



All Souls' School Newsletter

"Christ is our Light"

w/e 4th December 2015

Family Mass

Pope Francis has announced a Year of Mercy beginning on **Tues 8th Dec**. This Sunday at the Family Mass the children will present what this means to them. Please ensure your child attends Mass 9.30am **Sun 6th Dec** as this will be an important part of our school year.

Choir Performances

Sat 5th Dec - 1pm School Bazaar

Tues 8th Dec - 1.30pm Y5 & 6 University Hospital

Mon 14th Dec - Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - 1.30pm Maudslay Pub

End of Term Mass

Please join us for our end of term celebration of Mass **9.15am Thurs 17th Dec**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
TOMORROW
12 - 2PM

Guitar Assembly

On **Fri 11th Dec**, our guitar players will be performing to the rest of the school in an assembly. There will also be one later in the year for parents to attend.

Sportshall Athletics

Y5 and 6 athletics will be taking part in a competition on **Friday 11th Dec** at the Xcel centre during the school day.

Christmas Holidays

The school closes for the Christmas holidays **3.15pm Fri 18th Dec** and reopens in the new year **8.30am Mon 4th Jan**.

Christmas Outfits

Children are invited to wear non uniform on the last day of term **Fri 18th Dec** and to dress in Christmas jumpers, outfits, colours - whatever they want!

Penance Services

Fr Michael and Fr Alex have visited the school over the last two weeks to take part in Y4 & Y5 Penance Services and hear confession. Next **Tues 8th Dec** they will join Y6. This is an important part of the children's preparation for Christmas.

KS1 Pantomime

KS1 are off to the Belgrade Theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk on **Tues 8th Dec**. We hope they have a great time!

Sports Results

Netball - Well done to the netball team for a great win 17 - 1 against St Augustines earlier this week. Good luck next **Tues 8th Dec** when they play St Mary and Benedict away.

Football- This week's match was cancelled. Good luck next week for the match against Our Lady of the Assumption **3.30pm Mon 7th Dec** away.

Rowing- 4 boys and 4 girls from Y6 will be participating in a rowing competition at Whitmore Park, Friday 4th December at 3.30pm

Y5 & 6 Ice Skating

Y5 & 6 are walking to Planet Ice on **Thurs 10th Dec** for an afternoon of ice skating. Have fun!

Y4 Trip to Birmingham Rep

Y4 are very excited to be travelling by train to see The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe at the Birmingham Rep on **Mon 14th Dec**. They have been studying CS Lewis this term and so it's great that they have the opportunity to see one of his novels come alive!

Christmas Nativity Plays

Parents, family and friends are invited to our Foundation Stage and KS1 Christmas Nativity Plays. You have two performances to choose from:

1.30pm Tuesday 15th Dec and **9.30am Weds 16th Dec**

Languages Celebration Assembly

The children have been working very hard during their Spanish lessons with Miss Martin this year and to celebrate, the children will be involved in a Spanish Christmas assembly next week.

Christmas Present Appeal

Please donate toys or gifts, tea bags and anything you can find for children, families, the elderly and homeless people in need this Christmas. We would like you to put all these gifts in any old bag that you don't mind being thrown away. Over the year, millions of children and young people have benefitted from gifts donated to The Salvation Army. By giving a gift to our Christmas Present Appeal you can make a real difference in someone's life at Christmas. Give a gift and light up a life!

PTA Notices

Use Easy Fundraising for your Christmas Shopping! Please sign up. So far we have raised over £260, but there are only 28 of us doing it! Just think what we could achieve if a few more people signed up! Full details are on the school website, but it only takes a couple of minutes to set up and if you activate the donation reminder, you just need one click before you start shopping! It's as easy as that! It works on online grocery shopping, insurance deals & holidays too and doesn't cost you a penny more! <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsoulspsc>

Free School Meals

You may have received a letter from The Benefits Service advising you that you may be eligible to claim for Free School Meals. If you have received a letter, please can I urge you to complete and return it as soon as possible. Even if you do not want your child to have a Free School Meal, by completing this letter, you could raise up to an extra £1320 per annum for six years for your child's school (funded by central government). This can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support for your school.

Cook and Eat Well in Coventry

Our local healthy eating 'Change 4 Life' programme, 'Cook and Eat Well in Coventry' are hosting **FREE** healthy cookery courses in 9-week blocks (one session per week). There is a selection of morning, afternoon and evening sessions available Monday-Saturday. The next block of courses will commence after Christmas. This is a fabulous opportunity for anyone over 18 to improve their cooking skills, save money on your food shop, meet new people and share recipes and tips and it doesn't cost a penny! Why not go online to www.cookandeatwell.co.uk to have a look at upcoming courses and register your interest or make an enquiry by emailing cookandeatwell@groundwork.org.uk or calling 0845 388 2369. As All Souls promotes 'healthy schools', we think this is a great opportunity!

Attendance

Year group attendance for the week beginning 30th November 2015

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.39%	93.67%	91.67%	94.61%	93%	94.29%	99.33%

Whole school attendance: 95.02%

Overall school attendance since Sep 2015: 96.64%

Next Week...

Sat 5th Dec	12.00-2.00pm	Christmas Bazaar	
Sun 6th Dec	9.30am	Family Mass	
Mon 7th Dec	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
	3.15pm	Match v OLA (A)	Football Team
Tues 8th Dec	8.00-8.45am	Netball Club	Y5 & 6
	9.00-10.45	Penance Service	Y6
	12.00 – 12.30pm	Dance Club	Y1 & 2
	12.30 -1.00pm	Ballroom & Latin Dance	Y3,4,5 & 6
	1.30 – 4.00pm	Trip to the Belgrade Theatre	Y1 & 2
	1.30 – 2.30pm	Y5&6 Choir Sing @ Hosp	Y5&6
	3.15 – 4.15pm	Netball vs. SS Mary & Benedict	Y5 & 6
Weds 9th Dec	8.00 – 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 - 4.15pm	Tennis Club	Y3,4,5 & 6
Thurs 10th Dec	12.30 – 1.00pm	Choir	Y2,3,4,5 & 6
	12.30 – 4.00pm	Ice Skating Trip	Y5&6
	3.15 – 4.30pm	Computer Club	Y3 & 4
Fri 11th Dec	12.30 - 1pm	Archery	Y3, 4, 5 & 6

Thank you for your continuing support

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