Of course we are aware that some of our children attend Mass at other parishes.

### Year 3 Sacramental Preparation

We are looking forward to seeing all those children wishing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, together with their parents, at the first Sacramental Preparation meeting 6pm Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September in the parish room.

### Y1 and Y2 Class Mass

Please Join Y1 and Y2 in the celebration of mass at 9.15am **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**. They would love to see you there.

### Y6 Residential Trip

The Y6 children are off to Plas Dol y Moch, Snowdonia, Wales on Tuesday. We wish them a safe trip and know they will have a fantastic time! Thank you to Mr Cooke, Mrs Hartwell and Mrs Elkins who will be accompanying the children, together with myself. I'm sure we'll have a great time too!!! Parents are welcome to wave the children off at 1.30pm although this is an approximate time, we have to leave as soon as the Dol y Moch coach arrives. Please ensure we are able to contact you using the phone tree system to let you know we have arrived safely.

### Uniform Orders

I must clarify, as we have done in many newsletters throughout the year, there are designated days for ordering uniform. I believe we give plenty of notice and reminders as the deadline dates approach and whilst being as flexible as we can, we make it clear that late orders will not be processed until the next order date. The school office is an extremely busy place and it would be inefficient for individual orders to be dealt with on an individual basis. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who are most understanding and happy to support us by adhering to this system. I would ask the very few parents who have an issue with this, not to take it up with the office staff or the supplier as it is out of their hands but to make an appointment to see me and I will gladly discuss any issues.

### Football Result!

Really well done to the football team for a fantastic result in their first match of the season, against St Mary & Benedicts. The game ended with an All Souls win, 5-1. Well done team!

### Home School Agreement

The Home School Agreement is an important document where the school, pupils and parents make their commitment to the learning partnership. The Agreements have gone home today with a letter explaining the process.

### The Driveway

The driveway leading up to the school is very much a pedestrian area and from 8.25 to 8.45am and again at 3.15 to 3.45pm is busy with lots of our children and families. Therefore it is most inappropriate, selfish and extremely dangerous for cars to park, drive or turn in the driveway during these times. Please, for the safety of all our children, park just a little bit further away from the school in Kingsland Ave or the church car park and **do not drive vehicles on or up the school driveway.** Of course we are aware that lots of parents do consider the safety of our children as paramount and therefore park a little distance away from the school and we appreciate their consideration.

### Reception Class Curriculum Evening

Parents of our Reception Class children are invited and encouraged to attend a curriculum information evening, 7-8pm **Thursday 1st October**. The purpose of the evening is to give you an insight into the curriculum and how you can support your child's learning.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day

**Friday 2nd October** Family Fast Day, is a time when we especially think about those families in the truly poorest parts of the World. Raising funds for those in need and so less fortunate than ourselves is an important part of our faith and so we ask the children to donate £1 and come to school in non uniform, wearing **as many different colours** as they can and also to bring a tin of food to donate to Coventry Cyrenians Centre for the Homeless. (Please note, no football shirts on this occasion).

### Clubs Cancelled

Please note next week the following clubs are cancelled due to the unavailability of staff:  
Monday: Football club  
Wednesday: Running club  
Thursday: Computer club

### Dictionaries

A very big thank you to Barry Wilkinson and Michelle Walsh from Wilkinson, Read & Partners for purchasing dictionaries for Year 3 & 4. The children and staff are delighted and we can assure you they will be well used.

## Attendance

Year group attendance for the week beginning 21st September 2015

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>94.52%</b>	<b>97.67%</b>	<b>97.33%</b>	<b>99.67%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>97.24%</b>	<b>95%</b>

Whole school attendance: 96.90%

Overall school attendance since Sep 2015: 96.67%

### Next Week...

<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	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
	12:30 – 1pm	EXTRA Choir	Y5 - 6
	3.15 – 4.30pm	Cookery Club	Y4
	6.00 -7.00pm	Sacramental Meeting	Y3 & Parents
<b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	12 – 12.30pm	Dance Club	Y1 & 2
	12.30 -1pm	Ballroom & Latin Dance	Y3,4,5 & 6
	1.30pm	Leave for Dol y Moch	Y6
	3.15 – 4.15pm	Netball Club	Y5 & 6
<b>Weds 30<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	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
<b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	12.30 – 1.00pm	Choir	Y2,3,4,5 & 6
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	All day	Cafod Family Fast	Whole school
	12.30 – 1.00pm	Archery Club	Y3,4, 5 & 6
<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	2.00pm	Return from Dol y Moch	Y6

Thank you for your continuing support.

Caroline Quinn, Headteacher