



All Souls' School Newsletter

"Christ is our Light"

w/e 11th December 2015

Family Mass

Thank you to those children who attended the Family Mass last Sunday and especially to those who sang as part of the choir, read or led the homily.

We are getting more and more disappointed with the number of children and families who are not attending Sunday Mass or even the School Family Mass, especially during such an important time of year. Having chosen a catholic education for your child, catholic parents have a responsibility and should want to bring them up in the faith. This is especially true for parents with children who want to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year. We understand lives are hectic but it is about getting priorities right and juggling timetables to ensure you spend an hour at Mass on a Sunday. We are also aware some families attend Sunday Mass in other parishes. Please consider as one of your New Year resolutions that you will do the right thing by your child and make the effort to attend Mass more frequently.

End of Term Mass

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

Choir Performances

The choir have been very busy lately, performing so well at the bazaar last week and earlier this week they cheered everyone up at University Hospital with a very fine performance gaining great praise from CCFC players who were visiting at the same time! Please come along to the Maudslay **1.30pm Mon 14th Dec** where **Y3,5 & 6** members of the choir will be performing to get everyone in the Christmas mood!

Christmas Holidays

The school closes for the Christmas holidays **3.15pm Fri 18th Dec** and reopens in the new year **8.45 Mon 4th Jan**.

Penance Services

Fr Michael & Fr Alex visited Y6 this week to hear confession as part of the Penance Service, an important part of the children's preparation for Christmas.

Christmas Eve Mass

We are encouraging our children and families to attend the Family Christmas Mass at **4.30pm, Thurs 24th Dec**. As our school is very involved in this mass, we need as many children as possible to attend. We would love children to arrive dressed simply as Shepherds (tea towel headdress) or angels (tinsel crown) or any other nativity character.

KS1 Pantomime

Foundation Stage are off to the Belgrade Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast on **Thurs 17th Dec**. We hope they have a great time!

Christmas Nativity Plays

Parents, family and friends are invited to our Foundation Stage and KS1 Christmas Nativity Plays. There are two performances to choose from:
1.30pm Tuesday 15th or 9.30am Weds 16th Dec

Sports Results

Netball - Well done to the netball team for another great win 10 - 4 against SS Mary and Benedicts earlier this week. Good luck next week **Tues 15th Dec** when they play St Gregorys away.

Football- This week's match was cancelled.

Rowing- Congratulations to our Rowing Team who came first in the rowing heats at Whitmore Park, last week. They take part in the final tonight but unfortunately one of their star rowers Ciaran is injured and unable to take part! Best of luck team!

Y4 Trip to Birmingham Rep

Y4 are 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!

Top School

Really pleased to see that, once again, our academic success has been recognised by local and national press.

The Coventry Telegraph single out All Souls as the only Coventry school in which all Year 6 pupils achieved the national standard of a 'Level 4' in reading, writing and maths.

The Times have also published lists today of the top performing schools in all Local Authorities across the country. We are very proud to see our name at the top of the Coventry list.

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!

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 to improve your 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!

PTA Notices

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who helped make Saturday's Bazaar such a success. To the parents and PTA members who gave their time to help prepare, clear up and help run the stalls, to all the school staff who gave up their Saturday to spend another day in school, to the children who helped on Friday and Saturday and sang in the Choir and to everyone who donated items and came along to support us. Finally, thank you to all those businesses who donated prizes, including The Maudslay, Studio Megastar, Macdonald Hotels, The Festival, Skud Clothing, Wilkinson Read & Partners, The Tanning Co, The Four Provinces, Sainsbury's, Coventry Blaze, The Albany Theatre, Tenpin Bowling, Jam Jam Boomerang, The Belgrade, Aspect Gravel, John Taylor's, Lickety Lick, The Utility Team, Premier Boarding Kennels, St Finbarrs and Elite Therapy. Thank you all.

Christmas Prayer Stars

If you came to the Bazaar, you will have seen our beautifully decorated Christmas trees. Every child has written their Christmas Prayer Wish on a star and they are now helping to remind us of God's message of love at Christmas.

Christmas Cards

All the orders have now been distributed!

Christmas Gifts

The PTA will be in school on Friday 11th distributing the Christmas gifts purchased by the children last month. It would be helpful if they could bring in a carrier bag - especially if they have purchased more than one gift! Thank you.

Use Easy Fundraising for your Christmas Shopping! Please sign up!

So far we have raised over £266, but there are only 31 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.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsoulspsc>

School Clubs

The only club that will still be on next week is Netball Club **8.00am Tues 15th Dec**. The new club list will issued immediately after Christmas.

Singing at the Baptist Church

Y1 & 2 will sing for the members of the Hearsall Baptist Church Luncheon Club **11.15am Weds 16th Dec** They will entertain the elderly audience with Christmas songs.

The British Judo Championships 2015

Congratulations to former pupil Yasmin Javadian who has won the British Judo Championships 2015 for the fourth year running !! She is competing in The Junior Championships this weekend in the 18-21 year category !! Yasmin has now been selected to train in Japan next year for 10 days with some of the best Judo players in the World..What an achievement and how proud are we of Yasmin!!

Attendance

Year group attendance for the week beginning 7th December 2015

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.39%	98.67%	99.67%	91.33%	91.33%	92.86%	96.0%

Whole school attendance: 95.5%

Overall school attendance since Sep 2015: 96.54%

Next Week...

Mon 14 th Dec	12:30 pm 1.30pm	Trip to Birmingham Rep Choir sing at Maudslay	Y4 Y3, 5, 6
Tues 15 th Dec	1.30 -2.30pm 3.30 pm	Christmas Nativity Play Netball vs. St Gregorys	FS & KS1 Y5 & 6
Weds 16 th Dec	9.30am 11.15am 12.00pm	Christmas Nativity Play Y1 & 2 Sing at Hearsall Baptist Christmas Dinner	FS & KS1 Y1 & 2 Whole School
Thurs 17 th Dec	9.15am 1.00pm	School Mass Visit to Belgrade Theatre	Whole School Foundation Stage
Fri 18 th Dec	Come to school in a Christmas outfit		
Thurs 24 th Dec	Christmas Mass		

Thank you for your continuing support

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